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Executive Director

Ministry Growth and Annual Dinner

I want to thank all who attended our recent **Annual Fundraising Dinner** and gave toward our financial goal. Many of you donated even though you were unable to attend. We are so pleased to announce that 6oK was raised! This year's event was the *LARGEST* event ever, with 357 guests attending and the largest amount raised.

I am also pleased to share that because of your investment in *Youth Unlimited / Kawartha YFC* last year, we were able to connect with 420 more youth compared to 2016. Youth like Jane, who we know well, whose life is complicated and full of brokenness, decided to follow Jesus recently in a local park with her mother also

intently listening to us about Jesus. Not every story is like Jane's but every youth does have a story and we are passionate about how their story connects with God's bigger plan. Much of this growth in youth connections has come from Peterborough through programs like indoor skate parks, Disciple-A-City initiatives, and now, our new lunch-time Bridge drop-in program on week days.

Future Growth - Satellite Reconstruction

Another area of growth is in our satellite communities. We are realizing that we have relied heavily on staff to not only reach youth, but also fundraise and create new programming. One of our priorities this year is to strengthen or re-develop steering teams in Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Minden and Haliburton. Each of these teams has the potential to support our staff with prayer initiatives, fundraising, church

communications, business connections, media, financial health, and general community knowledge. Our hope is to bring momentum for future programming and more opportunities to engage youth.



We are finding with increased growth and the huge needs of youth, it is necessary to step back and assess where we are going in the next few years in order to ensure we stay focussed on our mandate of sharing

Jesus with young people. As I meet with experts in this process, I will work alongside our board, staff and key stakeholders to review our current mission, vision and values. I am excited about this and look forward to sharing the outcome and clarity in vision with you that will help us grow in impactful ways as we prayerfully follow Jesus.



THANK-YOU **BRENDA**!

Operations Changes

We announced at our Annual Dinner that **Brenda Kennedy** will be leaving us at the end of June. She will be dearly missed and we hope to rebuild our Support Services team on the foundation she has laid in the last 14 years. Her role will be changed into two positions that will focus on Donation and Operations Management.

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ONE MILLION MEALS UPDATE

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Last year I wrote about **One Million Meals Peterborough (OMMP)**, a project initiated by *Church In The City* which is a relational network of churches and ministries in Peterborough. The first Saturday of April has been proclaimed One Million Meals Peterborough Day by the City of Peterborough. This past April 7th, 400 volunteers from churches, civic groups, schools and businesses, came together at the Peterborough Wellness Centre to put together the ingredients and heat seal bags for 150,000 meals!

This is the third year of our OMMP project and we have now passed the half million mark.

The meals, which are produced through Kids Against Hunger Canada, have vegan dehydrated ingredients combined with an enriched formula that provides all of the daily nutritional requirements for an individual for one day. They have been especially designed for people in famine situations but are good for anyone. This year's meals have been sent to Haiti where balanced nutrition is difficult.

See the project in cooperation with Kids Against Hunger Canada at **onemillionmealspeterborough.com**.

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ENGINES READY

Jonathan Norman

Senior Youth Ministry Coordinator

Imagine with me for a moment; you're sitting on an airplane at the end of the runway. It's the moment when you come to a stop and you can hear the engines revving in order to gather enough force to race down the runway at unthinkable speeds, with the eventual outcome of launching into the sky. There is a pause and with your forehead pushed against the window; you wait in anticipation for what is to come. Some are saying a prayer that everything goes smoothly. Many are excited to reach their destination and several are looking at the ground, thinking about how they got to this place, what they're leaving behind, or if they're even ready to move forward to where this flying tube of steel is taking them. Regardless of these thoughts, one thing is for sure; you're going! The doors are locked, everyone is on board and the pilot has been cleared for takeoff.



In many respects, that is exactly where we are at *Peterborough Youth Unlimited*. Our staff are passionate people with a clear calling to reach the youth of Peterborough; finding ways to go to them, with influence that comes from the heart of the gospel. Almost two years ago, that came in the form of a skateboard ministry. Even more recently, we've been opening *The Bridge Drop-in Centre* during the day in order to have a safe place for young people to spend the afternoon. With these start-ups and change in programming, one might expect a drop in youth numbers (don't get me wrong, numbers aren't the point of what we do here). However, that hasn't been the case. We have gone from 5–15 attendees a night, up to 50 youth attending a weekend evening drop-in.

Many youth have walked through our doors because of what I can only explain as a divine sequence of events that led them here, where they hear the good news of the

love of Jesus. We had one teenager who several years back attended Graphite Bible camp. While there he was counselled by one of our new outreach staff Josh Lott, who is now working here at *The Bridge*. A couple of years went by, and out of the blue, that same teenager came to *The Bridge*. When he walked in the door, the first person he met was Josh. Ever since this encounter, that very youth who didn't want anything to do with *The Bridge*, is now here every opportunity he gets.

God has been doing amazing things. He has been answering prayers, performing miracles and redeeming the lost. But we know there is so much more. In 1 Kings Chapter 18, Elijah went to the top of mount Carmel, bent down to the ground, put his face between his knees and prayed. It's not like Elijah's life had been void of Godmoments or that he was looking for God to do something awesome for the very first time. It was only moments earlier when God burned the altars of Baal. The fact that God had just been at work in amazing ways did not leave Elijah satisfied, but rather left him anticipating the fact that God was going to do even more and even bigger things.

Over the last few years we've seen a lot of amazing people part ways from *Kawartha YFC* in order to follow where God was leading them next. Some would even call it the end of an era. With that said, even those who have left would agree that God is going to do even more through the ministry of *KYFC*. We have seen much growth



and even more importantly, youth hearing the gospel and receiving salvation in Jesus. But again I say to you, there is more! God has been working to build our staff and volunteer team to minister to the youth of Peterborough. Here we are, all of us strapped in, engine revved and ready to go.

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THANK-YOU

to all those who gave of your time and resources over the last few months. This ministry would not be the same without you! As a result of our request

in the previous issue, we now have a **new Stove** and **Fridge** at *The Bridge Youth Centre*, which we are enjoying immensely. **Thank you!** We also have **BIG** dreams for the future. **Stay tuned for an update of our Strategic Vision for the year 2020**





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KAWARTHA LAKES

OUR ULTIMATE MINISTRY PARTNER

Christy Cockburn

Kawartha Lakes Satellite Director

The last time you heard from the Kawartha Lakes satellite was in February and we were in a state of transition. We had paused all of our programs with the vision of building a stronger satellite, supported by community specific Steering Teams. I am thrilled to share with you everything that has happened in just a few short months, as well as all that we have planned for Summer 2018 in the Kawartha Lakes region.

Since we started our program pause, we were able to reconnect with the one true provider of our ministry. God. Each of our staff members have been able to take time throughout the week to seek God's plan and ask Him what He wants to see happen in each of our communities. Sometimes in ministry we can become self reliant, taking on more weight than we've been asked to carry, thinking that this ministry belongs to us. But that is not God's desire. He wants to partner with us. In Matthew chapter 11:28–30 Jesus says,

"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." We have the ultimate ministry partner! God wants to carry the load and partner with us in this great work we are doing.

This has proven to bear much fruit. When we seek Him with our whole heart and we desire to do God's will here on earth, we will find Him here.

- I am pleased to share that God has provided the people necessary to hold kick-off Steering Team meetings in each of our three communities; Lindsay, Fenelon Falls, and Bobcaygeon.
- Each of our staff members has also reached the finish line with our credentialing process, having completed the *Youth For Christ* Training and theological components. We were all officially credentialed on June 11th and 12th.
- Lastly, we have had the opportunity to review our

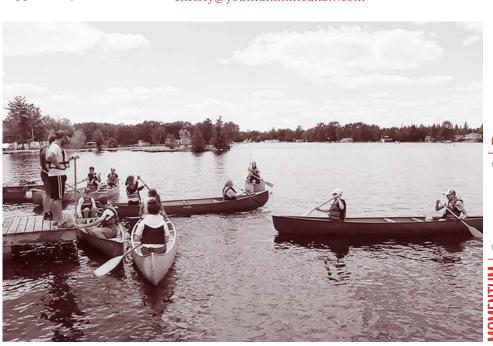
summer ministry and make some changes with the intention of continuing to develop relationship with youth we are already connected with, discipleing them in their faith journey.

Looking forward to the summer, Rebecca Sage will be hosting a Leaders In Training Camp for youth who are serious about growing deeper in their personal and spiritual lives. We are partnering with the churches in Bobcaygeon and in Fenelon Falls to assist them with their Vacation Bible School. Al Cavers and Martin Chipp–Smith are scheduled to take youth from the archery programs in Lindsay and Fenelon Falls on our annual YUDA (Youth Unlimited Discovery Adventure) camping trips to Pickerel River.

Please be rejoicing and thanking God with us for all He has provided and continues to provide in our Kawartha Lakes region. Also, I ask that you will be praying for our staff, youth, and Steering Teams as we continue to partner with God to strengthen and grow our ministry.

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

HALIBURTON TO NATIONAL YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Dana McMahon

Outreach Coordinator

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." – 2 Timothy 2:2

"Paul's letters throughout the New Testament reflect his commitment to developing leaders in local churches. His ministry wasn't about making a name for



himself; it was about bringing the news of Jesus Christ to people and establishing functioning local churches. Servant leaders focus on calling out and developing the gifts of others, not on drawing attention to themselves. They call others to follow in Jesus' footsteps as servant leaders. Who can you and will you invest in today?"

- Ken Blanchard, Lead Like Jesus

This is how I feel about the ministry I do with Youth for Christ. I have a role to play in calling out and developing

the gifts of others. Since beginning my role with *National YFC* just over a year ago, I have felt God calling me more and more in the direction of equipping staff across Canada to serve *YFC* well. I am still passionate about meeting the needs of youth and teaching them about Jesus. That passion has now expanded to include equipping other *YFC* staff members to reach youth. I am excited about the role I have on the People Development team and look forward to how God will use me even more. So, it is with a little bit of sadness that I will be leaving the Kawartha team to work full-time for *National YFC*.

At the beginning of May we wound down our local programming in Haliburton. At this time all programming in Haliburton is paused until a new Steering Team can be formed and a new Director is hired. God is by no means finished working here in Haliburton. Join with me in praying for the youth and

for a new staff member to continue the work. I have so many mixed emotions about this transition. I love hanging out with the youth, running Haven, planning and preparing for our summer camps, but I know that God is moving me into a different season of ministry. I am grateful for the years I have spent serving the local youth in Haliburton and I anticipate great things ahead for this community.

God Bless,

Dana McMahon

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START OF SOMETHING **NEW**

We have already begun to talk with local pastors about where do we go from here to ensure we continue to come alongside youth in Haliburton.

The needs are high and we recognize that God has a plan for this community. Some opportunities to serve on the Steering Team include prayer partners, event planners, church communications, financial health, business connections, and media.

If you have a passion for youth to know about Jesus and would like to use your skills for furthering this work, please contact Guy Freeman:

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LAKEFIELD

SCOOT

Chris Jones

Lakefield Director

One of the most frustrating things that I deal with daily as a youth worker to this generation, is that of self-entitlement...and I think that I should be entitled to disliking it very much.

Self-entitlement is when an individual perceives himself or herself as deserving of unearned privileges. These are the people who believe life owes them something: a reward, a measure of success, a particular standard of living.

A few weeks ago we had members from the Buckhorn Arms 'Arm Wrestling Club' come for two Thursdays to teach the Junior High Gym Night students how to arm wrestle. The first night was instructional and the second was a 'challenge night' where we paired youth by age and gender for a mini tournament and time for one-on-one challenges.

On some program nights, we allow students to access a 'prize box' with small dollar store prizes when they complete a task or win a challenge/game. Close to the end of the program one night, a youth showed me a prize from the box that he claimed he had pulled out. It was a piece of paper with a word on it, and he was demanding that he get what was written on this poorly written, cut out piece of paper. On it was the word "Scoot."

He claimed that he had found "Scoot" in the prize box and because he had pulled it out, he should be entitled to a "Scoot." I was confused at first what the term "Scoot" even meant. Did the youth want me to put him on my back and shuffle my feet back and forth "scooting" him around the gym? Or did he want a scooter to ride around town at the newly built skate park?

As the night was winding down, the boy didn't let up and was now chirping how he was out a scooter and was getting upset about it. I had continually told him to choose another prize because I hadn't put "Scoot" in the box. At this point I was still trying to decipher whether he was displaying humour or passive aggressiveness as he was demanding a \$100+ scooter.

The night ended and as I went out to make sure all was in order, the "scoot" kid cornered me. Finally I said, "Hey. Listen. Firstly, my question is how did "Scoot" get in there? I didn't do it. Did you? And why doesn't it say "Scooter"? Secondly, why would I just give one away when it costs more than \$100 dollars?" He answered



that it was because I'm nice and that he really wants one. So I replied, "Let's put it on the line. Challenge me next week. If you beat me, then I will give you a scooter!" The kid didn't hesitate and challenged me right there in front of his friends and so I had to accept. It all happened so fast. What did I just agree to? I came back inside to one of the leaders and said, "I think that I just told a kid that I'd give him a scooter if he beat me at arm wrestling?!?" So here's the question. Would you let him beat you? Or take him (and his flimsy grade seven arms) down?

As the week went on I thought and prayed about this, knowing that this family has gone through challenges but has sent their children through our programming for the past six years. The question that I had was why didn't he have a scooter and why couldn't he afford one? Since there was trust already established I went and asked his Mom, explained the situation and asked how she thought I should handle it. She said that she was battling his attitude of entitlement to get a scooter and so she had said "no" out of frustration since things are tight at home. But I knew that this kid had an entrepreneurial spirit and was trying to get some lawns to cut during the summer. I asked if I could work with him to get some more lawns to cut by designing a poster and business cards and then he could save for a scooter? The Mom appreciated the idea. I also knew I had a dilemma of whether to beat this kid in front of his peers or not. So I said to the Mom, "I already give prizes out to the winners so if he beats me, would you be okay if we gave him gift card to Canadian Tire? He could use it to start saving for a scooter and I could keep him accountable to his goal?" She was happy with that and thanked me for helping her with this parenting challenge.

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The following Thursday he came to Gym Night with a big smile on his face expecting that his "Scoot" would be waiting for him. I told him that I talked to his Mom and that we came up with a solution. The smile started to fade. I told him that he wasn't going to get a scooter from me that night. The smile disappeared. I encouraged him in his lawn mowing endeavour and said that IF he beat me, there would be a gift card for him to start saving for his new scooter. The smile came back as I continued to affirm his strengths. We had a brief talk about the importance of effort and hard work in getting things that you need or want.

The time came for the challenge! He and I locked arms, stared each other down, shared some banter, lined up our arms, and battled. I dragged it on tiring him out and eventually had him hanging off the table with his feet off of the floor using all of his weight as leverage and after that he took my arm to the table. He thought he'd won that match but he didn't. I came away feeling like a winner because once my arm hit the table he didn't gloat or taunt me. He looked me in the eyes and said "Thank-you."

In Dr. John Townsend's book "The Entitlement Cure" he recommends the "Hard Way" - hard work as the cure for self-entitlement. My favourite book says, "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate

and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matthew 7:13–14). Do you hear the Biblical echoing? I am thankful that this just doesn't relate to getting a "scoot" or working hard. It is also the goal to my personal relationship with Jesus as I strive through the hard stuff and challenges in order to reach the eternal and earthly blessings of knowing and loving like Jesus. Now that a new trust has been established and a softening has begun with "Scoot Boy," I look forward to taking more opportunities to share Jesus and His truths with him.

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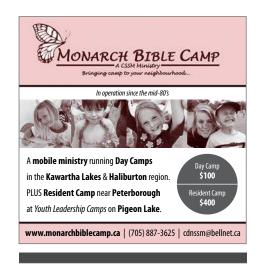
The Happy Wanderers (in partnership with LYU, Lakefield Community Care and St. John's Anglican Church) set up shop in Lakefield for three Free Income Tax Clinics during March and April. The volunteer accountants provided eighty-nine individuals with an important service. Thank you!

Community Easter Blessing

Due to your generosity, **\$1,605** in cash and grocery gift cards was received. One hundred percent of the donations were given directly to students and families, allowing them to purchase food for a delicious Easter meal. Your thoughtfulness allowed us to celebrate the joyful Easter story of resurrection, as well as hope and love with others. **Thank you** on behalf of Lakefield Food Bank, *Lakefield Youth Unlimited* and St. John's Anglican Church.









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NEW OUTREACH WORKER -The 'SWITCH YARD' in Bancroft. Our Bancroft Satellite is happy to welcome DILLON CAMPBELL!

In the past he spent several summers working at JOY Bible Camp. Dillon is a recent graduate of Heritage Bible College and is excited to continue to minister to youth in the Bancroft area. He has already connected with local pastors and community leaders and we are happy to bring him on board to the Kawartha YFC staff team!

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