

Summary of United Midwest Ministry

*Founded during the winter of 2014 by Joshua DeWaard and Nathan Clayburg; first concert held July, 2015; six-week fundraising drive provided a budget of \$30,000 to fund the event. \$50,000 was netted which was enough to pay all expenses for 50 students to attend the Passion conference in Atlanta.

*Today with a larger venue, the music festival has an annual budget of \$100,000 and is able to fully fund Christian outreach for 350 young adults.

*In 2016, United Midwest founded a moving company with profits diverted back into ministry efforts; this venture now provides 25% of the organization's budget.

*Joshua DeWaard currently serves as executive director; has previously served as event coordinator; developed the budget; recruited team members; booked venue and talent; coordinated sound and production; facilitated travel arrangements.

*United Midwest has managed a number of smaller projects including a unity prayer night at Drake University, a new ministry at Central College dedicated to ending human trafficking, a Spanish language worship service in the Twin Cities, and worship nights in the Pella community.

*United Midwest has purchased an older home in a very distressed neighborhood with the intent of rehabilitating the property into an office for the organization as well as providing short-term housing for those in need.

*United Midwest is a fully established 501(c)3 with a team of approximately a dozen board members and volunteers.

*United Midwest is on the cusp of becoming a full-fledged ministry with the mission of advancing the Kingdom and impacting the world by providing encouragement, mentorship, empowerment, and resources to everyone, especially the most disadvantaged.

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