



Braveheart Chaplain Ministry

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And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. - 2 Timothy 2:2

INVESTMENT: the act of putting money or effort into something to make a profit or achieve a result.

Wise investments are considered pertinent, whether they are money, time, or skills, as they produce a return. As a ministry, we seek to wisely invest into lives in such a way that a lasting return or dividend results.

Our mission statement is as follows:

Braveheart Chaplain Ministry is committed to providing effective, relevant, and timely support services to emergency responders, their families, and citizens in crisis throughout Flathead County.

A facet of our ministry that is expanding is proactively investing into the lives of responders and their families. We want to enhance their lives, marriages, and families so that their daily lives are strengthened and built up.

Two examples currently in process:

- **An appreciation dinner for our County's 911 dispatchers.**
- **A seminar for spouses of law enforcement officers designed to alleviate stresses within the home stemming from the officer's career.**

A fundamental investment we will always be making is to respond to citizens who are experiencing trauma and to support law enforcement, firefighters and medics who are responding to the situation. This reactive investment brings comfort, guidance, and strength to those experiencing the difficulty.

Below are two quotes from people who have been served by Braveheart. One is a dispatcher and the other serves on our board of directors.



Drew,

It meant so much to me to be able to talk to you after I had dealt with a suicide on the phone. It is important for dispatchers to be able to talk to someone who actually understands what we do and what we listen to. You helped me cope with a difficult situation & allowed me to dissipate some of my reaction to it. Thank you for being there for dispatch!

Laura Johnson writes:

“I consider it a great honor to have served as a board member for Braveheart for little over a year now. I became aware of Braveheart from its earliest beginnings because, at the time, I was married to a law enforcement officer and he introduced me to Drew. I quickly saw the value that Drew brought to the department, the officers, the victims and the general public of Flathead County. However, it wasn't until an unexpected and traumatic change in my life that I personally experienced the unwavering support that Drew offers. My world crashed down on me when my marriage ended in divorce. I was no



longer a part of the law enforcement world but Drew heard about my situation and took the time to call me, counsel me, pray with me and point me to Christ. He didn't have to contact me; I was technically no longer a part of his "congregation." But that's what is special about Drew and this ministry; he sees or hears about a need or a hurting person or a difficult situation and he's there. Yes... he is a chaplain for public service workers but in all actuality, he is a chaplain, counselor, prayer warrior, and friend to everyone in this community. Drew is an extremely busy chaplain, serving multiple agencies that span hundreds of miles. He responds to difficult and gruesome calls. He's up at all hours of the day and night. He gives so much and has impacted so many lives that I consider it an honor to give back just a small fraction of my time to a ministry that literally saved my life."

As we are investing into the lives of people, we are asking individuals, families, and churches to invest in Braveheart. As we make presentations to audiences of one or hundreds, we are asking them to partner with us in ways that are fitting for them. This can include regularly praying, putting us into their budgets or volunteering within Braveheart.

Volunteer opportunities include the following areas:

- Prayer.
- Follow up with citizens who have experienced trauma.
- Clerical.
- Social media.
- Fundraising which can include numerous aspects of the process.
- Logistical assistance with special events.

We want to invest wisely into the lives of those around us. Scripture speaks of resources being given to people and of us giving an accounting of our use of them. We desire to hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your master."

The Lord's blessing be upon you,

Drew