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IWU announces partnership with Lasting Change organizations to drive holistic change in community

University and nonprofit team up create a pipeline of qualified professionals

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (April 30, 2019) — [Indiana Wesleyan University – National & Global](#) has announced a partnership, and an upcoming press conference, with Lasting Change, Inc., a family of organizations that seeks to change hearts and provide hope to individuals, families, and communities.

Lasting Change is a supporting organization for Indiana nonprofits [Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Inc.](#), and [Crosswinds, Inc.](#) The family of brands provides services ranging from family centered home based therapy throughout the state of Indiana to a Christian therapeutic boarding school for teenagers in the Dominican Republic.

The Lasting Change organizations and IWU National & Global are collaborating to create a two-way pipeline of qualified professionals and proven strategies that together enable eradication of behavioral, relational, and mental health issues weighing down families. IWU National & Global equips leaders and thinkers to work from a foundation of faith and drive holistic change in their communities. Lasting Change needs missional, educated, and inspired individuals to power its mission of helping individuals succeed, families thrive, and communities prosper. Additionally, Lasting Change will provide interested IWU National & Global students field placements, learning experiences, professional development opportunities, and additional trainings as part of an emerging internship program.

As part of the partnership, IWU has agreed to offer a 20% tuition discount to all employees of Lasting Change and its affiliate organizations, and also to provide office space for the organization’s counseling clinics at IWU regional campuses. Crosswinds, Inc. will provide counseling and coaching services to IWU–National & Global students and staff and will grant IWU–National & Global students a 15% discount on all in-person Crosswinds counseling services.

Matt Lucas, D.A., chancellor of IWU–National & Global, and Mark Terrell, chief executive officer of Lasting Change, Inc., will sign a memorandum of understanding at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8 at Indiana Wesleyan University’s campus in Fort Wayne at 8211 W Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, Ind. 46804.

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“Together, we can help communities prosper economically, educationally, physically, and behaviorally,” said Matt Lucas, D.A., chancellor of IWU–National & Global. “IWU–National & Global equips leaders and thinkers to work from a foundation of faith and drive holistic change in their communities. Lasting Change needs missional, educated, and inspired individuals to power its mission of helping individuals succeed, families thrive, and communities prosper.

Both organizations are excited to combine strengths, capitalizing on near-term synergies while gathering the best and brightest to create strategies for long-term radical impact. “Our organization is drawn to others with big visions for the future of our country, and IWU–National & Global fits that bill to a ‘T,’” said Mark Terrell, chief executive officer of Lasting Change, Inc. “We relish the opportunity to dive in and dream about what we can accomplish together. It’s not just the immediate wins that we are excited about but the long-term potential for innovation that will tackle our communities’ most intractable problems and have a significant positive impact on the family.”

About Indiana Wesleyan University

Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) is a Christian comprehensive university of The Wesleyan Church that is committed to global liberal arts and professional education. The university system includes IWU—Marion, where about 3,000 students are enrolled in traditional programs on the main campus in Marion, Ind.; IWU–National & Global, which includes more than 9,000 adult learners throughout the world who study online or onsite at 15 education centers in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio; and Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University, which offers a practical and student-centered approach for busy, working ministers. IWU’s DeVoe School of Business, the School of Nursing, the School of Health Sciences, the School of Educational Leadership, the School of Service and Leadership, and the Division of Liberal Arts are all housed within the National and Global campus. More information is available at www.indwes.edu.

About Lasting Change, Inc., Lifeline Youth & Family Services, and Crosswinds, Inc.

Lasting Change was incorporated in 2016 as a supporting organization for Lifeline Youth & Family Services (1968), Inc., and Crosswinds, Inc., (2012) – two nonprofits based in Fort Wayne, IN., with one mission – to ensure individuals succeed, families thrive, and communities prosper. Lasting Change provides support to nonprofits to achieve internal efficiency resulting in external mission effectiveness and delivers services that change hearts and bring hope to individuals, families, and communities under the Lifeline and Crosswinds brands. For more information, please visit lifelineyouth.org or crosswinds.org.