

Thank You



LYU Staff

Caleb Posthumus continues his role as an outreach worker, dedicating two full days to Lakefield District Public School. Outside the classroom, he supports student volunteers, coordinates seasonal programs such as improv, summer events, and service projects. He also provides mentorship, guidance, and spiritual support to youth.

Chris Jones, our Satellite Director, has overseen programs and staff for the last 22 years. He plays a key role in supporting families, being part of community initiatives and fundraising for LYU.

We welcomed Matt Rachar who has joined our team to support volunteers and staff, network with church and community leadership and look at programming to help support families and youth struggling with addiction. Matt also works part-time as the Barn property manager and has worked on completing our basement renovation which helps us with youth drop-ins and programming.

Kara Lott, LYU's administrative assistant continues to provide essential support to the team as they connect with youth in Lakefield and the surrounding communities.

After nearly two years with Lakefield Youth Unlimited, Chanté has resigned to embrace a new season focused on being a full-time mom and settling into a new home with her growing family. We are deeply thankful for her perseverance, creativity, heart for Jesus, and love for others—especially during a critical season of rebuilding after COVID—including highlights like the summer Art Drop-In, partnership with the Selwyn Library Makerspace, and her support of students in local schools, which strengthened relationships that will continue to serve LYU well.

Gym Nights at LDPS

We're excited to welcome Hailey Jones as our new Gym Night Coordinator, bringing years of experience and a passion for youth to our Thursday Gym Nights at Lakefield District Public School, where 40+ students in grades 6-9 gather weekly for sports, crafts, and character education grounded in a Biblical perspective. Additionally, our Student Leader Program provides students in grades 9 and 10 with the opportunity to serve as junior leaders, assist with setup and cleanup while developing valuable life and relational skills.

Choir

Under the guidance of Adrienne & Vince Abrahamse, the LYU Barn hosts the Lakefield Community Children's Chorus and Musical Theatre Group. This year the choir has 25 participants who are welcomed by our outreach worker who organizes games and provides snacks in the LYU Barn basement before choir rehearsals, which run until 5:00 PM. The choir performed at the Lakefield Community Care Bazaar, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church service, Peterborough Salvation Army Christmas Celebration, and the United Church Christmas Cantata with more performances to come in 2026.



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Carpentry Program

This fall, we were excited to launch our new Carpentry Program for students in grades 9-12, led by dedicated volunteer Ephraim Wolters and Gabrielle Blanshard. Each week, students worked hands-on to create kalimbas, taking projects from raw materials to finished pieces. Beyond learning how to measure, cut, and assemble, the program created a positive space where youth could grow, problem-solve, and take pride in what they accomplished together. This coming winter, LYU will be tasking this group to create and install bench seating and a serving counter to serve snacks for programming in our basement.



Goals for 2026:

- To maintain, develop and grow programming such as carpentry, gym night, and choir
- Sr. High leadership track options and opportunities
- Maintain elementary programs and increased support for students at our local schools
- Hire a new outreach worker to fill gaps and increase capacity

Next Steps

If you would like to support this program, please:

- Read the attached form describing the Partnership Opportunity
- Fill out the attached Partnership Card
- Drop off or mail your cheque and Partnership Card to: 25 Bridge St., PO Box 1178, Lakefield, ON, K0L 2H0
- Please make cheque payable to "Youth Unlimited" and memo "Connect Banner". E-transfer is also accepted, please use email payment@youthunlimitedkaw.com and indicate for "Connect Banner" in the memo box.

Did you Know?

- 250+ different students directly served outside the school through LYU programming
- 60 individuals provided safe affordable housing since 2011
- 35 households given over \$9000 in gift cards at Christmas and Easter 2025

If you have any further questions, or would like to schedule a meeting to find out more, then please contact the LYU office at 705.651.0156 / lakefield@youthunlimitedkaw.com or Chris Jones at 705.761.2903 / chrisj@youthunlimitedkaw.com.

Partnership Opportunity



Your partnership will help to fund the general operation of Lakefield Youth Unlimited. Through this advertising sponsorship, we will be able to continue serving our community and helping youth to see their full potential.

PLATINUM LEVEL \$3,000

- Extra large, logo-sized ad on LYU Connect Partner banner, to be displayed:
 - in multiple ads in the Lakefield Herald throughout 2026
 - in 2026 LYU Summer Events Calendar
 - at various LYU and community events
 - in Kawartha Youth Unlimited newsletter, approx. 1000 copies distributed
 - on LYU Facebook page, Instagram page, website, and LYU Update email
- Social media post to advertise your company logo and website link
- Plaque of thanks and an 8.5"X11" laminated Connect Partner Banner poster
- Complimentary table of 6 at our LYU Fall Fundraising Dinner

DIAMOND LEVEL \$1,500

- Large, logo-sized ad on LYU Connect Partner Banner, to be displayed:
 - in multiple ads in Lakefield Herald throughout 2026
 - in 2026 LYU Summer Events Calendar
 - at various LYU and community events
 - in Kawartha Youth Unlimited Momentum newsletter, approx. 1000 copies distributed
 - on LYU Facebook page, Instagram page, website, and LYU Update email
- Framed certificate and an 8.5"X11" laminated Connect Partner Banner poster
- 4 complimentary seats at our LYU Fall Fundraising Dinner

GOLD LEVEL \$750

- Medium, logo-sized ad on LYU Connect Partner Banner, to be displayed:
 - in multiple ads in Lakefield Herald throughout 2026
 - in 2026 LYU Summer Events Calendar
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 - on LYU Facebook page, Instagram page, website, and LYU Update email
- Framed certificate and 8.5"X11" laminated Connect Partner Banner poster
- 2 complimentary seats at our LYU Fall Fundraising Dinner

SILVER LEVEL \$350

- Business name written on LYU Connect Partner Banner, to be displayed:
 - in multiple ads in Lakefield Herald throughout 2026
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