

we see the *hope* and *potential* in every young person

2019

ANNUAL REPORT

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Youth for Christ Canada



LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of Youth for Christ,

We are so grateful for your partnership with YFC Canada. Because of your support we have been able to reach into the lives of over 193,000 Canadian young people in 2019.

Youth for Christ Canada is 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 they reside. This uniqueness allows us to effectively customize our programming to youth in each community. In spite of the success we have had with each Chapter's individualized programming, we realize that having two operating names can be confusing.

Over the past two years, YFC has reviewed its identity as an organization to reaffirm and reframe "why we exist" and "what we do," as well as "how we behave" and "how we succeed."

Once we established this critical foundation to move us forward together, we set out to

tackle our branding with a fresh, modern and unified approach. We are excited to present our new brand to you!

Our bold icon represents the upward moving conversations staff and volunteers have with youth through programs and relationships.

"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

We are grateful for all the Lord accomplished in 2019 and we are eager to see how He will use our widely dispersed team in 2020.

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

Tim Coles
National Director



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YOUTH FOR CHRIST CANADA

WE SEE THE **HOPE** AND **POTENTIAL** IN EVERY YOUNG PERSON

193,910

CHILDREN / YOUTH

39

CHAPTERS / AFFILIATES

5,894

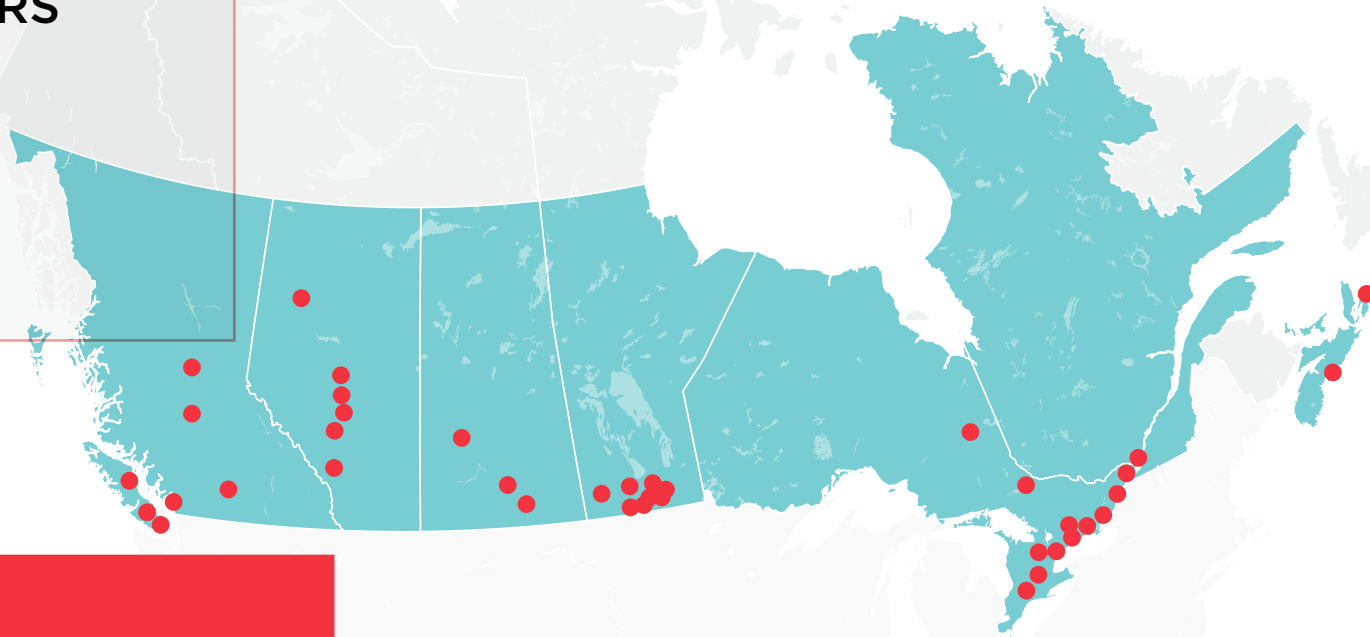
VOLUNTEERS

771

STAFF

Our Locations

Altona	Landmark	Regina
Brandon	London	Saskatoon
Calgary	Montreal	SE Saskatchewan
Cape Breton	Morden	Steinbach
Central Alberta	Morris	SW Ontario
Comox Valley	Nipissing	Timmins
Eastern Counties	Northumberland	Toronto
Edmonton	Okanagan	Upper Canada
Halifax	Peace Country	Vancouver
Highlands	Peace Hills	Victoria
Honeymoon Bay	Portage la Prairie	Westlock
Kawartha	Prince George	Williams Lake
Kingston	Quinte	Winnipeg



EVERY YOUNG PERSON
LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST

Three years ago Jesus radically changed my life! I am a recovering addict. Three years and 27 days ago, I felt like I had a hole in my chest. I went to the youth centre and prayed to God for Jenn (one of the staff) to come out and talk to me. She came out and brought me in with her, where I told my whole story and they prayed for me and God filled that hole I felt in my chest!

– Youth, Kawartha



yfc.ca/carol



2018

WORLDWIDE IMPACT



YFC STAFF
AND VOLUNTEERS
SERVING GLOBALLY
TOTAL = 60,013



YOUTH REACHED BY MEDIA MINISTRY WORLDWIDE

Africa - 1,016,268
Americas - 223,335
Asia Pacific - 606,475
EMENA - 690,080
TOTAL = 2,536,158



1.1
BILLION*
WORLD YOUTH
POPULATION

*2018 Population Reference Bureau



YOUTH IMPACTED BY DIRECT MINISTRY WORLDWIDE

Africa - 331,429
Americas - 827,127
Asia Pacific - 2,930,068
EMENA - 883,298
TOTAL = 4,971,922



PARTNER
CHURCHES AROUND
THE WORLD
TOTAL = 15,665

STUDENTS WHO RESPONDED TO THE GOSPEL AROUND THE WORLD

Africa - 19,409
Americas - 76,754
Asia Pacific - 166,153
EMENA - 189,219
TOTAL = 451,535

At the time of printing, 2019 statistics were unavailable.

To view 2019 statistics, please visit yfc.org.

OUR MISSION

Every young person
living fully in Christ

WHAT WE DO

Engage and equip
youth to know and
follow Jesus



CANADIAN NATIONAL OFFICE
NON-CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31,	2019	2018
REVENUE		
Contributions	\$ 4,234,819	\$ 4,584,519
Registration, Administration Fees & Other	332,800	268,721
Association Dues	139,740	148,715
Investment Income	21,242	5,389
	\$ 4,728,601	\$ 5,007,344
EXPENSES		
Global Engagement & International Ministries	\$ 1,770,553	\$ 1,861,146
National Operations	1,621,701	1,444,088
National Programs & Events	371,397	231,972
People Development	422,169	358,420
Chapter Development	263,617	113,911
Affiliate Ministries	472,293	429,681
Canadian Charter Chapter Support	188,726	107,004
	\$ 5,110,456	\$ 4,546,222
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses for the year	\$ (381,855)	\$ 461,122

2019 CANADIAN OPERATIONS
INCLUDING ALL CHAPTERS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019	
Income for National Office & all Local Programs	\$ 44,052,475
Expenses for National Office & all Local Programs	\$ 43,449,801
Amount of Surplus between Income and Expenses	\$ 602,674



193,910
YOUNG PEOPLE
Contacted through YFC ministries



37,736
Given an opportunity to
be a follower of Jesus



5,974
Involved in a follow-up /
discipleship program



3,773
Responded to the
opportunity to be a
follower of Jesus



1,018
Churches partnering
with YFC in Canada



12,036
Ministry partners praying
for youth in Canada





"They've been there for me in my darkest times, always have been supportive and are just overall great people."

- Youth, Steinbach

SPORTS PROGRAMS

EMPLOYMENT TRAINING

BREAKFAST CLUBS



"The Door [YFC Program] gave me a safe place where I felt absolutely zero pressure to do or be anything I wasn't. Years later and I still look back and come to you guys. You two will never truly know the impact you have had on me. You guys had me leave my comfort zone so many times, but in a way I felt safe to do so. . .if that makes sense? Where if I failed it was okay. The Door's a safe place, mentally, physically and spiritually."

- Youth, Collingwood

MENTORING

ART PROGRAMS

DROP-IN CENTRES

SERVING YOUTH IN 336 COMMUNITIES

Here are some of the amazing programs
your support has made possible



"Because of you guys I get a second chance at life, which I never thought I would say since I've been let down so many times."

- Youth, Mission



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SUMMER CAMPS

HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAMS



"Members of YFC have helped me feel more comfortable, accepted, and strengthened in the Christian community, as well as in my faith. I have often felt like an outsider, but they have played a part in making me believe I am welcome into Christ's family as I am."

- Youth, Prince George

SKILL TRAINING

HOMEWORK HELP

YOUNG PARENTS PROGRAMS



A MOTHER'S HEART

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 Canada 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.

Work Force in Winnipeg, MB, is a YFC program run in partnership with a local church in Winnipeg's North-End. 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 know that people 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 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."

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 Canada.

To hear more of Amanda's story, visit
yfc.ca/amanda



PRAYER TOUR

In April 2019, Joel Martin, his wife, Petra, and their three boys, started a 6-month journey to visit our Chapters and Affiliates on the Cross Canada Prayer Tour. Throughout their time visiting each YFC/Youth Unlimited location, they hosted prayer gatherings with staff and volunteers in over 100 different communities.

"What became increasingly clear as we criss-crossed the country is that we are a

big country and a big organization but YFC/Youth Unlimited is unified around the mission of seeing 'Every young person living fully in Christ.' There is a unified conviction deeply rooted in the hearts of our leaders that Christ needs to be the centre.

The highlight of the trip for me was to see the cities and communities through their eyes. It was so precious to hear the joys and struggles firsthand and to witness staff and



L - R Caleb, Petra, Malachi, Joel, and Simon

volunteers' love for the Lord and for the youth they work with. We witnessed again and again how God is strengthening hearts and reviving hope as people take time out to be with Him in prayer.

It has been said that half of ministry is just showing up. In a lot of ways that's all we did. We showed up. We listened, we loved, and we created space for people to experience God's intimate care through

prayer. We shared stories of how God is at work across the country and called people into a deeper fellowship with God and one another. We saw firsthand how our core value of being Saturated in Prayer is taking root and influencing our ministry culture in significant ways. Everywhere we went, people expressed their gratitude for how the prayer tour was helping to encourage and uplift one another in prayer and draw us closer to our Heavenly Father."



Light Patrol - Toronto



Central Alberta Prayer Retreat

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



Daryl Stogryn, Jake Schellenberg and Ashley Stromenberg with YFC Moldova staff

The vision of YFC Canada Global Engagement is to see every ministry centre in Canada engaged in a partnership with YFC in another nation. This is not about sending resources overseas. This is about partnering and sharing. A good partnership will benefit all concerned!

In our partnerships with other countries, we have found that many post-communist nations have an openness to hearing the Good News of the Gospel. In spite of the fact that the country is no longer governed by communist leaders, and the young people did not live under communism, because their

parents did, the youth are still experiencing lingering effects of communism. As these nations have experienced complete upheaval in the past few decades, many suffer from a collective societal depression and as a result are searching for hope.

We recently began a new partnership with Moldova. We first met Vitalie, the National Director, when he attended Summer Institute (SI) in May 2019 in Ontario. SI is held every year for 7 days in May; it is a training session for YFC Canada staff and each year we invite staff from overseas Youth for Christ countries to attend.

After Vitalie attended SI, we introduced him to Chapters west of Toronto and gave him the opportunity to see some of our local programming. As a result of this visit, he asked us to assist Moldova by facilitating a planning retreat with his senior team. Our staff, Daryl Stogryn, Jake Schellenberg, and Ashley Stromenberg, travelled to Moldova and discussed a vision-building process with the team in Moldova to strategize how best to reach young people in their community. We helped coordinate a discussion with the Moldovan team to decide their vision for their ministry and helped them determine themselves what would work most efficiently in Moldova. By the end of our time together, the Moldovans had clearly articulated their vision and had a series of steps to help them move forward. It was a wonderful time to get to know a new culture and to invest in the leadership there.



Moldova

NATIONAL PROGRAMS FROM COAST TO COAST



WakeUp Deborah
wakeupdeborah.net



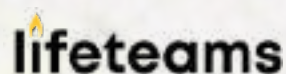
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Thank you for your support over the past year!

We could not have done it without you.



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