

## **Your Impact**

Seeing the bruise on his daughter's face P called the boy's parents,



to act if it didn't stop. It didn't. P called the police and contacted the boy's parents again. Apologizing for his initial contact, he said there is too much crime; "we can do better working together."

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Out of work for 18 years, drinking, health issues, and bad choices stalled J's progress.
Encouragement from fellow Gym members opened a door to a job.

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R sat in the Gym listening to CJ's devotion. The Holy Spirit used God's word to allow R to rethink his decision to kill another.

Do you realize that you were effective in each of these lives?

Your partnership created the environment for God to work. Such changes don't come over night. They take years of walking with our friends; allowing God to do the rebuilding. I'm seeing this process in real-life with the renovation of our Family Activity Center.

Thanks to the generosity of many, the last phase is underway on our 100-year-old building, scheduled to be completed in April. It has taken years to gut the building and restore it with new mechanicals. I think of our friends above who have gone through their own personal renovations. In both cases, God used you and others to bring about the restoration process and change lives. Stay tuned for updates and testimonies of changed lives. Stand Firm

Scott Bowers
Executive Director

# **Expanding Our Youth Sports**

To celebrate our football season we held a banquet honoring the Panthers players and cheerleaders. It was an exciting night for the kids, their parents, and the coaches. "We were honored to serve the kids and community this season," said Chaplain C.J. "Challenges came but we

For parents like Tamika this service meant a lot. She appreciates most the "connections" she and her son have made this season with their community and God.

overcame, and we had a blast."

"The Lord's Gym really cares about the community," she said. "They care about my son, my family. Their support has been really good for us. The football program is a life changer. The







# **Making a Lasting Legacy**

We all want to have an impact in this world. We want to make a difference. We want that difference to have a lasting effect, even after we have gone home to be with the Lord.

You can accomplish this by making a difference through Lord's Gym Ministries, an organization whose mission you are deeply passionate about. This can be done with a gift from your estate. It simply requires some forethought and

making your wishes known via your estate planning, which is usually done via the "Last Will and Testament" or naming Lord's Gym as a beneficiary. We strongly urge our partners to consult their Estate Planning Attorneys and Financial Advisors to make their wishes known. Leaving a Legacy does not have to be complicated, and it is something you can take

great joy in now.

communication with us and



sport teaches them important life skills and best of all they're learning about God through prayer and devotions."

Lord's Gym Ministries has expanded its sports programming to include basketball and this spring, there are plans for soccer.

Chaplain Chris said the kids are already having a blast with basketball.

"We are proud of our players," he said. "They're doing great and will do great. We love them." Transformed lives changing individuals, families, neighborhoods, and generations for the glory of God.

## **Devotional: The Least of These Scripture: Matthew 25:34-40**

This child is one of the many very important reasons why Lord's Gym Ministries exists. We are totally in love with the work we're doing in Price Hill, Queensgate and Covington. It is God's work! It is such a blessing to see faces like this little guy's lit up with joy as he learns someone - you and us-deeply cares about him and loves him. Most importantly, he's learning that Jesus loves him! That's what it's all about... letting "the least of these" know that Jesus indeed loves them. As we prepare for a new year, new beginnings, fresh goals... remember to be the hands and feet of Jesus... not just in 2022, but always.





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DEMONSTRATE God's love in practical ways.

DECLARE the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit.

DEVELOP disciples of Jesus Christ.

ENCOURAGE self-responsibility.

## Serve With Us: "Iron sharpens iron..." Proverbs 27:17

## Ministry Partner Highlight

We serve alongside BLOC Ministries in many ways including Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurts, habits and hang ups of any kind.

"Ministry partners are very significant and crucial to the health of the community as well as the organization. Ministry partners can showcase the unity and collaboration of the kingdom and what happens when we set aside our differences or ego and run after Jesus together." said Chris with BLOC.

Founded in 1998, BLOC was created to build connections and safe spaces.

### Consider a Financial Gift

You can make a difference. Please consider donating to Lord's Gym Ministries to help us continue serving the Cincinnati and Covington communities. Fill out the form below and mail it back to us or donate at www.LordsGymMinistries.org. Monthly support is greatly appreciated.

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