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Fall Newsletter



Fall 2019

STORIES

NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY...



DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Did you know that YFC is celebrating 75 years of ministry to teens in the US? For us, it's been over 40. Wow! The mission of YFC has remained crystal clear, even after 75 years. We want every teenager to have the opportunity to be in an authentic Christ sharing relationship with an adult. As a Partner of YFC, you have been an integral part of our story. Your partnership along with others has paved the way for life transformation - day after day after day - in the lives of the youth of our city and surrounding areas.

A couple of days ago I met a young man in the lunch room. It was his first day at the school and he looked like a deer caught in the headlights. I had the opportunity to talk with him a bit at the table and share a little about YFC and why were there. He was a little taken aback that we would come to the school and provide a free lunch for them. "People just don't do that" he said. I said, "well we do and we love hanging out with you so we'll see you again next week." I pray that as we consistently keep coming back, God will open up an opportunity to develop a relationship. That same day it was so much fun to hear two of our volunteers who were serving lunch talk about

how excited they were to also be in the detention center. They also have another lady they want to pull in to be involved. God is doing so many cool things around us and it is so much fun to see.

Speaking of God things...God has provided a new space for us and we are so excited. We will be sharing a building with Christian Adoption Services just off 45th. It was such an answer to prayer how God brought it about and as their director Pat and myself talked it became clearer and cleared that this was just God orchestrated. I really believe that we will be able to lift each other up and really compliment each other, especially once we are able to fill our Parent Life position. Officially, we will be in our new space January 1, 2020. We will get you that new address as that date approaches. Thank you for your prayers!

With Parent Life, we are almost ready to begin advertising the opening for a new Parent Life Director and so I ask for your prayers as we begin this journey. Pray for the person to compliment this ministry and team. That they would be able to raise the money needed to fund

their missionary position. If you want to help us seed the position, let us know or mark your donation "Parent Life Seed." We are trusting God for this and need your prayers and support moving forward.

I want to also invite you to join us November 21st at Bethel Church for our Concert for a Cause event featuring Anthem Lights. It will be an incredible way to kick off your holidays and get a taste of what God is doing in the lives of some amazing teens. You can get more info about the night, Anthem Lights, and buy tickets at our website, redriveryfc.com. This is going to be a wonderful night!

Thanks for being a part of this ministry. It would not happen without your prayers and support. So from our hearts to yours, thank you for being a part of this incredible legacy!

Greg Everett
Executive Director



PRESENTED BY:



NOVEMBER 21, 2019
BETHEL CHURCH FARGO
6:40-8:40 PM
www.redriveryfc.com
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KICK OFF YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH

ANTHEMLIGHTS



NOVEMBER 21, 2019
BETHEL CHURCH FARGO
2702 30TH AVE S, FARGO, ND 58103

6:40-8:40 PM

(DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM)

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Aftercare

I met one young man about a year ago at the center, and he has since been placed in a group home here in town. About a week ago he contacted me. In fact, shortly after the first initial contact, he and his caseworker showed up at our office. It was so great to see him and he wants to meet weekly and do a one-on-one bible study! What an amazing opportunity to mentor him and encourage him in his walk with Christ. The first two years that we were in the center we did not have one kid contact us when they got out. Now in the last 8 months alone, we have had 5 kids reach out to us upon release. We have been working on what aftercare would look like and recently more pieces have started coming together. Praise God for these opportunities.

~Mike King

Huge Thank You...

To Bethel Church who sent wonderful volunteers to help with projects in our office on October 5th as part of their Serve Saturday program.

Fully Embraced

I think one of the most exciting areas of growth I have seen in the last couple of weeks is that within the detention center from staff and kids. Staff regularly pull us aside to give us names of kids to pray for, or ask us to stop in and visit certain kids individually. What a blessing to be welcomed by both staff and youth. Just this week we talked about forgiveness. It was incredible to see kids go from a posture of defense with arms crossed to a posture of thought and vulnerability by leaning in, uncrossing their arms, and engaging in conversation. It is humbling to process through life and love kids who have "...done 180 days and 10 months of treatment and my family hasn't visited me once." Only Christ can heal our hardened hearts and deep wounds and we continue to pray for healing for these kids, while continuing to be thankful for the overflowing opportunities. ~Danielle Hill



Crafting Gnomes



Student of the Week



Peaches

Thank you to everyone who bought our peaches and all of our wonderful partners Magnum, Scheels Home & Hardware, Bell Bank, Black Bear Orchards, and Genuine Georgia. Also, Special thanks to Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota and to all of our amazing volunteers. Thank you for helping make this fundraiser possible!



Some of the smiling teen volunteers

YFC Staff & Blue Cross Blue Shield Volunteers at the peach fundraiser.



Save the Date
Giving Hearts Day 2020



Giving Hearts Day

Called to Serve

Three weeks ago, as staff, we had the opportunity to attend our regional YFC conference in the Twin Cities. We had the opportunity to also bring a young man we originally met in the detention center with us to the conference. God has been working in this young man's life, he has expressed an interest in serving, and I thought it would be a great way to expose him to YFC and the mission we have been called to. It was also a great way to build our relationship with him and it gave us another opportunity to pour out the love of Christ on him. He had a lot of question over the weekend, which was awesome and inspired great conversations. He feels Gods calling in his life but he is struggling with his old habits and life style. Please pray for this young man, the war that rages in his life, and that he would continually chose Christ.

~Mike King

Practical Needs

Working in youth ministry, here are some practical things we frequently use. Are you able to help supply these items?

- Paper products for serving meals (plates, napkins, bowls, silverware, etc)
- Boxes of individually packaged chips
- Cases of bottled water
- Cases of juice boxes or sports drink
- Fruit snacks or fruit rollups
- Any kind of pre-packed, or individually packaged snacks

Our Mission

YFC radically loves and brings hope to teens by working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their Godliness in lifestyle, devotion to the Word of God and prayer, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

YFC provides a safe and friendly place to learn leadership skills, to think about important issues and to develop quality relationships with peers and with caring adults.

YFC's 5 Ministry Essentials:

- WIDESPREAD PRAYER
- FAITHFUL BIBLE TEACHING
- LOVING RELATIONSHIPS
- ADULTS WHO EMPOWER
- COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

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