

# MOMENTUM

SUMMER  
2020



## KYFC DURING COVID-19

**Guy Freeman**  
Executive Director

On March 13th we met as a leadership team and we decided to pause our programs in light of playing our part to ensure we flatten the curve on COVID-19. It was not an easy decision as we serve and care for some of the most vulnerable in our communities. Though we have had to close our doors in a physical sense, our staff and volunteers have remained engaged with the youth and families we work with as much as possible. This has looked different in every community. For some this has been staff creating short videos to post on social media. Others have been delivering food packages to families in need or activity boxes with crafts, games and a little treat! In some cases it has been staying in touch through video game platforms, phone or Zoom calls. We love and miss our youth dearly, but are so thankful that technology allows us to still be in contact with them from the safety of our own homes.

I am also excited to share with you that we are overwhelmed and humbled by the support and generosity of our financial partners during this time. Usually things are pretty lean through March and April, but this year we entered the spring in a relatively stable financial position. This, together with the incredible continued support of our partners through this time of financial uncertainty for many, has enabled us to continue honor our commitments and stay on top of our monthly expenses across the chapter.

As May rolled around, we would normally have been welcoming 400 or so of you to our Annual Dinner at Calvary Church. This year things looked a little different! There was no dinner and we did not gather in person, but we did have 400 people join us online for a "virtual" version of the fundraising event! Our team was so encouraged by all who attended, sent lovely notes and generous donations. We are so grateful to share that we surpassed our fundraising goal by raising a total of \$41,872. Thank you for the bottom of our hearts!

Here are just a few of the notes we received from some of our friends and partners who attended the fundraiser:

*"We love you guys and are so thankful for the work you do for our city's youth in the mighty name of Jesus."*

*"We feel blessed to be able to financially support this amazing ministry. We also love so many staff who serve there!"*

*"I am so thrilled to be able to attend the fundraiser 'banquet' by Zoom at this time!"*

*"Thank you for all the work you are doing. I wish I lived closer and could drop in more often to see the effects in person."*

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## Ongoing Ministry Update

As you can imagine, each one of our eight satellite communities have been impacted by COVID-19 in different ways. As mentioned above, our staff in each satellite have done their best to remain connected with the youth, but as we move into the fourth month of this pandemic, we are really feeling the loss of face-to-face connections. We have been praying and searching for new opportunities to reach youth at their core - their heart level - with the message of Jesus in this “new context”. Our hope is to connect deeper during this physical distancing, and also be prepared to fully embrace outreach when we are able to re-open.

### Here are a few things that are currently going on across our chapter:

- Four new youth are now attending online youth group activities at Auburn Bible Chapel after participating in a few online activities with our staff.

- Our team in Peterborough arranged and hosted an online Prayer & Fasting day as part of the Peterborough Youth Network, demonstrating church unity bringing families together to pray for our youth.

- The Bridge Youth Centre staff and volunteers have partnered with three community partners to start a food distribution program for families in Peterborough. The program provides food boxes that support families who would normally use the School Nutrition Programs for their children. After the first 4 weeks, they have seen 360 unique families access food through this program! This has opened doors for new relationships with schools, local agencies, and families.

- Two of our outreach workers created videos to share through social media to reach drop-in youth with the gospel. The Bancroft video has already had 620 hits!

- In Lakefield we had a great response to the Easter gift card campaign supporting youth and families from local schools and our programs.

- For more stores please keep reading this newsletter and check out our website [youthunlimitedkaw.com/COVID-19/](http://youthunlimitedkaw.com/COVID-19/)

As we head into the summer please pray for us as we plan and prepare for the reopening of public gatherings. We know that our current ways of doing outreach will need to be adapted and in some cases completely revamped. We also ask for prayer as we work to recruit more volunteers and look to fill four new staff positions to meet the needs once we start running at our usual capacity.

Thank you again for your prayers and provision as we reach youth for Christ in the Kawartha's!

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# PETERBOROUGH

## FEEDING YOUTH AND FAMILIES

### Jennifer Kloosterman

*Peterborough Director / The Bridge*

At the beginning of May, we began a food distribution program at The Bridge Youth Centre which came together almost overnight. The “Feeding Youth and Families” project is a collaboration between Kawartha Food Share, Peterborough Youth Services and Food for Kids, which supplies the nutrition programs in all of the schools. The program is meant to serve youth and families who would have previously been accessing school nutrition programs, but is also open to any youth and families who need extra support at this time as we’ve all been affected by COVID-19. To date, we have been able to connect over 420 unique families and youth to fresh and non-perishable food through the program!



## SHARING THE HOPE AND LOVE OF JESUS

### Josette Bowden

*Elementary Outreach Worker*

What is my role as a youth worker? Since this global pandemic began, I have continuously asked myself this question. What I have witnessed in the past couple of months has been eye-opening as I have gained a new perspective as a youth worker. As the COVID-19 situation rapidly changed, I spent time thinking and praying about my role and how to help. I asked God for His vision on how I could help our youth and their families during this time. I am happy to share that during these two months, God has revealed more to me than I could have imagined.

The week immediately following March Break, I assembled and distributed care packages to seven of our elementary families. In the care packages were food, craft supplies and a personalized birthday gift for each youth. Before the pandemic occurred, we had planned on throwing our annual ‘Everybody Birthday’ celebration following March Break. The parents sent us videos of their kids opening their gifts; it was very precious.

Since that first delivery, we have expanded our deliveries to 14 families, which is a total of 29 kids. We have been delivering packages bi-weekly to our Elementary and Junior youth families. The feedback from parents/guardians and youth has been encouraging and very impactful.

At Youth Unlimited, we talk about the importance of caring for the whole person, sharing the Gospel and daring them to go deeper with God. During COVID-19, I have witnessed all three of these areas being lived out in a significant way. We have delivered care packages and maintained contact through phone and video calls, emails and our social media platforms. There have been many opportunities to share the hope and love of Jesus, encouraging them to discover God for themselves.

I recently told one of the parents, who is a single mom with four young kids, that if she needed me to do her grocery shopping, I would. She responded with, “I am crying.” Those words were profound to me. They were a reminder that even if it doesn't look like much, the impact we make is huge! Even further, if those words could be so impactful, imagine hearing the truth about what Jesus did for us!





## FOLLOWERS IN TRAINING

### Amanda Volk

*Jr. Youth Ministry Coordinator*

Followers in Training, or FIT, has been running for almost two years now in Peterborough. The purpose of FIT is to have youth challenged to go deeper, and learn about discipleship of Jesus and to be of service to their community. We often do local service projects or even go on small service trips to help those in need. Every week at the program we live life together and talk about how we can learn to be leaders today from what the Bible teaches us.

Mary\* has been attending FIT for about a year now. Outside of the program, particularly at school, Mary is judged and bullied by her peers on a regular basis. She enjoys coming to the program, making friends, participating in the activities and generally has a great time. Mary is always quick to compliment or encourage others and reminds me of the verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:11. It says, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." Over the last few months at FIT, Mary has been demonstrating how much information she retains from learning about God and the Bible. When learning is verbal she is able to explain things in her own words and display how

much she remembers from all the Bible stories. Mary has been making incredible real life connections and is able to explain the importance of what she is learning and what it has to do with our everyday lives. She also isn't afraid to say what she thinks or ask questions, so it definitely makes everything more exciting and keeps the group engaged. Mary is like so many other youth we work with at Youth Unlimited. Sometimes they are just looking for a place to belong, but they wind up learning so much, coming out of their shells and growing as individuals while with us. Please continue to pray for youth like Mary as they continue to grow and learn about Christ.

## DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

### Josh Lott

*Senior Outreach Worker*

Another initiative we ran this spring was a Day of Prayer and Fasting for youth in Peterborough, inviting the church to pray together for this generation as we move through COVID-19. The day was hosted by the Peterborough Youth Network, which is now a collaboration of at least 12 different churches and youth ministries. It was a beautiful day. Youth pastors were praying for their youth, teens were praying for their peers, and even whole families were praying and fasting together, some for the first time. We believe that God is doing a great work in our city and this generation, and are contending together for this generation to know and follow Jesus.

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## VOLUNTEER TESTIMONY

### Sarah Cumming

*Fit Volunteer*

I have had the opportunity to spend my final year of school volunteering with the FIT (Followers in Training) program. Like the little boat that could, this program was small but mighty. FIT was a constant in the lives of the youth that took part. What makes this program such a special one is that the youth involved committed to come and grow, they wanted to be there and they desired the relationship that The Bridge offered. I have enjoyed watching the youth open up. Throughout the year they were challenged and showed the impact of their time with The Bridge. I am so glad I was able to make connections with such amazing young people and be part of their journey with God!

## PTBO BANNER

We want to say a BIG thank you to our banner sponsors this year!! Because of partners like you, we are able to remain flexible and agile in helping to meet the greatest felt needs of youth in our community in creative ways!

One of those ways we've been able to do that recently has been through the "Feeding Youth And Families" program, which is getting non-perishable food boxes, plus a whole bunch of fresh fruit, veggies, bread and dairy into the hands of families each week.

Thank you Canadian Tire, Kingdon Timber Mart, Maxima Protection Inc., Kawartha Lakes Business Equipment, The Peterborough Axe Club, Jo Anne's Place Health Foods, The Silver Bean Café, and FCI Windows for helping us help youth and families in our community!!

For more information on our banner program, please contact [jennifer@youthunlimitedkaw.com](mailto:jennifer@youthunlimitedkaw.com)



## GRATEFUL

### Ian McIntosh

*Haliburton Highlands Director*

Although we are facing challenging circumstances God continues to show us that he is in control. We have been able to work together through online platforms to reach our youth in creative ways that are engaging and equipping. The platforms we have used include Zoom, Whatsapp, Jitsi Meet, Facebook and also through online gaming. Our hope for this summer is to continue to provide an online space for youth to connect with their peers, voice their struggles, dig deeper into their faith and perhaps for some even accept Jesus into their lives for the first time. Our partnership with Lakeside Church continues to be strong and effective. Through this partnership we are providing a Jr. Youth night on Wednesday's and a Sr. Youth night on Friday's. During these youth nights we have the opportunity to share a short devotional, pray for the students and provide some fun games and activities.

Over the past few months, I have also had the opportunity to mentor youth. A good example of this time is when I spoke with a young man named Faysal. He shared his story of his time living in Syria and Lebanon, being forced into the military and then later

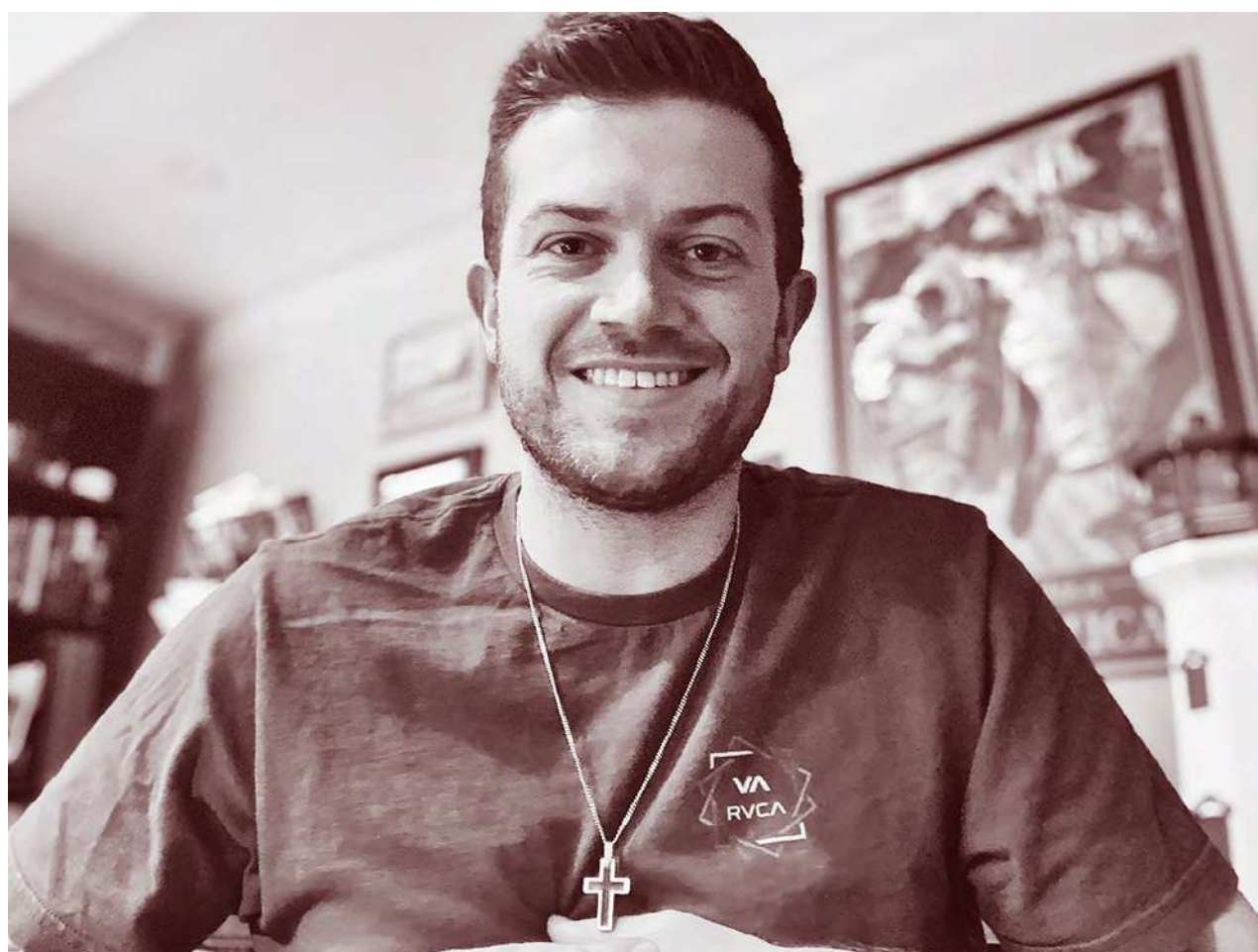
moving here to Canada. This allowed for Faysal to gain trust in me as a leader and we feel much closer and more open with our communication. Just in the past year of knowing Faysal it has been amazing to see the dramatic change that God has been doing in his life. He has shifted from being disrespectful, reckless and careless to someone who shows compassion, love and kindness to others. I am excited to see how God will continue work in his life.

As we look ahead to the coming months, we will continue to work and plan together to develop new ways of meeting the highest felt need for our youth in Haliburton Highlands. If the physical distancing restrictions have been lifted in time for summer programs to start we hope to connect with our partners to talk about moving forward. The partners we will be connecting with are the Haliburton County Youth Sailing Association to see if sailing lessons will resume and we will contact Haliburton Junction Skatepark to see if group gatherings can move forward at the skatepark. We have spoken with Lakeside Church and we are planning on running youth programs through the summer either online or in person if physical distancing restrictions are lifted.

Throughout this time I have learned the importance of fully relying on God and having complete faith that He is in control. It's very easy to get agitated and anxious in a time like this. I am realizing more and more how important it is to remain focused on my purpose and the calling that God has put on my life. I am happy to share with you that our Steering Team is in motion and we have met three times. Positions on the team are being decided and we have put focus into prayer for the satellite, brainstorming for future programs and strategic planning for reaching the community and the youth within it.

We are so grateful for your prayers and support. Your faith in this ministry continues to fuel our passion. Please continue to pray for the safety of our community and that we would continue to be able to reach our youth during this time. Thank you!

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# LINDSAY

## LINDSAY UPDATE

### Guy Freeman

*Executive Director*

As 2020 began, our staff and volunteers in Lindsay were busy with the breakfast program at the Adult Education Centre and the after school ON-Target Archery program. Final preparations were also underway for a new weekly after school drop-in program in partnership with The Centre Community Church and the Lindsay Axe Club. Unfortunately our programs have had to be put on hold since March when the COVID-19 pandemic regulations took effect, but we are looking forward to being able to continue them once it is safe to do so. As

a relationship oriented ministry, we miss our youth and eagerly anticipate being able to connect face to face with them again soon.

As we move into the summer season it is our hope and prayer that we may be able to still connect with some of the youth through the Youth Unlimited Discover Adventure camping trips. The health and safety of our staff, volunteers and most importantly, our youth, is our first priority. We will closely monitor and follow the re-opening strategies of the province in anticipation and excitement to connect with our youth again in person!

Please pray for AI and the Lindsay leadership team as we seek to determine ways we can reach out to youth in Lindsay during this season and as we prepare for the fall and the changes to programming that may be required. We also ask you to join us in prayer for the Satellite Director position to be filled in Lindsay. We would love to grow our team and be able to increase our impact in this community. For more information please visit our website at [www.youthunlimitedkaw.com](http://www.youthunlimitedkaw.com) or contact Sarah Bolton at [info@youthunlimitedkaw.com](mailto:info@youthunlimitedkaw.com)

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# SOUPFEST 2020

On February 22, guests were lined up at the door of the Victoria Park Armoury in Lindsay to attend the 7th Annual Kawartha Lakes Soupfest. The large crowd was treated to a great variety of soups from 20 local restaurants, caterers and a non-profit group from Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon and Kirkfield. With so many different soups to try no one left hungry!

Both guests and judges had a hard time choosing the winners of this friendly competition. As it turned out, both the crowd and the judges selected a Caramelized

Onion Maple Butternut Squash Soup by Milk & Honey Eatery as the Best Tasting Soup. The award for the Most Unique Soup was won by Neabors Family Restaurant for their Chocolate Marshmallow Cream Cheese Soup.

Soupfest is the major fundraising event for Lindsay Youth Unlimited each winter and is a wonderful opportunity to bring many people from the local community together. Our staff, volunteers, and planning team are very grateful to the many local businesses that sponsor this event and the dedicated group of volunteers who came

out to help us on the day of the event. Youth Unlimited would also like to give special thanks to Dave & Mariska Tomlinson and Mike Kleinhuis for their hard work and support in making this event a great success!

If you would like to learn more about this fun event please visit [lindsaysoupfest.com](http://lindsaysoupfest.com) or follow **Kawartha Lakes Soupfest** on Facebook. And we encourage you to mark your calendars for the next Soupfest which is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2021.



## KAWARTHA LAKES

### KEEPING FOCUSED

**Martin Chipp-Smith**  
*Kawartha Lakes Director*

Lately I have thought often of Psalm 23:6, **“Surely goodness and your unfailing love (or ‘mercy’ depending on translation) will pursue me every day of my life.”** I can honestly say that that has been the case in my life. When I think about the Lord, how He has raised me and filled me with His Spirit, I can honestly say I am overwhelmed by the goodness and faithfulness of Jesus.

Serving youth for the last twelve years has been fulfilling and to think about what God has instored for the youth of Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Cameron, Woodville, Coboconk and Kirkfield over the next twelve years is very exciting. This journey that God has had me on with YFC has certainly had its bumps in the road, but just keeping focused on Him and understanding the call He has had on my life has been foundational in moving forward.

I thought for this Momentum Article, I would give an update on where we are at as a Satellite and our plans in moving forward amidst the global upheaval of COVID-19. Before the need for isolation began, the ON-Target Archery program was growing again as all of our Grade 12 students went off on adventures to college, university or into the working world. I knew this was coming and we were starting to gain traction with 10-12 students consistently coming out each Thursday evening. Karate is another program that has been a huge success. We have 25+ students (and 12 on the waiting list) hearing the Word each week, learning memory verses, this was another program gaining traction in its ability to grow beyond its current capacity.



Now we are breaking new ground in a virtual world that is for most our only real connection with the outside world during this time. I can't tell you that this new set up is at all easy, but one thing I have found is that God is still on the Throne. He is still in charge and He has given me an excitement for what is to come in the fall (providing certain restrictions have been lifted). If they have, then in the fall I will continue running both programs under the new guidelines to keep our youth safe. We have also entered into a hiring stage as right

now I am working in the Kawartha Lakes by myself. We are currently seeking to hire a Managing Director, a High School Worker and two Elementary Workers. My prayer is that by September we will have a couple more people in place to help serve the youth in the Kawartha's. At this time we do have some interest in a couple of those positions, and I am so thankful to the Lord for that.

I have been thinking of a story that I shared at one of the Karate classes, and I feel lead to share it here. I may have shared this before, but that's ok.

There was a little boy walking along the beach and one by one he was throwing starfish back into the ocean. Over and over again, he would bend over, pick one up and toss it as far out into the open water as he could. After a few hours of doing this, an older gentleman came up and asked him what difference it would make by saving these starfish, as there were thousands all over the beach. He told the boy that it was impossible to save them all. The boy bent over, picked up another starfish and threw it into the ocean, “I made a difference for that one,” the boy said, “and that one,” as he threw another in, and then another.

The point is this, every interaction we have with a youth in the Kawartha's has the potential of making an impact on their life and situation. As long as we keep our eyes focused on Jesus, we will see the potential He has for each young person we are working with. When we take our eyes off of Him, we can become discouraged by our surroundings and circumstances that we are facing.

Galatians 6:9 says, **“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”**

Let's keep our focus, let's be excited for what Jesus is doing right now. He has called us to plant and water the seeds for His great Harvest.

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## GOD'S PROVISION

**Kelsey Watts**

*Bancroft Managing Director*

*"Depend on it. God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."* - Hudson Taylor

We have definitely seen the truth of this statement throughout the first half of 2020 at the Switch Yard. The theme of God providing for His work to be accomplished at and through the Switch Yard has come up over and over again this year, and we are very grateful! He has provided in a variety of ways including volunteers, finances and food.

For the few months we were able to be open in 2020, we saw God graciously provide food for our Thursday Night Drop-in meals. Right before Christmas we learned that due to Public Health regulations we could no longer accept home-cooked meals to feed the youth. This hit us hard, since this was something that we had done for many years, and because it is so necessary for so many of the youth who come to the Switch Yard. For many of them, it is the only home-cooked meal they have during the week, and quite possibly their only food that day. Thankfully, the Lord provided us with fresh ideas, and we reached out to local churches to provide grocery cards instead. This way we could purchase groceries and then cook the meals ourselves on site. The results were astounding - one church alone provided over \$600 in grocery cards in only one month!

The Lord also provided many wonderful volunteers for our annual Ladies Spa Night. Normally, it is a real struggle to find Hair Stylists who are available on a Sunday evening in February, but this year we were blessed with two! We were able to host almost 40 ladies from our community to pamper and bless them.

This event is a highlight of the year for many of these women because they come away feeling refreshed and valued.

Our March Breakfast Fundraiser was such an encouraging time of fellowship and celebration of what God is doing amongst the youth of Bancroft. We are so grateful for everyone who came out and supported the Switch Yard financially and prayerfully. We really saw the Lord's hand in this event since the attendance was much lower than expected, but we still raised almost the budgeted amount! Praise God!

Then COVID-19 hit and we had to pause all programming. This means we have not seen our youth since before March Break! We miss them, and cannot wait to get back to seeing them on a weekly basis. In the meantime, we have been using this opportunity to plan and prepare for the future. We have tried to reach out to the youth through various physical distancing appropriate ways. One of these ways has been the creation of a meals program. Using grocery cards that we still had from the churches as mentioned above, we are able to purchase ingredients, and meals are prepared in a local certified kitchen. We then deliver them weekly to a few families that we know through the drop-in program. God continues to blow us away with His provision for this program, and it has been such a blessing to each of these families. We are so grateful for everyone who has played a part, and helped make this possible!

Another result of COVID-19 was that our biggest fundraiser of the year, our BBQ & Auction had to be cancelled. In its place we launched an online fundraising campaign for the month of June called 'Back on Track'.



The idea behind the name was that we have had to travel on separate 'tracks' from the youth during COVID-19, but we are looking forward to our 'tracks' merging back together soon with the message of the cross as the center. Since, we have all been in isolation, we believe the need for youth to have human contact and connection will be greater than ever when we are able to open again! We believe there will be a great opportunity to show that the youth are loved, adored and pursued by the Creator of the Universe - and that He wants to have a personal relationship with them!

If you missed the opportunity to support the Switch Yard financially during the campaign, please check out our website [www.youthunlimitedkaw.com/bancroft](http://www.youthunlimitedkaw.com/bancroft) for more information on how you can still donate. It is never too late! We are so excited by how the Lord provided through the generosity of local businesses and individuals. Even though our programming is paused, God is still providing for the needs of the Switch Yard!

So yes, I can say with certainty, "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." Even in the midst of COVID-19!

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# LAKEFIELD

## COURAGEOUS KIDS

**Sarah Jones**

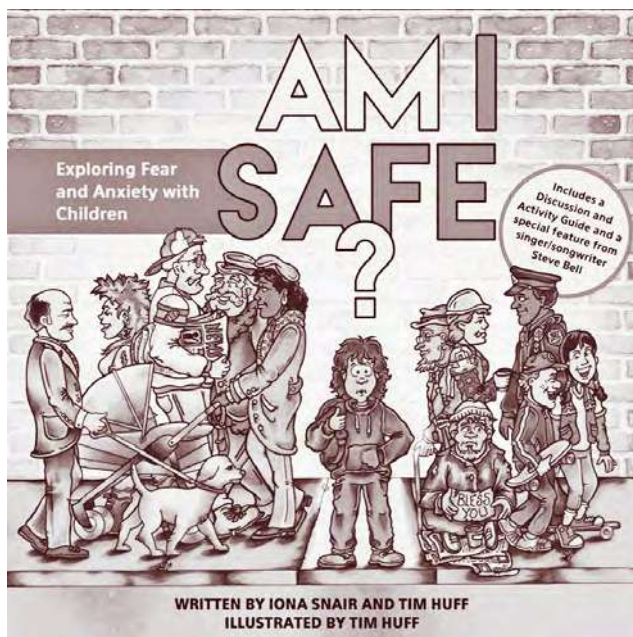
*Outreach Worker, Elementary*

I can remember standing in the Lakefield Legion the night of our Lakefield Youth Unlimited (LYU) Fundraising Dinner, back in late October 2019. I was physically shaking and going back and forth in my mind wondering if I was going to be brave enough to get up on stage and tell our guests what I had been doing since returning back to work from a sick leave. My heart was racing as the presentation portion of the evening drew closer. I had a back up plan; a pre-recorded video that I had completed earlier, but after reviewing it I knew it didn't capture the essence of what I wanted to say. Five minutes before it was to run I told Chris that I was going to go up on stage and share.

You need to understand that for the past 3 years I had been dealing with the very topic that I was about to present. It came in the form of a children's book "Am I Safe?" by Tim Huff and Iona Snair. One of my coworkers told me that this book was for children and parents to read together to help initiate conversations about fear and anxiety. When this book landed on my lap I immediately gravitated to it and knew that I had to explore this further.

After getting a handle on the purpose of the book I spoke to Iona, as she too works for Youth Unlimited in

Vancouver. I asked her if she would give me permission to present this book to our local schools to see if I could do a 6-week presentation on coping with fear and anxiety, with students in grades 2-8 and call it "Courageous Kids". Meanwhile, the principal at St.



Paul Catholic School was very receptive and even said that I could come in and lead the sessions during their Religion period. So with the help of the author and a volunteer, Sarah Peacock, we were able to develop a curriculum to share with the students. Our first session ran in November 2019. We started teaching a 4/5 split

class in February 2020 but have had to pause due to the COVID-19 crisis.

This small children's book was about to change my life, and my hope was that it would do the same for other parents and their children who are affected by fear and anxiety. This book was like nothing I've seen in all my years of working with elementary students. It allows parents and their children to have a dialogue about their feelings in a very safe way. Children need to know that they matter and their feelings matter too.

Not only does this book allow for conversations but also in our 6-week sessions we provide coping resources in the form of a 'courage kit'. In the classroom, after the students share with us what makes them anxious, we then empower them with helpful tools and resources to stomp those fears. Each week we add to their courage kits, such as breathing techniques and grounding exercises. Our hope is to dispel the fear and anxiety while building the students up to be a "Courageous Kid"!

If you would like to donate towards purchasing books (\$10.00 each) so that they can be given out to support children and their families dealing with anxiety during this time of COVID-19 then please contact [sarahj@youthunlimitedkaw.com](mailto:sarahj@youthunlimitedkaw.com)

# INTERVIEW

## Anne Orsi

Lakefield Volunteer

We are very thankful to Anne Orsi, our Volunteer Jr. High Outreach Worker, for all the time and care she gave to the students at Lakefield Youth Unlimited. Anne's studies have drawn to a close for this school year and so her time at LYU has come to an end for now.

**QUESTION:** Name some encouraging events that happened as you led the Thursday night LYU Jr. High Gym Nights this past year?

**ANNE:**

- A Jewish boy asked for prayer for healing over his ankle. At first he did not participate in the God Talks, but then began to take part in them.
- A boy shared that he received dreams and visions from the Lord and knows Him personally. My hope was to engage him in evangelism within the Gym Night program.
- A lead volunteer started with us last year, and was not a Christian. She is now seriously counting the cost and is wrestling with the lifestyle changes that would be needed to follow Christ.
- One girl asked for prayer for her shoulder and got healed. She is from a family that practices Wiccan.

**QUESTION:** In the winter of 2020 you, and some of our LYU staff, volunteered to provide recess support at one of our local elementary schools. Was this time beneficial?



**ANNE:**

- During one recess a boy was crying because of social and economic challenges in his life. We were able to comfort him by sharing how much God cared for him.
- Our presence was able to reduce the amount of negative issues happening in the schoolyard. The teachers commented that our presence was impactful. We knew that it was because we were praying as we walked around and that Jesus' presence with us was having the most influence.
- We enjoyed offering friendship and playing games like hopscotch, four square and tag with students that didn't usually have friends and were feeling left out.

**QUESTION:** You also had opportunities to interact with grade 9 Lakefield students. What encouraged you in those conversations?

**ANNE:**

- I talked to a boy who was agnostic about his beliefs and I encouraged him in following Jesus.
- Seeing the fruit of many years of sowing seeds with a girl who is a professing Christian in a highschool but with very few friends. She is still involved with our programs and wants to be a Christian camp counsellor.

**SAVE THE DATE** LYU's Online Fundraising Event, October 15, 2020 @ 7pm



## COVID-19 CONNECTION

### THE MICRO SCOOTER PARK

What does one do when you can't scooter in the LYU Barn basement because of the COVID restrictions? You make a scooter/skate park at home out of cardboard, get your micro scooter and board, practice, and then meet online for a competition. On Thursdays, Chris (our LYU Satellite Director) and some youth have been holding Micro Competitions for prizes as they hangout online, laugh, and talk about how not to be anxious.

### LAKEFIELD CHALK CHALLENGE

Lakefield families were challenged to go outside, get creative and create memories. Prizes were also provided. These chalk drawings were like signposts of hope in our community.

### TP TELEGRAMS AND SOCIAL MEDIA INTERACTION

LYU staff dropped off telegrams on people's porches that included a roll of toilet paper and a humorous note. This act of kindness created an opportunity to

chat (at distance) with some parents, discovering that many looked tired, anxious and overwhelmed. Later that week, the staff reached out again with phone calls to check-in, encourage and offer any support they could give. Encouraging words were also spread through posts and stories on Facebook and Instagram providing opportunities to interact despite physical distancing.

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Decorated windows at the LYU Barn to encourage our community.

Since all of these COVID-19 initiatives, come mid-April LYU had to temporarily lay off our Elementary Outreach Team, Sarah Jones and Rebecca Sage, who are now receiving financial support through CERB. Anne Orsi, our Volunteer Jr. High Outreach Worker, completed her time at LYU when the school year was finished. Chris Jones (Satellite Director) and Katie Bauman (Admin) are managing LYU with reduced hours.



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# COMBATTING FEAR TOGETHER

## Rebecca Sage

Outreach Worker, Elementary

In another person's shoes, life can seem like a battle just to remain happy and healthy and socially and mentally well. This is a battle in which some may feel ill-equipped.

In the fall we returned to sewing lessons with a young lady in Bobcaygeon, who has dreams of becoming a fashion designer. This contact has continued through my move to Lakefield Youth Unlimited. Before March Break we got talking about birthdays, as she was

turning 16 in a couple of weeks. She started to express her fear of ageing because she was afraid that she won't be remembered due to not having completed something worthwhile or not being important enough to be remembered. It became very apparent at that moment that this fear was an obstacle keeping her from being joyful, celebrating her life and seeing her value. We had a wonderful opportunity to combat this very real battle against the fear inside of her by asking questions, affirming her, speaking of her value and the impact she has on other people's lives, such as our own. We also talked

about how much more God loves and values her. Of course, the battle is not over in one conversation but we are so grateful to be some of the people in her life continuing to help her combat this fear, anxiety and uncertainty even now as we are apart, during this period of physical distancing.

Chris, our Satellite Director, reminds us that, "Combating fear is always best accomplished together and not alone in isolation. At LYU we move ahead in these unknown times while continuing to journey along with youth through the transition of their teenage years. We desire to instill the value and worth that they have through our Creator, as we walk together side by side."

On our young lady's 'Sweet 16' we celebrated with her through a three-way phone call, an air hug from across the street, gifts and a care package with activities including fabric and ideas for a new design.



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