

MOMENTUM

FALL 2018

SOMETHING NEW

Martin Chipp-Smith

Outreach Worker, Fenelon Falls

Over the past few years, most of you have read my articles about archery and the successes we have had in regards to reaching youth through this ministry. For the sake of something new, let's shelf our archery discussion for now and please allow me to share with you the momentum we have been experiencing in Fenelon Falls.

In the early summer months I was approached by a local Karate Sensei asking if I knew of a church building with a large room where he could instruct Karate. In discussion with him, he knew very well that he could use either of the schools within our community, however, close to his heart and mine is the Gospel of Christ. Both of our desires to share Christ with local youth was paramount, but with this in mind, he couldn't offer a Karate program within the schools, even after school hours and still be able to share the Gospel with the students.

Youth Unlimited and Shizuka Na Arashi Bujuts (which in English means 'Peaceful Storm' Martial Arts), have

partnered together so that youth can learn Karate but also, and most importantly, we can share the Gospel with them. The students that are part of this program are not only listening to the Word of God each week, but as part of their year end graduation they are required to memorize scripture in order to move to the next level. Another interesting thing here is that the parents are sitting in on the sessions and hearing the message and learning the verses with their kids.



In September, we started the program running two different sessions. Those who participated in a different location last year who were twelve and under start our evenings off and then after the younger class finishes, those who are thirteen and above participate. Currently, both classes are at our fifteen person capacity, with a waiting list to get into the program.

Isn't the Lord amazing? We are moving forward. If you had of asked me ten years ago when I began my journey with YFC, what I would expect to be doing a decade later, I'm not sure I would have guessed this, archery, camping trips and karate! What a privilege to serve Jesus in such a way. This may not be the typical method of how we reach youth for Christ, but I know that it's alright for our methods to change, as long as the Gospel message, His message, never changes.

I'd like to challenge each of you to take time and pray for this new program. That we would stand firm as we share the love of God to both groups, that the seeds planted within their hearts would grow and we would see Fenelon Falls transformed for the King of Kings.

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TRUE JOY, HOPE AND PEACE

Guy Freeman

Executive Director

This fall I had the privilege, with a team of five leaders, to go to Melbourne, Australia. The purpose of our trip was to check out a new discipleship program run by Youth for Christ Australia. This program has been growing across Australia because of the deep way young people are being impacted by the gospel. When I first arrived I was struck by how humble, gentle, confident, and Godly the local leadership was. They also carried a sense of joy and peace that overflowed into their teaching. I could see firsthand why the ministry was thriving. I was also impacted and my understanding of the gospel was invigorated. It brought back feelings of when I first dedicated my life to Jesus.

Over the course of the week we talked about a gospel that answers questions around our identity and tackles tough issues youth are struggling with, such as porn addiction, anxiety, and depression. We saw seventy plus young people and leaders exponentially grow in their faith.

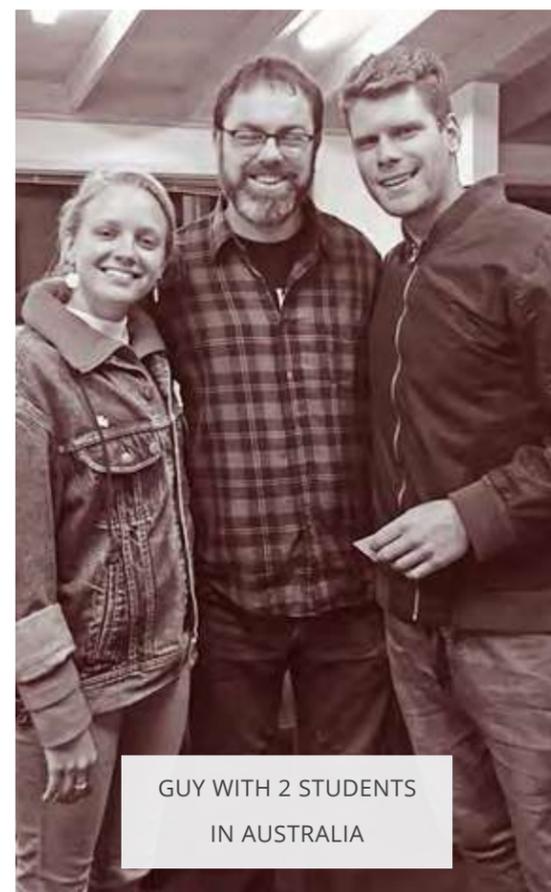
We returned with full hearts from all that we learned and

saw. We would love to bring it into a Canadian context, perhaps even right here in our city. The program fits very well with where we are heading with our equipping ministry Disciplecity. Please pray for us as we discern what is next for our outreach and equipping ministries.

This past November 23-24 we just offered another "Uncovered" Evangelism and Discipleship training event that four local youth groups participated in. We love it when youth are excited to learn to share the gospel with their friends and are filled with the Joy, Hope and Peace that comes from knowing Jesus!

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GUY WITH 2 STUDENTS
IN AUSTRALIA





HAVING **FUN** CAMPING WITH OUR **JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH** THIS SUMMER!

WONDER-FILLED TRUTH

Glenn Duncan
Kawartha House of Prayer

We are made by God and our hearts will never be fully content until we are with Him. There is an instinctive desire in every person to long to see the glory of God.

Our world is filled with wonder. Isaiah 6:3 declares “*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty. The whole earth is full of His glory.*” His glory is bursting forth all around us wherever we are!

If we fail to see His glory, it is because we are missing what is all around us all of the time.

In his book, *Recapture The Wonder*, Ravi Zacharias tells us that there are several things that we can do to awaken wonder in our lives. These things include nurturing gratitude, truth, knowing our new-creation identity in Christ, love and worship.

I want to look briefly at nurturing truth in this article.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines truth as “the real facts about something”.

For wonder to be valid, it must be based in truth and reality. Wonder that is imaginary is fantasy. Wonder that is based in truth is fantastically wonderful!

Every culture has filters by which truth is measured. Every culture has strengths in perceiving what is true and every culture has blind spots to truth. While our culture rejects absolute truth, that doesn't mean Canadians don't have ways to determine what is true and what is false.



There is no one size fits all, but here are some of the filters people use to measure whether or not something is true.

1. Truth through Humility. Truth has a feel to it. Truth is not about control or dominance. It is about freedom. The mindset of being a lifelong learner where the hardest questions are welcomed and where expressing doubt freely is encouraged provides the framework for knowing truth. Teachers who are on the pilgrimage to knowing truth, who admit mistakes and who are more concerned about what sets people free than they are about winning arguments are the ones who have a hearing before others.

2. Truth through Practical Understanding. As John Burke points out in his book, *No Perfect People*, people are not asking is it true, but rather, ‘do I want to be like you’. They are asking whether or not the truth you are espousing works. Will this truth make me the kind of person I want to be? If this truth sets you free so that you are the living example of abundant life, then I want it. If you are not free, then I don't want it and what you believe is irrelevant.

3. Truth through Rational Reasoning. Many people in our culture very much want and need to know the reason for what we believe. Where the hardest questions must be asked, answers to those toughest questions lets people know that trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is not fantasy. Our God invites us to ask.

4. Truth through Relational Reasoning. Many people in our culture process truth within a context of trusted friendships. Life in Christ is all about relationship. Do you want to know truth? Truth is a Person. Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life. Truth includes information, but it is primarily meeting and coming to know and love Jesus. Truth is not ‘take it or leave it’ propositions. Truth is living and it is intended to take root in us to show us our sin so that we can repent. Truth introduces us to our Saviour so that we can receive His payment for our sin and His perfect righteousness. Truth comes to live in us in the Person of the Holy Spirit so that we have a newly created heart. Truth makes its home in us so that we can live for Him who loves us and be free of the bondage of living for ourselves.

Truth is a Person and knowing this Person sets us free.

And knowing Him is wonderful!

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CHRISTMAS REQUEST

Every year at *The Bridge Youth Centre* we try to make Christmas special with a **Christmas dinner** and **gifts!**

This year, we will be serving **3 Christmas dinners** reaching approximately **120 youth**.

Our financial goal for Christmas gifts is **\$1,500**.

Would you consider donating to our gift fund to help make Christmas extra special?

WHEN THE DOOR OPENS

Josh Lott

Sr. Outreach Worker, Peterborough

What happens when a door opens in our lives? Naturally, some will walk through it without hesitation. Others will rejoice in something new, and a few will be hesitant about trying it - trying to discern whether or not they should walk through it now or wait for another door. Either way, the door is open, and an opportunity is given for us to enter through it.

After spending a full school year at TASS, we have seen some pretty cool doors open up. We have seen the program successfully transition from Lakefield High School to TASS. We have seen the relationships we have developed with the staff and other faculty members grow. We have seen strong relationships being established with the youth that we get the privilege of meeting with in the school. Just recently, after meeting with the Vice Principals, they openly voiced their thankfulness for our presence in the school and have gone even further to ask us if we can fill an even more significant void. We recognize with this new door comes a deeper

trust and a heavy responsibility, but we are up for the challenge!

Another door that has opened recently is through relationships with the youth pastors in our city. Over the last year, I have been able to grow in relationship, meeting regularly and praying with other youth leaders in our community. Through this, God has been opening new doors for unity among our youth! This culminated in our first ever **Youth Worship Night** at *The Bridge Youth Centre* on November 6th. Six different youth groups were represented, and over 60 youth came out to hear about being a “light in their city”. At the end of the night, the youth broke off into groups to pray for their High Schools.

When doors open like this, we rejoice because we know that God is at work, that He goes before us to open the doors and prepare the way.

“LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you!”
- Psalm 84:12 (NIV)

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SEASON OF PROVISION!

Jennifer Kloosterman

Peterborough Director / The Bridge

Two years ago, as real estate prices began to rise in Peterborough; we began to get some inquiries about whether or not we'd be willing to sell our building. This brought us to some serious consideration around our mission and vision. *The Bridge Youth Centre* had been the staple and flagship of our ministry for many years, but was it our future? After much prayer and consideration, we decided with conviction that this was a place that God had clearly given us, and we would not move on unless he clearly directed us to. Since that time, this decision has been affirmed and reaffirmed in incredible ways! It has been a season of financial provision for our space, answered prayer and a whole lot of celebration, and so we want to share it with you!

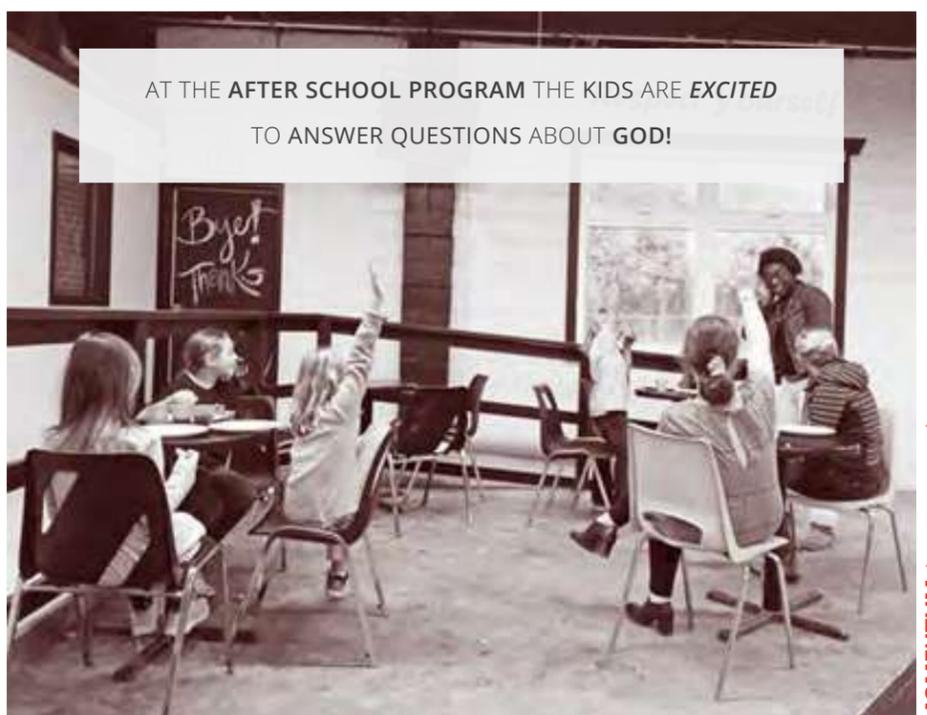
Last year we were in dire need to fix our roof. The previous spring had been so bad, that we had water pouring through our ceiling during the spring melt-off. Our original plan for a grant to pay for the roof fell through, and so we prayed for a solution. Within two weeks, God miraculously supplied the \$55,000 that we needed for a new roof.

Later in the spring, our staff accounts across the board were looking low. It had been a season of growth and hiring new staff, but it had been a time of transition as well and we were scraping by to make things work. Within a month, we received a donation that covered all of our account deficits to almost the exact amount! Then, one of our staff, empowered by faith, raised \$5,000 in 3 days to cover off their need for summer programs. We were amazed at what was happening, and, as if that weren't enough, God decided to bless us again.

We had decided that we wanted to do some work on *The Bridge*. The youth centre has been operating in that space for almost 20 years, but since that time few major updates had been made. In June I got a call from an organization called 100 Women of Peterborough. We were invited to present at their next meeting with the chance to take home a gift of \$10,000. I quickly got the guys to draw up plans for what our “dream budget” would be for a renovation at *The Bridge*. When we added it all up, our “dream budget” came to \$15,600. I was excited at the prospect of receiving some of this funding at this event! When I arrived at the meeting, I was informed that the money pool had grown to \$15,000 for that night! After presenting about our ministry alongside two other charities, we were voted on to take home the \$15,000 prize! Not only that, but earlier that day we'd received an unexpected donation from a local church for \$675. In one day, God supplied our entire “dream budget” for our renovation project, which we are now enjoying as a solid foundation for the years to come at *The Bridge Youth Centre*.

I have recently been reflecting on what it means to be a “faith-based” organization. Is this just something we say to explain that we operate from Christian values, or does it really mean something? Since working at *The Bridge*, I have witnessed God's provision in incredible ways. When I tell other agencies that we are over 85% funded by private gifts and donations, largely through faithful gifts of \$10 or \$20 of \$50 a month, they are amazed. Nobody operates this way! But our God operates this way, and it is so exciting to be a part what He is doing. Thank you for being a part of our story. We're excited for the stories yet to come and would invite you to continue to journey with us and join in on the fun of what He's doing in our midst!

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BANCROFT

FUSION



Dillon Campbell

Bancroft Satellite Director / The Switch Yard

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.

- Ephesians 4: 4-6

Throughout the summer, God placed the **RIZE Youth** program heavy on my heart.

As a new leader, I felt that I was being led to change the name of the RIZE Youth program. One of the reasons I love youth ministry is that I really enjoy seeing different youth come together. Ephesians 4:1-6 talks about the unity of the body of Christ. Though we may have different views on theological issues, world issues, current events or politics (and so much more), ultimately Christians serve the One True God. RIZE has now changed its name to **FUSION Youth Ministries** and we are dedicated to uniting fellow believers together in a community setting. We will foster an environment of learning, training and developing young believers in the faith and knowledge of who God is and

what He has done through His Son Jesus Christ.

The Switch Yard has experienced God's provision so faithfully throughout the years. Through fundraisers, private donations, meals cooked, volunteers, and more, we have been able to provide programs and opportunities for ministry for 24 years. Currently, we are in need of financing a new furnace to provide a warm space for us this winter (we've heard rumors it will be a cold one!).

As we have begun fundraising for this need, we have seen local people continue show their support for the youth in our community so that we can continue cover costs of our building. From the bottom of our hearts thank-you to everyone who faithfully supports us financially, in prayer and by the giving of your time. This ministry wouldn't be possible without you!

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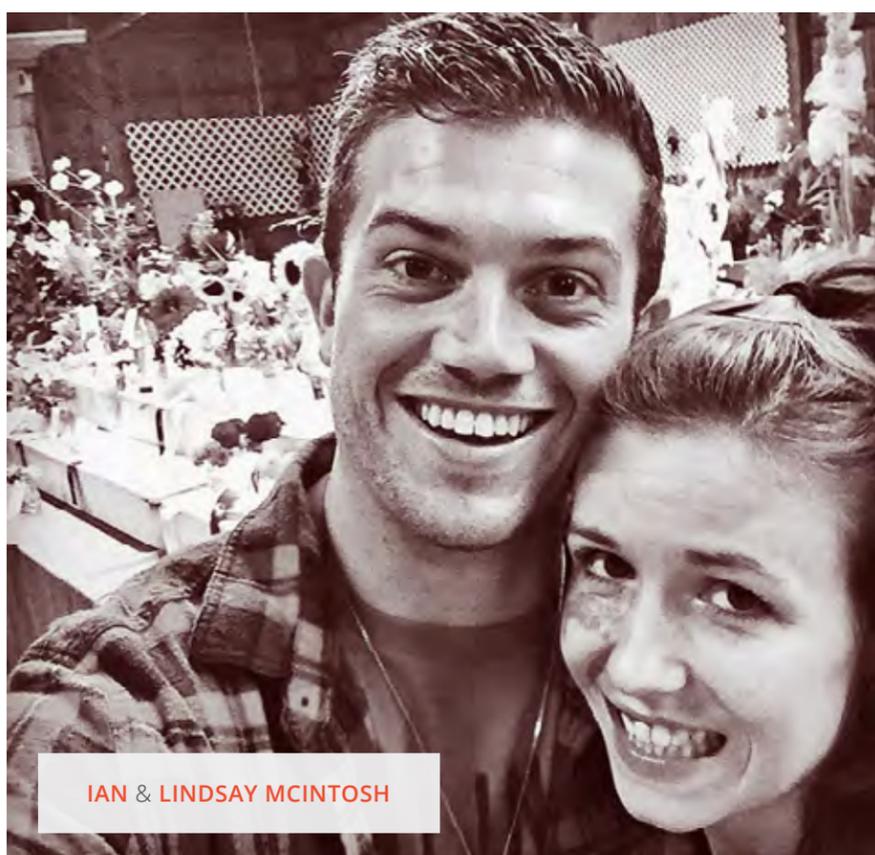
INTRODUCING OUR NEW SATELLITE DIRECTOR!

Introducing our NEW Satellite Director!

On October 28, at the *Youth Unlimited Evening* at Lakeside Church, we had the opportunity to thank **Jamie & Dana McMahon** for their many years of service with *Youth Unlimited* in the Haliburton Highlands and celebrate with Dana as she starts full time with the National Office. We were also excited to introduce **IAN MCINTOSH**, as the new leader for the Haliburton Highlands satellite. Ian is in the process of raising support for his missionary role and we hope to have him officially start January 1, 2019. He will be supported by Chris Jones, who is the Satellite Director of our Lakefield location. Chris has experience starting a satellite, growing outreach initiatives, and running a successful steering team. Ian will be working with Chris and a new Steering Team to identify the greatest youth needs and to develop a plan for how we can reach all youth in Haliburton County.

Steering Team Recruitment

We are also in the process of developing a *new Steering Team*. The purpose of this team is to work with Ian to ensure the establishment and sustainability of the local Satellite ministry. Roles include Chair, Treasurer, Intercessory, Church Relations, Business Relations, Secretary, and Media. The first meeting for the team will be on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at Lakeside Church. The meeting will begin at 6:30PM. If you have any questions or for more information please contact **Guy Freeman** at **705-761-0236**.



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GOD IS BIGGER

Al Covers

Outreach Worker, Lindsay

When I gaze out our side door, I am reminded that summer came and went and now seems like a distant memory. It is so hard to believe all the plans for a busy summer, including three *Youth Unlimited* canoe/camping trips, have all been fulfilled. I did the math; I slept on the ground for about 20 days! I know some of you are jealous and others think I need my head checked, but I loved every minute of it. What a privilege to spend time with those dearest to God while being surrounded by His beautiful and timeless places, the places He spoke into existence in the beginning. Wow.

You might remember me talking about a couple students that have been camping with us before, Sam and Alex. Both of them joined us as we took in the beauty of the Pickerel River for four days. It was a great trip, the weather was hot and the smoke from the Parry Sound Area 33 fire was sometimes in the air. Sam again spent most of his time fishing, unless the meal was ready then he was eating, but as soon as he had devoured what was on the menu back to fishing he went. During our time together Sam got reflective. You see, Sam is done high school and is on his way to McMaster University to study Neuroscience. I think that has something to do with the brain, which will be perfect for Sam, he has lots of brains! As we were fishing he said, "I guess

this is it, eh Al?" I responded, "this is what Sam?" He went on to say, "this is the last time I will be going camping with you, I'm going to miss it, I love it up here." To which I said, "yeah, it is pretty great isn't it? You know Sam, I hope you have a great year and if you are ever home let me know and we'll connect. Who knows, perhaps this won't be our last adventure together!" Please pray for Sam as he is away learning. Pray that God will water the seeds that have been planted by bringing people into to his life that will help him use that big brain to draw closer to an even bigger God.

Alex and I also had a great time chatting by the camp fire and during meals. He even cliff jumped this year on his own! Mostly for Alex these trips are a great escape from everyday life as he battles depression and finds rest in the beauty of our surroundings and being with people he trusts. Alex grew up in the church, and like Sam, he is very intelligent. He is a very talented writer and is trying his best to make it as an author. But he remains distant from God, and as an introvert, doesn't



let too many people close enough to swing his views on God. Thankfully, because of the consistency I've had in his life he considers me a friend and respects my views. It's amazing that we have this friendship and I'm so thankful to God to be able to be a mentor and friend to Alex. Please hold him up to God as he works through this life.

Thank you so much for your involvement and partnership as we together seek to make a life changing difference to those entrusted to us.

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PRIVILEGED TO SHINE

Rebecca Sage

Outreach Worker, Bobcaygeon

Many of our students do not come from homes where the way Jesus calls us to live is modelled or talked about. At *Bobcaygeon Youth Unlimited* we get the special opportunity to represent and reveal Jesus to these young people. I was reminded of this privilege when we had two sisters join our SHINE girls group. The older of the girls attended our program two years ago and this year she brought her younger sister along. They shared that they were so excited to have a safe place to talk about Jesus and learn more about Him, as they are not welcome to do so at home.

SHINE is a girls group for grades 5-8 that runs once a

week after school. SHINE is a place for these girls to belong, be themselves, have fun and grow closer in their relationship with God. This year we have 12 to 13 girls joining us regularly to learn how they can truly SHINE with the light of Jesus.

Christmas is coming and we are getting ready and celebrating with our youth by running a Christmas session of our after school art program, ReCreate. This program provides an opportunity for boys and girls in grades 3-8 to get to know Jesus from those who recorded his life; while at the same time having fun making Christmas decorations and gifts.

In the New Year we will be running a Come Cook With Us program where students can learn about food preparation, healthy food choices, practice

cooking skills and so much more. It will also provide an opportunity for the kids to learn that cooking is fun, the value of their contribution, good manners, an attitude of service, and how to sit together as a family when eating. Eating together is becoming a rare occurrence in families today. This program is geared to serve the whole family unit by bringing everyone together to enjoy a healthy meal cooked by their kids.

It is our privilege to work with the youth in Bobcaygeon and we are so grateful for all that God is doing the lives of the youth in our community. There is nothing we want more than to see our youth SHINE as they come to know and love Jesus!

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LAKEFIELD

STAFF UPDATES



AMY CHURCH

We welcome **AMY CHURCH** to our *LYU Elementary Team*. She will be working part-time until the end of December leading our Jr. High Gym Night and also helping with a Ping Pong Club and providing school support at the local school.

LYU FUNDRAISING DINNER

LYU celebrated **15 years** at our Fundraising Dinner, which was held on October 18. We raised a total of **\$13,000**.



SARAH & CHRIS JONES RECEIVING A CONGRATULATORY CERTIFICATE FROM MAYOR MARY SMITH, ON BEHALF OF THE SELWYN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY.



CAROLYN VANDERHEIDE

CAROLYN VANDERHEIDE has also joined our *Elementary Team*. She is filling a part-time role until December by leading the Kindness Club and participating in school support at the local school.

We are happy to have **AMANDA JONES**, our *Sr. High Outreach Worker*, return from maternity leave.

SARAH JONES has resumed her role as *Elementary Outreach Worker*, returning from a medical leave.

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CONNOR'S STORY

Hi, my name is Connor Redgate. For myself and many others, *The Bridge Youth Centre* has been a safe and welcoming place to go to escape the taxing reality we all live. I have been coming to *The Bridge* for the past 3 years, and every chance I've had I gladly took the opportunity to go and hang out with both youth and staff. Before coming to the Youth Centre I didn't have many friends and didn't feel like I fit in anywhere, but once I started going I instantly made friends who had a similar outlook on life and I finally felt that I belonged somewhere.

For the past 3 years every time I went to *The Bridge* I felt more and more accepted for the odd and silly person I truly am. From silly conversations that lead nowhere, to theological teachings from the staff, every day was a learning experience whether I knew it at the moment or not. I always left with a smile on my face, happiness in my heart and every so often a very full belly from the meals we shared.

Some of the most memorable moments for me would definitely have to be the times I have been called upon to help build things for various projects, such as the stage extension or the halfpipe for the indoor skate park. My favourite project was building a stand for a legless pool table and being able to work alongside the staff as one of them. That made me feel like I was part of something bigger than

myself and those moments bring an unrelenting joy to my heart when I see the smiles and hear comments about the work I've done.

From the days of Carlo Raponi to times now with Josh Lott and Jon Norman, I cherish every day that I got to spend being around the staff whether we were having a theological conversation or just getting my butt kicked in a game of pool.

As an agnostic, when it comes to understanding faith and the teachings of Jesus, the staff at *The Bridge* have always been there to help answer my questions. Even though I still hunger for more knowledge, they always help me to better understand what it's all about. Seeing the emotion from Julie Parks when she talks about her love for God and how it has led her to this point in life where she is truly happy, or the excitement in Jenn Kloosterman's face when she talks about God and the joy and encouragement He has given her throughout the years. When it comes to wanting to learn as much as possible and seeing the emotion behind the answers, Jenn and Julie are only two of the many staff and volunteers at *The Bridge* that have been affected by God's love and guidance and every one of them is gladly there to answer your questions.

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2018 CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As we reflect on this past year, we have seen God at work in so many ways. We could write pages and pages of stories about the youth we have talked with, prayed with, cried with and loved. What a pleasure it has been to have the opportunity to show them Jesus!

This month, we embark on our **Year-End Campaign** with a goal of raising **\$40,000**. As a faith-based ministry, with a missionary staff model, we trust the Lord's provision for the finances required for our mission. The need in our communities is great and the cost is high. And so we ask if you would you be willing to make a special year-end contribution to help us continue to reach out to the youth in our communities, invest in their lives and share how much Jesus loves them?

WISHING YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

