



we see the hope and potential in every young person

Forward. Together.

Annual Report Youth
for Christ Canada

2018



203,786

CHILDREN/YOUTH

38

CHAPTERS/AFFILIATES

5,850

VOLUNTEERS

870

STAFF

Our Mission

**Every young person
living fully in Christ**

Our Locations

Altona
Brandon
Calgary
Cape Breton
Central Alberta
Cochrane-Temiskaming
Comox Valley
Eastern Counties
Edmonton
Halifax
Highlands
Honeymoon Bay
Kawartha

Kingston
Landmark
London
Montreal
Morden
Morris
Nipissing
Northumberland
Okanagan
Peace Hills
Portage
Prince George
Quinte

Regina
Saskatoon
SE Saskatchewan
Steinbach
SW Ontario
Toronto
Upper Canada
Vancouver
Victoria
Westlock
Williams Lake
Winnipeg

2,578

young people made
decisions to follow Jesus

1,126

church partnerships

6,428

young people in
discipleship programs



Message from the National Director

As we reflect back on the past year, the word “Transition” comes to mind. After 8 years of running side by side with Dave Brereton, the Board of Directors handed the reins of leadership over to me at our National Ministry Conference in June 2018. Our staff had beautiful speeches and video tributes for Dave and Katy; it was a wonderful send off! Dave is now the International Director of Youth for Christ.

Dave’s time with YFC Canada was a strong season in our history! By God’s grace, we more than doubled in size and effectiveness. When reflecting on the years with Dave as our leader, I am reminded of Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 3:10:

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care.

Over the past 12 months we have been **carefully** working with our Executive Directors from across Canada, along with our National Board to clarify our guiding statements and principles. **I am thrilled to report that after 74 years of ministry in Canada, YFC has remained mission true! From the December 30, 1944 Rally at Massey Hall in Toronto to today, our mission remains focused on Christ as the Centre.**

The man who deflected all the glory back to God during the early days of YFC was Dr. Billy Graham. Dr. Graham is remembered as the first full-time staff member of Youth for Christ and was known for his passionate messages in stadiums all over the world, declaring the Good News of Jesus Christ as God’s plan to restore us to our Creator.



My personal memories of Dr. Graham were from 1995 when he came to Toronto. I remember reading the newspaper and hearing the news on TV that he was sick and in hospital and unsure if he could speak at the event. Then on Sunday, June 7th, on Youth Night, Dr. Graham took to the stage and there wasn’t a dry eye in the building. Hundreds and hundreds of youth came forward to receive Christ that night in the biggest crowd ever recorded at SkyDome to date.

Although Dr. Billy Graham went to be with the Lord in 2018, his legacy of declaring the Good News of Jesus lives on. Youth for Christ / Youth Unlimited continues to fulfill his vision as you can see by the impact of our staff and volunteers from coast to coast, humble servants still deflecting all the glory to God.

As we enter our 75th year of ministry in Canada, we set out with a clear new focus to see **Every young person living fully in Christ.**

We are so thankful for the significant role **you** have played in helping us connect with over 203,000 young people from coast to coast.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Coles'.

Tim Coles
National Director



2017 Worldwide Impact

1.2
BILLION*

World Youth
Population

*2017 Population Reference Bureau

YFCI Chartered Nations

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|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Africa 27 | Americas 22 | Asia Pacific 26 | EMENA 32 | Total 107 |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|

YFC Staff and Volunteers Serving Globally

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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Africa 4,398 | Americas 33,475 | Asia Pacific 5,112 | EMENA 20,173 | Total 63,158 |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|

Partner Churches Around the World

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|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Africa 615 | Americas 7,374 | Asia Pacific 2,261 | EMENA 4,156 | Total 14,406 |
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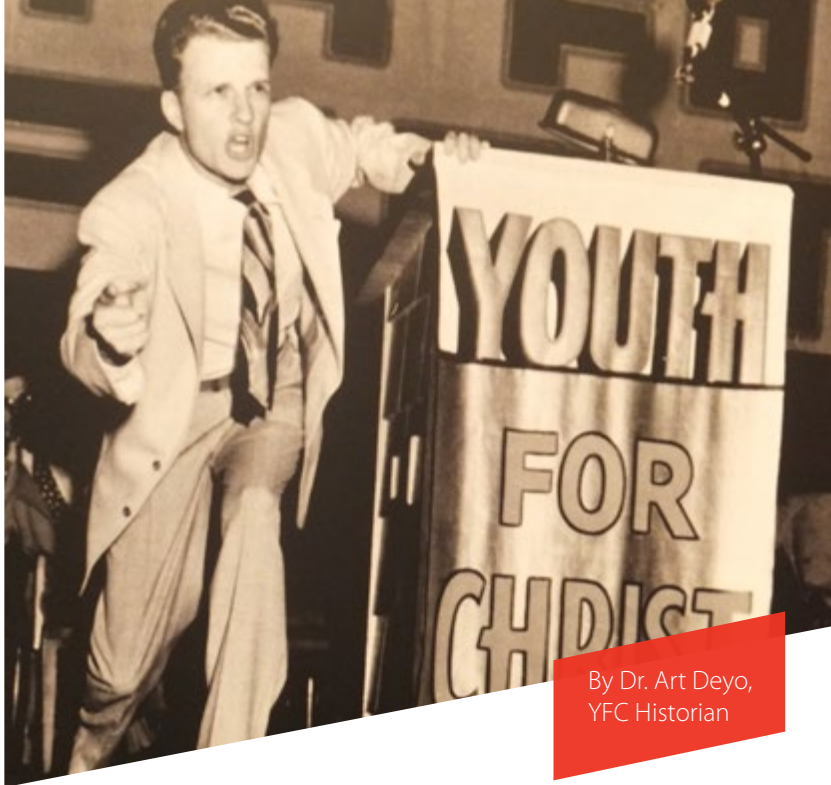
Youth Impacted By Direct Ministry Worldwide

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|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Africa 350,222 | Americas 914,178 | Asia Pacific 2,098,343 | EMENA 843,146 | Total 4,205,889 |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|

Youth Who Responded to the Gospel Around the World

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|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Africa 17,869 | Americas 51,610 | Asia Pacific 160,702 | EMENA 17,383 | Total 247,564 |
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At the time of printing 2018 statistics were unavailable. To view 2018 statistics, please visit yfc.org.



Billy Graham as YFC Evangelist

I recently visited the Billy Graham Center on the Wheaton College campus, where Billy attended college. You can take a tour of his life through several rooms and end up in "Heaven." After all, that was his goal – to help people get to Heaven where he is now. And that's been our goal in Youth for Christ – to present the Gospel so that young people can make an informed decision regarding what they will do with their understanding of Jesus Christ.

Billy Graham was our first full-time staff member in YFC. He was hired in January, 1945, by founding President, Torrey Johnson, while on a fishing trip with Billy in Florida, after Billy recuperated from a two-month long battle with the mumps. They had huge goals from the beginning. The YFC leadership rented Chicago's Soldier Field and on May 30, 1945, 70,000 people came out to hear the Gospel. They held the first national convention in July, 1945, at Winona Lake, Indiana, where 42 YFC leaders officially organized Youth for Christ International.

Billy, Torrey and Charles Templeton took a six-month trip to Great Britain and other parts of Europe in 1946 and then Billy took another six-month trip with Cliff and Billy Barrows in 1946-47. They were instrumental in starting Youth for Christ in Britain, which now has over 678 full and part-time staff. In Billy's first year with YFC, he traveled 135,000 miles to all 48 states on United Airlines and was given an award for the most miles traveled on United that year. By 1946 Youth for Christ had been established in over 300 cities and towns across the U.S. By 1948 they were in all 48 states and had a goal to be in all 3070 U.S. counties.

YFC International held its first World Congress in Beatenberg, Switzerland in 1948 with 250 delegates from all over the world. By 1950 YFCI was in 75 countries, and had instituted the "Million Souls Crusade," anticipating world-wide revival! At the 1946 Convention at Winona Lake, Billy was named First Vice-President, a position he held until 1955. He was placed on the Board of Directors very early and remained a board member until 1961. Although he was only on staff full-time for four years until he started his Los Angeles Crusade in 1949, Billy spoke at many YFC rallies and other events for years after that. He was the keynote speaker for our 1959 and 1962 Capital Teen Conventions (in Washington DC) with over 10,000 students attending each time. He spoke at our 25th and 40th anniversaries and at the YFC Celebration of Hope in 1987.

Billy wrote many articles for the monthly Youth for Christ magazine, including his own testimony. On our 15th anniversary in 1959, Billy wrote extensively about getting his start in YFC. He wrote, "To me the story of Youth for Christ will go down in history as one of the miracles of the 20th Century, not only in its origin but in its development... But the greatest miracle of all is the matter of the miraculous results. Literally thousands have been won to faith in Jesus Christ... There have been many 'miracle decisions'. There will be many more in Youth for Christ, because, to me, Youth for Christ is one miracle after another. And I thank God for it."

Our Mission

**Every young
person living
fully in Christ**

What we do

Engage and Equip
Youth to Know and
Follow Jesus



Non-Consolidated Statement of Operations

| For the Year Ended December 31, | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Contributions | \$ 4,584,519 | \$ 3,401,215 |
| Registrations, administration fees and other | 254,343 | 246,939 |
| Association dues | 148,715 | 133,400 |
| Recognition of deferred contribution related to capital assets | 14,378 | - |
| Investment income (loss) | 5,389 | 3,291 |
| | \$ 5,007,344 | \$ 3,784,845 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Ministries training and development | \$ 1,937,837 | \$ 1,673,841 |
| International | 1,793,313 | 1,227,084 |
| National operations | 788,009 | 747,636 |
| Amortization | 27,063 | 8,577 |
| | \$ 4,546,222 | \$ 3,657,138 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR | \$ 461,122 | \$ 127,707 |

* Audited financial statements available upon request

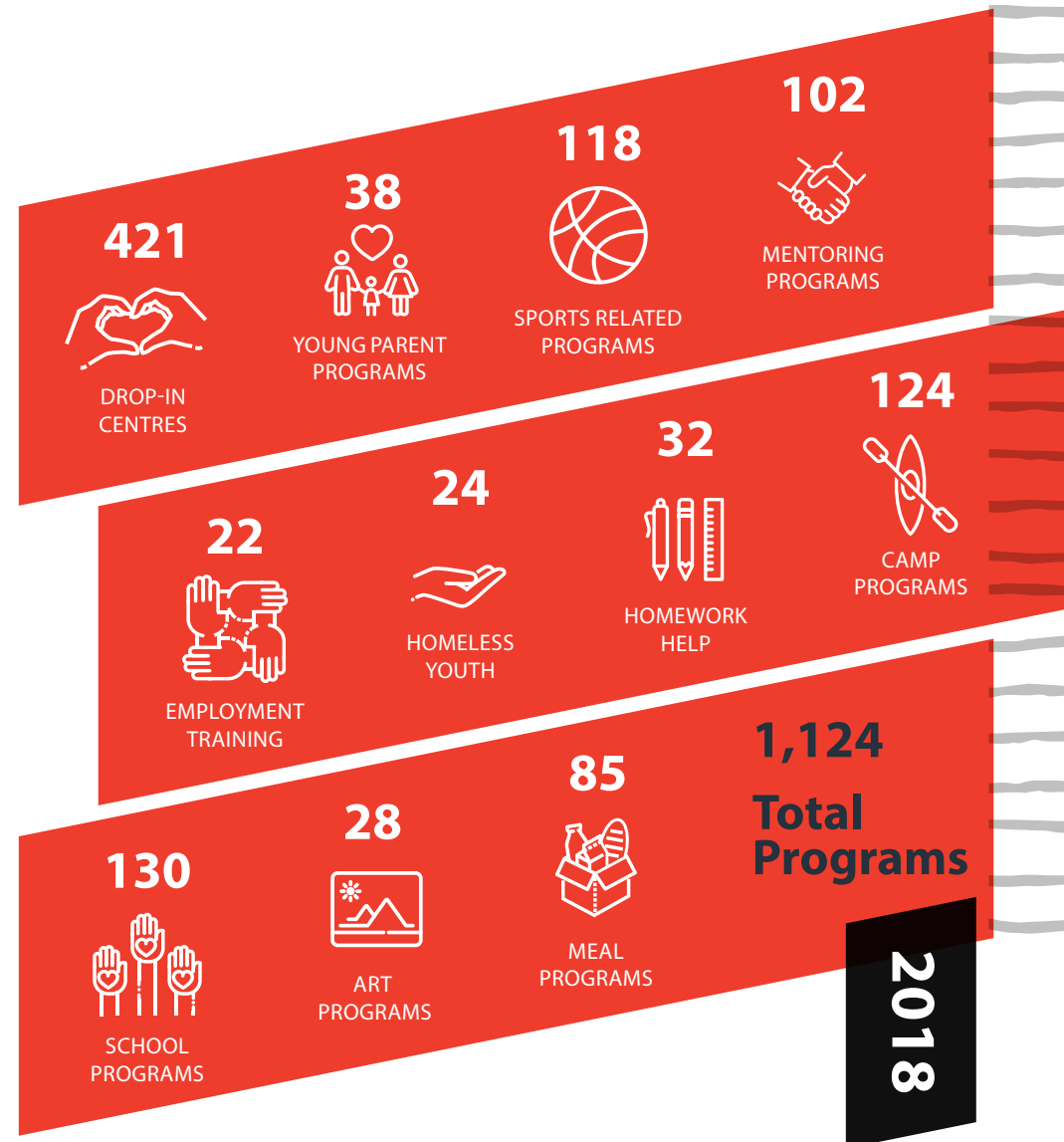
2018 Canadian Operations Including All Chapters

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| YOUNG PEOPLE | |
| Contacted through YFC ministries | 203,786 |
| Given an opportunity to be a follower of Jesus | 99,414 |
| Responded to the opportunity to become a Christian | 2,578 |
| Involved in follow-up/discipleship programs | 6,428 |
| Churches partnering with YFC in Canada | 1,126 |
| Ministry partners praying for youth in Canada | 9,863 |

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|---|---------------|
| Income for all local programs (including staff support) | \$ 41,847,619 |
| Expenditures for all local YFC programs (including staff support) | \$ 40,166,763 |
| Amount of surplus between income and expenditures | \$ 1,680,856 |

Over 1,100 different ministry programs

Making an impact in local communities:





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"I feel I can talk to you about anything. Thank you. And I like it when you talk to me about God and Jesus. I need it."

Youth, Prince George

"They've [Youth Unlimited] been there through it all with me. I knew I had family here that loved me and wanted to know me – I don't know where I would be without them."

Youth, Abbotsford

"I don't believe in that God stuff, but when 'God people' went out of their way to help us when we didn't have a place to live, that says something."

Youth, Upper Canada

"Stepping Stones (YFC Program) is so much more than a mom group, to me it's family. Our group is a close knit group and we always have each other's backs in hard times. Without Stepping Stones, I may not have overcome many life obstacles including postpartum depression. I'm extremely thankful for the opportunity and look forward to the future with Stepping Stones."

Young Mom, Central Alberta

"Art provided me stability when nothing was stable; it allowed me to gather and collect my thoughts and heal from the intense trauma that happened in my life. It taught me how to share my story, build leadership skills and contribute to my community."

Participant, Creative Life, Vancouver



Central Alberta

The Power of Prayer

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

John 14: 12-14 NIV



In the fall, the staff in Sylvan Lake, Alberta, part of Central Alberta Youth Unlimited, started a new program at a new site working with youth at a skate park. When the program started there were under 15 youth in attendance who were coming to skate, but they were not yet connected or building relationships with the staff. At YFC/YU we want to see every young person living fully in Christ and our staff work to build relationships with the youth and share the Good News of God's love. During a staff meeting, they were focusing on John 14 where Jesus speaks with His disciples to comfort and encourage them. As they were reading this familiar passage, they asked themselves what they could ask God for which would bring glory to Him. The staff prayed and felt led to ask for youth to make a decision to become Christ followers. Seven staff fasted for seven days, praying and crying out to God for the youth in their community.

Rather than just leaving their prayers as a general request for youth to follow Christ, they decided to trust God and ask for 12 youth to dedicate their lives to Christ before Christmas.

Every Monday at their small group, the staff thanked God for the 12 young people that were going to accept Him as their personal Saviour. During one of their events in November, the staff shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with the youth and asked if any of them would like to start a journey with Jesus in their lives. Twelve hands raised up and 12 youth made the decision to follow Him! Not only did God answer their prayers, but He answered one month earlier than expected! The staff had been praying for 12 youth and now they are able to walk with them in discipleship and journey with them in their walk with Jesus. Since then, 11 other youth have also come forward and decided to follow Jesus and 9 youth were baptized in November. The staff have been amazed by God's faithfulness and His timing that they were able to connect with, share the Good News, have youth accept Him and now walk with them in their faith journey. God has done greater things than they could have imagined and it has all been done for His glory!



International
Partnerships



The Call to Ukraine

It has been said that the world is getting smaller and flatter. Instant communications and connectedness have revolutionized how we live and work. We see the potential in unleashing the vision and passion of young people to literally impact our world. The "Glocal" mindset (think globally and act locally) has provided many collaborative global opportunities.

ENGAGE is Youth for Christ Canada's International Volunteer Program. We are committed to empowering young leaders from Canada as they serve for 3 – 12 months with our international YFC family.



The ENGAGE Program is designed to strengthen and serve global partnerships between Youth for Christ ministries as we work together to see every young person of every people group in every nation given the opportunity to make an informed decision to be a follower of Jesus and become part of a local church. Additionally, it gives young people the opportunity to grow in their faith, challenge their comfort zone, serve Jesus and experience life as a missionary, forever changing the way they serve and walk with Jesus!

One of YFC Canada's recent ENGAGE participants is Nicole Cronin who recently returned from 9 months in Ukraine. "As a young child I always wanted to be a missionary, but as I grew up I thought that I needed to have a 'normal job' to have a 'normal life'; however, after my time in Ukraine, I realized God has a bigger and better plan for my life that I couldn't even imagine. It still blows my mind that God had this plan for my life before I was even a thought. I'm still amazed that He made me to do this. He has such a wonderful plan to bring glory to God's kingdom."

"Some of most enjoyable things that happened were seeing the positive impact I was having on the kids and the staff just [by] doing what God called me to do. It kind of felt like I was a piece of the puzzle I didn't know I belonged to. I have become more patient by learning how to wait on God because His timing is perfect. I have also grown deeper in God by spending more time with Him and talking to Him when I don't understand something and thanking Him for being patient with me because I'm stubborn. I thank Him for giving me this wonderful opportunity."

Oleksandr Dubinin, the National Director of YFC Ukraine, recently spoke with YFC Canada about Nicole and her time in Ukraine. He said Nicole served with approximately 30 different ministries of YFC Ukraine (different day centers, camps, etc.) and they estimated that she reached almost 1,000 Ukrainian kids! He also said that her service spoke volumes to many of the parents, as they could not believe that someone would come all the way across the world to serve and love their kids in their community; it was a great testimony to how much the church and God care for their children.

During Nicole's placement, YFC staff from Nicole's hometown in Fergus were able to visit her in Ukraine. This was an eye-opening and vision-changing trip that has led to the creation of a new partnership and greater connection between the two ministries. Since returning to Canada, Nicole has continued to volunteer with YFC in Fergus, Ontario. She is currently working towards getting her TESL Certificate and hopes to return one day to Ukraine as a long-term missionary.

To learn more about or apply to participate in the ENGAGE Program, visit <https://yfccanada.org/engage.php>

National Programs from Coast to Coast

WakeUp Deborah
wakeupdeborah.net

Launch
321launch.ca

LifeTeams
lifeteams.ca

CoachNet
coachnet.org

ENGAGE
yfccanada.org/engage.php

Keep it Real
ikeepitreal.ca

The Compassion Series
compassionseries.com

Mike Gordon Ministries
mike-gordon.ca

Discipleship Adventure
discipleshipadventure.ca

Honeymoon Bay Lodge and Retreat Centre
honeymoonbayretreat.com

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