

Extensive roots produce more fruit

SWCM is currently building its root system of donors and volunteers. The fruit that we bear has a direct correlation to the root system. Simply put, our focus on our root system will enable us to produce more fruit! Since God works through people, our search for others means a greater capacity to add more initiatives and experience exponential growth in the life of the camper, their families and communities.

We believe God has already selected many relationships for us to nurture. We are on an adventure to locate these vital relationships and invite them to join with us in changing the course of history for our young people.

Will you prayerfully consider our invitation to make a difference in thousands of lives? Our desire is to act as a faithful outlet of expression for your God led sacrificial and joyful stewardship.

Gifts can be given annually, quarterly or monthly. Assets (real estate, vehicles, stocks and bonds) are also greatly appreciated!



**TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE
AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE!**



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"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO." MATTHEW 6:21

The Journey Begins

Matt's heart was pierced by a young girl while he was student teaching at Mark Twain Middle School in San Antonio. Being removed from class for her tardiness, Matt soon realized that she had larger challenges than the coursework at hand. She shared with Matt that her siblings had been taken that morning by CPS and she was pregnant. Matt would never be the same.

The journey to make an impact started sacrificially with little funding and much faith. Matt set up his ministry office in his truck and moved into a barn of a friend who believed in Matt and his calling. With a sports background and a life changing experience through FCA, Matt had a vision for a week long sports summer camp. With the experience of the conversation with the young girl fresh in his mind, Matt decided that this sports camp should be available to both the disadvantaged and those that could afford the cost. From these humble beginnings, Still Water Christian Ministries was birthed in 2001.



Mission and Initiatives

Changing these staggering statistics is at the heart of SWCM mission, the initiatives it has launched and the vision that every staff member and volunteer own.

MISSION: Still Water Christian Ministries shares the life-changing truth of Jesus Christ through evangelistic and discipleship focused initiatives. Through our partnership with the local Body of Christ, we seek to provide prayer, volunteer, & partnership incentives to reach the un-reached people groups as local missionaries in Texas.



Step by Step

Today, SWCM is a diverse 501(c) non-profit that has touched the hearts of thousands of young people. With a regional presence that stretches across Texas, SWCM annual budget exceeds \$700,000 annually and it has grown to become one of the most respected teen outreach efforts in the state.

Meeting today's youth head on and implementing a successful model with proven strategies, SWCM is building tomorrow's leaders. The leadership of SWCM senses a season of growth and expansion to reach even more young people and remains committed to its mission and vision. The journey continues.

The Need

Tomorrow's leaders face an unprecedented uphill battle. Current statistics show an alarming need to reach today's youth. Effective outreach must grow in order to turn the tide of these ever increasing statistics!

- Children and teens living in poverty in Texas... 25% (over 1.5 MILLION)
- Over 1 in 10 teen girls will end up pregnant
- Over 65,000 children and teens are confirmed victims of child abuse (much larger numbers have not come forward). This dramatically affects teens' ability to trust.
- 62% of African American children, 39% Hispanic, and 24% of Caucasian children and teens live in single parent homes

Initiatives

STILL WATER SPORTS CAMP:

By providing an opportunity for students to remove themselves from the everyday battle most of them face alone we can be intentional about sharing the love of Christ in a sports based environment. Still Water Sports Camp is a week-long, overnight, Christian-based, sports-adventure & leadership camp in the summer months held in the Texas Hill Country. Still Water is designed for campers ages 8-18. We invite middle school, high school, & college coaches to help train in their desired sport, while also investing time in training these young people in the Word of God. We are a non-denominational camp serving South & Central Texas families for over a decade. Camp has become a catalyst for year round mentoring opportunities.

OMAC:

The "Operation Mentor a Camper" initiative is to maintain a post camp relationship with the camper throughout the year. By using camp as a catalyst for a relationship with one of 150+ summer staff leaders, youth will have the opportunity be impacted and further disciplined when they are thrust back into their home life.

IN-SCHOOL IMPACT:

By working with the local school faculty and their knowledge of student life we are able to make presentations throughout the year about Still Water camps and mentoring programs. As the largest local mission field, the local public school is the primary target for both scholarship and paying campers.

MINISTRY PARTNERSHIPS:

SWCM has reached out to many regional inner city faith-based efforts in order to provide their youth with an experience of a lifetime. More than 50% of all current campers are scholarshiped. SWCM enables these youth to dream big and escape generational constraints. We work with these non-profits in order to help them succeed in changing their communities by empowering their youth.

REGIONAL COMMUNITY TEAMS:

Still Water understands that additional reach can only be accomplished by locating more resources and volunteers. The creation of RCT gives everyone the opportunity to make a lasting difference. The RCT was developed to allow each of our regions to focus on local community initiatives and targeted demographic areas for exponential growth.

Vision

SWCM sees a day when youth have been ignited spiritually. A day when teen pregnancy is the exception and young women and men value the sanctity of marriage and real relationships. We see the day when teens are being mentored on the real meaning of integrity, hard-work, and purpose... when men and women are known for their passionate pursuit of Jesus Christ. Days when teens are being equipped to become tomorrow's leaders and as a result our nation turns back to His ways and His purposes for our country!

