

we see the hope and potential in every young person

2019 Forward. Together.

ANNUAL REPORT Youth for Christ Winnipeg



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Youth for Christ,

My name is Cliff Heide, and as of January 1, I have the privilege of leading the Youth for Christ Winnipeg Chapter in the role of Executive Director.

After 47 years under the faithful leadership of John Courtney, we as a chapter find ourselves in a new season. John has been an incredible inspiration and we celebrate his enormous contribution. I am both humbled and honoured to have been passed the leadership baton, and am excited to carry on with the mission of "Every young person living fully in Christ."

I have been on staff at YFC Winnipeg for 18 years, working to equip staff and volunteers to serve youth through our various programs. Doing the work of helping care for youth is some of the most rewarding and fulfilling time I have spent in ministry. The change in even one life is worthy of celebration!

We are so grateful for your partnership with YFC Winnipeg. Because of your support we were able to reach into the lives of over 13,000 young people in 2019.

Youth for Christ Winnipeg is a member chapter of Youth for Christ Canada, an association of 32 Chartered and 7 Affiliate Chapters serving 336 communities across the country. Built on an entrepreneurial spirit, our Chapters are as unique as the landscape in which we reside. This uniqueness allows us to effectively customize our programming to youth in each community.

In 2019, YFC Winnipeg celebrated the milestone of serving youth in our community for 65 years.



This time of celebrating our history and visioning for our future has allowed us to review our identity as an organization, and to reaffirm and reframe "why we exist" and "what we do," as well as "how we behave" and "how we succeed."

"But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?" Romans 10:14 NLT

Our heart at YFC Winnipeg is to have youth experience God. This first happens through the love and care they receive from our staff and volunteers. They are modeling a picture of the Body of Christ as they serve with their specific gifts to welcome youth into community.

I want to thank you for partnering with us on this journey. We could not do what we do without your prayers and financial support. The stories of the youth we work with are your stories as well. As we move into this new season I invite you to continue to journey with us, to join in where God is already at work in the lives of youth.

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Cliff Heide
Executive Director



Our Mission

Every young person living fully in Christ

13,000+

CHILDREN / YOUTH

12

Locations

400+

VOLUNTEERS

74

STAFF

EVERY YOUNG PERSON
LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST

Our Locations

In Winnipeg

YFC Activity Centre
333 King St.

Living Word Temple

Kildonan Community Church

Christian Fellowship Chapel

Outside of Winnipeg

Arborg

Carman

Gimli

Niverville

Selkirk

St. Pierre-Jolys

Stonewall

Camp Cedarwood



“YFC gave me a family after the loss of my father. They gave me a place to belong when I was new to Canada. Most importantly, the people at YFC helped me rebuild my relationship with God. I will forever be grateful to the staff at YFC and the people who invest in YFC for the difference it has made in my life.”

– Kiza, Soccer youth and volunteer



Summary Statement of Operations Year Ending December 31, 2019

Youth for Christ (Winnipeg) Incorporated

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 2,920,439	2,677,363
Rentals, camp, donations and other	721,320	727,452
Class fees, registration fees and donations	577,052	581,077
Concession and merchandise sales	42,712	52,564
Interest	28,359	19,875
Grants	226,481	162,390
Other	124,754	101,383
Banquet and donations	221,814	190,214
Special projects	5,519	-
Golf tournament and donations	218,913	210,178
	<u>5,087,363</u>	<u>4,722,496</u>
EXPENSES		
Amortization of capital assets	478,440	495,430
Audit and legal	17,256	14,272
Banquets	83,255	79,213
Concession and merchandise	50,304	56,362
Employee benefits	63,452	54,881
Food services	236,703	233,330
Fundraising	37,215	30,549
Golf tournament	43,802	47,038
Interest and bank charges	40,953	35,713
Memberships and dues	5,447	5,469
Miscellaneous	1,574	5,179
Occupancy costs	328,429	323,681
Postage	20,390	15,751
Printing and office supplies	47,727	40,081
Program supplies and costs	213,120	233,765
Projects	8,165	8,495
Promotion and recruitment	92,015	91,015
Repairs and maintenance	171,687	146,397
Staff support allocation	931	-
Telephone	51,187	51,702
Training	22,452	19,114
Travel	4,724	4,531
Vehicle	76,654	71,422
Wages	2,829,557	2,763,141
	<u>4,925,439</u>	<u>4,826,531</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	161,924	(104,035)



Hope for the Generations

It is God's desire and YFC Canada's desire for every young person to have eternal life and know that they are deeply loved by their Heavenly Father.

At Youth for Christ Winnipeg we see the **hope** and **potential** in every young person. We strive to create safe, welcoming places where young people can experience God's love. So many young people are lost and hurting and we strive to see them as Jesus would – with love.

Our Work Force program runs out of Bethlehem Aboriginal Fellowship in Winnipeg's North-End community. At Work Force, youth have the opportunity to spend time with YFC staff and volunteers who believe in them and take the time to invest in building relationships with them. The youth who attend Work Force learn valuable employment

skills and are given opportunities to have paid work terms with local businesses and residents. More importantly, however, is that young people in the program learn that our YFC staff and volunteers care about and are genuinely happy to see them. The youth feel loved and valued and carry that love back into their homes. The ripple effect of their changed lives gives hurting families hope for a bright future and in turn impacts their whole community.

Amanda, a mother of 4, desperately loves her children. As her children are growing up, she is fighting to keep them out of the system, away from drugs and alcohol and bad influences. One of her daughters, Gertie, has really struggled and attempted to take her own life.

Gertie was hit harder than Amanda ever thought possible. "She wasn't herself. I could tell. Her eyes

[weren't] herself; her soul wasn't herself. She wanted to give up. She wanted to just leave me. And I didn't understand why. And when she did what she did, it hurt. I thought I was going to lose my daughter that day."

Amanda credits the staff at Work Force with helping to change her daughters' lives: "There are so many kids in this world right now that [are] committing suicide, and they think this is the best way to go, but it's not. They just need somebody to talk to, somebody to understand their pain and their suffering, and get the help that they need. . . That is what I think this program is all about. This program has changed my daughters. I can't thank the staff at YFC enough for what they have done for my kids...and for me."

Our programs are only possible because of the financial and prayer support we receive from partners like YOU. We would not be able to run programs that reach youth without you! Your generosity allows us to continue to provide safe and welcoming places for young people. And most importantly, your partnership allows our staff and volunteers regular opportunities to show the love of Jesus Christ to youth across our community.

YFC Winnipeg LEADERSHIP TEAM

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