



WINTER 2022

AN UPDATE FROM YOUTH FOR CHRIST WINNIPEG

Thank You!

Your partnership makes the difference

We want to take this opportunity to say an enormous Thank You for your partnership with us in the ministry work of YFC Winnipeg over the last year! Because of you - because you have chosen to partner with us and responded to God's prompting - we have been able to continue the work God has called us to, offering an opportunity for every youth to be living fully in Christ. This is the heart of what we do and who we are.

Because you have partnered with us through prayers and financial support we have been able to keep working in these challenging times, adapting as best we can with each unique restriction. Our staff have been able to creatively find ways to stay connected with youth and offer as much programming as we are able.

With your help, we were able to engage in the lives of thousands of youth this last year. We are able to offer ten ministry programs out of our Winnipeg center making available Dance, Climbing, Ball Hockey, Soccer, Skateboarding, Drop-In, fitness challenges for physical health resourcing, resources and

support for young parents, job skills training, as well as counselling and mental health resources.

Because of you we were able to have youth ministers present in three Winnipeg neighborhoods (South Osborne, Kildonan & William Whyte), partnering with local churches. We are able to offer programming and support in seven surrounding communities connecting with youth in Arborg, Gimli, Selkirk, Stonewall, Carman, Niverville, and St. Pierre. We were able to minister at our Cedarwood Camp location on Pinawa Bay near Lac du Bonnet serving youth and offering space in nature to retreat.

Your help has enabled us to have hundreds of volunteers (including 90 new volunteers) serving youth this last year. We've been able to provide more than 35 staff with ASIST suicide intervention training, and over 60 people with SafeTALK skills, equipping them to be a support for youth who may be thinking about suicide.

Your partnership allows us to continue offering hope to a world that feels tired and worn down.

We are shining light into dark places and offering healing to brokenness. We are able to offer a third way that only Jesus can bring in a polarising time. Because of you partnering with us, youth are able to discover that they can live an abundant life in Christ.

Thank you so much for choosing to be a part of this ministry work. We couldn't do it without you.

With a grateful heart,

- Cliff Heide, Executive Director



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Because of you...

🗨️ The William Whyte Community Ministry was able to help provide much needed resources, and support the youth and their families in times of crisis. Thank you!

-Shaunna Goode, Director

Masterworks was able to rent an outdoor stage and have a recital filming day to show off all the hard work that our students did throughout the year. Also, our post-secondary program was able to run for another year and continue to train the next generation of artists and teachers. Because of you, we were able to welcome 19 more families into our tuition subsidy program. and 300 students were able to receive quality dance training and explore their faith in an environment that cares for the whole dancer!

-Naomi Wiebe, Interim Program Director
& Kristie Sidwall, Senior Director



■ We are able to have a Volunteer Department at YFC, recruit volunteers, and provide training, for our volunteers as well as other activities when permitted.

-Therese Gerhard, Winnipeg Volunteer Services Director

 Young Parents Program was able to deliver activity kits to 13 moms. We were also able to start a cooking class, and grow our ministry to connect whole families by having community barbeques this summer. Thank you!

-Deb Richards, Director

🗣️ In 2021 Work Force Ministry was able to engage over 50 youth in one of Winnipeg's toughest areas. Even during the pandemic, because of you, we were able to provide safe communities for the youth to hear and know they are loved and belong in Christ! All while learning and experiencing new skills! Thank you!

-Ian Croatto, Director

📌 The King Street Drop-In was able to run a youth Alpha class where the gospel was taught and shared. Because of you, the King Street Drop-In re-opened a Wednesday evening program for 8-12 year-olds. Thank you for your generous gifts.

-Steve Harder, Director

👉 The Youth for Christ Ball Hockey League was able to purchase new jerseys, that give the youth that attend something to belong to. When they wear that jersey it symbolizes that they are a part of something bigger than themselves, a team that cares for, supports, and encourages them. Thank you!


-Jamie Wilson, Director

 The Rig Fitness Center was able to reach youth with fitness and the gospel, in spite of there being no ministry director. Because of you, we were able to hire a new ministry director that will start early in the new year. Thank you for your support of The Rig!

-Mark Dupuis, Senior Ministry Director on behalf of Larissa Dueck, Program Coordinator

🗨 Climbing remained open at The Rock Climbing Gym and many youth came out to climb and hear the gospel. Thank you for your sacrificial giving!


-Mark Dupuis Senior Ministry Director on behalf of Janna Woelk, Director

 **The Soccer Program** was able to kick and score against the pandemic and to defend ourselves against bad company and influence. You helped us to keep the ball rolling throughout the year. Thank you and Blessings!


-Samuel Mwenda, Director

🗨️ The Edge Skatepark was able to build long term relationships with skateboarders, tell them they are loved by Jesus and feed them home cooked meals every week.

-Caleb Elias, Director

 **Turning Point Counselling** was able to provide affordable counselling to many youth and families in need, including no cost counselling for over half of those we served. Thank you!

-Katy Mesics, Interim Director

 Kildonan Community Church, in a season of uncertainty, was able to establish an online faith group that grew and ministered to some youth outside of Manitoba and even Canada. We were able to run sports camps for over 50 young people in West Kildonan and provide summer jobs to some of the youth I met from our local high school. Thank you!

-Kevin Pauls, Community Youth Minister, Kildonan Community Church

🗨️ Camp Cedarwood was able to use the quiet time we had this past year to work on a number of important upgrades to our facility which included replacing the roof on our lodge, building and installing bunk beds, painting, electrical, and upgrades to staff housing. We also provided opportunities and space for spiritual renewal retreats as restrictions allowed. This couldn't have happened without you. Thank you!

-Jenna Brauner, Interim Director

🗨️ Because of you, youth in South Osborne were able to participate in a soccer camp and weekly meetings in the park throughout summer. They also started coming to weekly Bible study nights, where one of the youth accepted Christ. Thank you!

-Derek & Kirsten Reimer, Community Youth Ministers



🗨️ Because of you, in 2021, 60 students in YFC Carman were able to take in a day camp right in their own community. Students were fed every week and were able to be in contact with over 200 youth. Thank you!

-Tyler Friesen, Director

🗨️ YFC Arborg was able to improve our community by providing a weekly meal and a safe place for youth to connect throughout the year. We also provided a monthly food hamper for 18 families in need. We are all very grateful for donations from wonderful people like you! Thank you!

-Melissa Dueck, Interim Director

🗨️ Young people in Gimli have played music, helped clean up their community, and have formed some amazing relationships. Thank you!

-Anders Kuusselka, Director

🗨️ YFC Niverville was able to start a software coding course, giving kids in our town a head start on life. Thank you!

-Gord Kroeker, Director

🗨️ YFC Selkirk was able to feed hungry youth through our lunch program, and continue to support youth at our evening drop-in program. We also ran a youth Alpha course, and 11 teens got to experience an amazing Alpha retreat weekend at Camp Cedarwood. Thank you!

-Teresa Galashan, Director

🗨️ YFC St. Pierre was able to provide food hampers to the families of some of our youth in need. They are so grateful for these blessings and it's an honour to be able to serve them this way!

-Dan Drouin, Director

🗨️ Young people in Stonewall have had a place to come and talk in person with volunteers and each other, asking and answering big questions about God. Thank you!

-Chris Harwood, Senior Ministry Director on behalf of YFC Stonewall

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How You Can Get Involved

Pray

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair." 2 Corinthians 4:8

Prayer is one of our strategic anchors here at YFC and we need you to pray for the youth, staff, volunteers, and overall ministry of YFC. Please pray that we would continue to have opportunities to share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ with the youth. Pray that their ears and hearts would be open to the gospel. Pray for strength and endurance for our staff and volunteers as we daily face challenges in the work we are doing. Pray for the ministry of YFC, that we would continue to grow and expand our impact for the glory of Jesus' name.



Volunteer

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

This year, as we continue to minister to young people, YFC Winnipeg is still in need of volunteers for many different roles. We have a spot for you to use your gifts to serve youth including mentoring youth, driving, hospitality and recreational programs. We are in need of caring responsible adults (young and old) to help run our programs. Learn more about how and where you can serve as a volunteer at yfc.ca/winnipeg/volunteer



Join Our Team

"Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!'" Mark 1:17

We are hiring for a number of key positions on our staff team. Maybe God has been nudging you with a call to serve in ministry, or you may know someone that is looking for a ministry opportunity. Right now we are looking for Camp Cedarwood (summer staff), Camp Cedarwood Director, Camp Cedarwood Maintenance & Hospitality Support Staff, The Rock Climbing Gym Ministry Director (Winnipeg), Ministry Coordinator - Hospitality Ministry Coordinator (Winnipeg), Oakbank Ministry Director, Winnipeg Accountant/Bookkeeper, and more. Check out all the positions on our website in the Career option yfc.ca/winnipeg/careers/



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ONE OF OUR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS:

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Staff Name: _____

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