

NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2024



**Youth
for Christ**
Youth Unlimited™
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Thank you for your Partnership



BY CLIFF HEIDE
Executive Director

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

GALATIONS 6:9

When we use the term “Partnership” it comes from a deep place of longing. A longing to be a part of the work God has set out in advance for us to do. We are invited to work with God. Partnering with His heart, His compassion, His strength to bring the Kingdom of God to earth in our lives, our youth, our neighbourhood, and our world. This is an invitation for humans and God to work together in a shared mission for the benefit of all creation. At YFC we are a group of

individuals who are each responding to the love and grace of God, and then choosing to partner together in working towards a common mission of embodying this love into the world.

Our organizational mission is that we want to see Every Young Person Living Fully in Christ. But what does it look like to embody the love of Christ to the world?

First we receive God's love, and we love God back in response. Our life becomes an outflow of that love, overflowing from an attachment to Jesus. This is what sets us apart in this world, and as we live into that partnership we help bring the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

We want to serve from a place of humility, committing to being on the journey of letting Jesus transform our hearts, and refine our lives so that we can be better partners with one another, and with God.

Intentionally aligning our heart in the pattern of God's heart.

Thank you for partnering in this work with us! You are a part of this journey and this story. As you pray for youth, staff and volunteers, as you give financially to help resource staff and programs, and as you help with projects that benefit youth - you are partnering with this call God has for YFC. You are a partner in the work. We could not do it without you, without your choice to respond and partner in the mission God has for us all. Thank you.



Your partnership means so much to us. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Power of Hope Radiothon

April 9, 10 & 11

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Inspiring Hope

BY EMILY COOK

Young Parents

In our Young Parents ministry, certain events have become annually expected and appreciated by our attending families. One of these events is our Christmas hamper program which we had the privilege of doing again in 2023. Food insecurity and financial needs are two areas that many of our young families struggle with. To give hampers during the Christmas season is a great way to serve them and hopefully increase the joy they have at Christmas time. Along with the non-perishable food items we were able to provide gifts for young mothers, fathers, and their children. God knew exactly what was needed for the hampers this past December and He sent us everything that was needed to make these hampers possible.



It takes a great deal of planning and ministry partners to come alongside us to make this happen and we are incredibly thankful for the efforts of many individuals who used their time and resources to make a difference in the lives of the young parents we are called to serve. It was amazing to see the care put into the purchases made and it was exciting to see all of these donations add up over the month. With all the items donated and many volunteer hands, we were able to fulfill so many needs and

alleviate many of the worries and stress that comes with trying to make the holiday season special for their young families.

Giving these hampers out was a true blessing and brought smiles to the faces of the young families who received them.

Our youth are incredibly grateful for tangible support like this and we as a staff team are incredibly thankful that we are able to bless them in this way.



We would like to thank the many incredible individuals and local businesses willing to partner with us, through their financial gifts as well as all the time and care that was spent putting the food hampers together.

Thank You From our Youth

We went around and asked our youth what they would say to those who partner with YFC. Here are their responses:



"Thank you for giving money and supporting this community here, I really love to play and meet new people here."

"Thank you so much for giving to YFC! We really love it here, there are so many things to do at the Drop-In, being able to play basketball in the open gym, the video games, and the free pizza. I really appreciate it."

"Thank you to those who give money to The Rig and letting us kids have fun!"

"Thank you so much, I love this program, getting to meet new

people and getting to play soccer a lot. It is great competing with everyone."

"Thank you for the donations of money to the YFC building, this place is awesome!"

"Thank you so much for your gifts that allow us to use the gym and provide us with free food."

"Thank you so much for all your donations, it is always great to come here during the week to relax and have fun with people. The community aspect here at The Rig is just so amazing!"



"Thank you for your generous donations that make this place happen."

"I'm very pleased to work along with the (Work Force) program as it has helped with quite a bit of things. I'd like to grow more sunflowers and talk"

Having an Impact

BY DANIEL BENSON
Work Force

Our Work Force ministry has been blessed by some amazing partnerships over the years as we strive to create positive opportunities for Winnipeg's North End youth. Individuals who partner by providing safe spaces for us to walk alongside our youth and the organizations that offer our youth real work experience are so valuable. Job Start's garden project is a great example of this, a plot of land just outside the city that has been provided for us to use.

So many amazing opportunities have been created for our staff to lead and teach, our youth the skills necessary to overcome employment obstacles. Going into year three of this program many youth are eager to get back into the soil this summer. The Work Force staff are in full preparation mode for another great summer in the garden.

It is also so important to pause, reflect, and be encouraged by

those who have previously had the opportunity to be part of the program. Many have since used that experience to start new endeavors. We think of two young men who came to us in 2022 and are thrilled to share how supportive external partnerships over the past two years have made a real impact for them.

Jeremy, who recently graduated from high school with the intention of becoming an electrician, had already completed a work internship with a local electrician. However there were some significant barriers to him continuing in this field of work, specifically he had no reliable form of transportation.

Jackson had dropped out of school during his grade 12 year, not because he wanted to, but because he was the primary caregiver in his family and they needed him at home.



Jeremy and Jackson were 17 at the time when they joined our Job Start program, working with us in the garden all summer. They were some of our best workers that year! The Job Start program provided them with stability, new skills, a source of income, mentorship and an opportunity to explore Jesus more in depth through conversations with staff.

After finishing our Job Start garden program, we were able to help both youth to transition to working for Step Up Construction, a great new non-profit social enterprise that provides full time work and training for young adults ages 18 - 30 helping them transition into the trades. Step up Construction is a Christ-centered organization that prioritizes relationships and

encourages participants to explore their relationship with God.

Today, Jeremy has been with Step Up for just under a year and is doing a great job with them! They provide great opportunities for him to pursue his electrical work, while also learning other trades. He hopes to eventually become a journeyman electrician. Jackson worked with Step Up for 6 months and is now going back to school to complete his grade 12. After graduation he looks forward to continuing on with Step Up Construction.

Both Jeremy and Jackson are still regularly in touch with us and we love catching up with them, hearing about their projects, and being a support for them on their faith journey.



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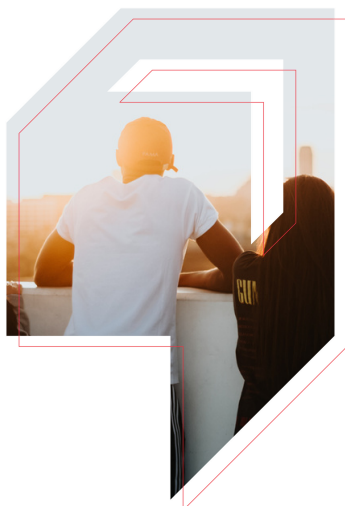
How you can get involved:

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

1 PETER 4:10

Pray

Please pray that our staff and volunteers would be filled with the Joy of the Lord, and that young people would be drawn to Jesus through that Joy. Pray that our activities, programs and resources can help youth experience the hope of Christ.



Volunteer

Our programs are growing and we are in need of volunteers. We have many different areas where you can use your gifts to serve young people, everything from mentoring youth, administrative support, hospitality, and recreational programs. We are looking for caring and responsible adults (young and old) who love the Lord and are excited to make an impact in the lives of young people.

To learn more about how and where you can serve as a volunteer, please visit:

yfcwinnipeg.ca/volunteer

Join Our Team

Currently, 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 know someone that is looking for a ministry opportunity. Please help us build our team.

The following are some of the full-time staff roles we are looking to fill:

- Camp Cedarwood Summer Ministry Director
- Ministry Director at our Stonewall Satellite location
- Program Coordinators in Stonewall and Selkirk
- Various Program Coordinators (Winnipeg) and more.

For details on all of our open positions please visit:

yfcwinnipeg.ca/careers

Donate

Whether you are giving to one of our programs, a staff member, or our general ministry please know that your gift is a life-changing legacy, and together we can help young people attain their full God-given potential, in every area of life.

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yfcwinnipeg.ca/donate

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