



When a new leader joins our ministry, they engage in a deeply biblical invitation into a Team-Based Ministry. Our staff are the "boots on the ground," but they cannot move forward without "Senders." Whether you are a long-time supporter, a consistent monthly partner, or someone considering a new commitment, your role is the foundation of every life changed.

Why Your Partnership Is Vital

Unlike a corporate office, our ministry is sustained by a **community of individuals, families, and churches**. This model creates:

- *Broad Ownership:* You have a personal stake in the spiritual growth of the next generation.
- *Mission Stability:* A diverse team of partners ensures the work continues regardless of economic shifts.
- *Biblical Connection:* You are following the footsteps of the early church, fueling the Gospel through generosity.

Your Commitment in Action

You aren't just "giving to a cause"; you are investing in a lifestyle of ministry. Your partnership allows our team to move from "fundraising mode" to "mission mode," focusing entirely on the teenagers who need to hear the hope of the Gospel.

Thank you for being an indispensable part of this team.

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MOVE FORWARD WITH FAITH

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT YOUTH ACTIVITIES, EVENTS & PROGRAMS, VISIT: QYU.CA

2025 IMPACT REPORT

2025 YOUTH MINISTRY Impact

- **5250** attended a QYU event
- **511** connected with a leader
- **377** heard the Gospel explained
- **110** in ongoing discipleship
- **79** online followers
- **27** different Ministry Models

Impact of PARTNERS

- **679** financial partners
- **116** prayer partners
- **9** fundraisers

Donations in 2025 were given to:

- Quinte General - 28.4%
- Student Outreach - 17.3%
- Performing Arts - 32.0%
- Graphic Word - 16.0%
- International - 4.2%
- Youth Centre - 1.3%
- Temporary - 0.9%

Impact of LEADERS

- **3** Full Time Staff
- **6** Part Time Staff
- **5** Temp Staff
- **4** Board Members
- **36** Student Leaders
- **84** Direct & Indirect Volunteers



FEBRUARY 2026 UPDATE



MOVING INTO 2026

BY RIKKI-ANNE MCNAUGHT
Executive Director

As we turn the page on another year at Quinte Youth for Christ, the atmosphere in our offices is one of profound gratitude and anticipation. Reflecting on 2025, we are reminded of the **resilience and spiritual hunger** of the youth in our region. From late-night board game sessions to quiet, life-altering conversations about Jesus, the past twelve months have proven that when we show up for teenagers, God moves.

Looking Back: A Foundation of Gratitude

Our ministry impact was made possible by our **incredible community of partners** as evidenced in our **2025 Impact Report** on last page. While tax receipts for the past year are arriving this month, the true "return on investment" is found in the lives of students who have begun to walk a path of faith. To every individual, family, and church who partnered with us and became a "Sender" last year: thank you. You provided the stability our staff needed to be the "boots on the ground" across Quinte.

Looking Ahead: Anticipating MORE

As we enter 2026, we are deep in prayer as we prepare for a new five-year vision.

Our goal is simple yet bold: to expand the reach of QYFC deeper into the corners of the Quinte region. This expansion isn't about bigger programs; it's about **MORE** - more mentors, more intentional discipleship, more outreach and more opportunities for youth to discover their God-given potential. We are building a roadmap to ensure that every teenager in our area has the opportunity to move forward with faith.

Moving Forward Together

Strategic growth requires a strong foundation. The role of volunteers and ministry partners remains vital. Whether through continued support or new commitments, your partnership allows our staff to move from "fundraising mode" into "mission mode." We aren't just planning for a better 2026; we are laying the groundwork for a generation of youth to lead with faith and purpose. Thank you for being part of the team that helps youth move forward with faith!

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal



LOVE FROM ACROSS THE OCEAN

BY MIKE WILSON
Graphic Word



Our online community has the unique blessing of connecting hearts across continents, but recently, we saw that **connection turn into a lifeline**. When one of our leaders shared that a friend was facing a staggering vet bill and the heavy weight of financial strain during the Christmas season, the response was immediate.

Halfway across the world, a member in **Wales** stepped forward to bridge the gap—sending funds to cover the medical costs and ensure there were gifts under the tree. The recipient, overwhelmed by this unexpected grace, shared that they had "never experienced Christian love like that before." This is the power of your partnership: creating a world where no one has to carry their burdens alone, no matter the distance.



In-person GW Nerdy Cafe:
Every 2ND Friday of the month, join us for board game nights, watch parties and more!



THE ENCOURAGER

BY LIZ LEDREW
Opening Act Director

George* is one of the 50 students that has joined Opening Act Student Theatre Company to present *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* This is his first season with our group and we are so happy to have him take part. His audition was dynamic and he was given a character with a solo and speaking part, The Caterpillar. In our play, the Caterpillar is a character that encourages Alice to continue her adventure even in the face of discouragement and adversity. It is a character that embodies the verse,

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

-Hebrews 10:24-25



This is a great representation of **George**. He is a student that encourages others, prays for teammates and remembers the needs of fellow students. He has been a light in our rehearsal times. He included a couple students in a game, when they felt disconnected. He is quick to encourage the lonely and share a smile with the quiet students.

Pray for **George** as he "stirs up others to love and good works". One of his requests is the salvation of loved ones. Let's join together in faith for this Opening Act Student, and others who have similar requests as we can see the Day drawing near.

*NAME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT MINOR



AN EYE-OPENING JOURNEY

BY HEATHER BOONSTRA
International Partnerships

CREATING COMPASSION

For many, the adventure of flying for the first time and diving into a new culture sparked a lifelong curiosity about the world. It helped them see **the vital importance of serving others** and being part of a global community.

Their time working in orphanages and schools was especially meaningful; the youth expressed how incredible it felt to see their efforts make a tangible difference in the lives of children. Ultimately, our students returned home inspired, compassionate, and ready to continue making a Godly impact wherever they go.

"And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need."

-Acts 2:44-45 (NLT)



The youth shared that their mission trip to Bolivia was an eye-opening experience that **redefined their perspective on the world**. Many noted that they had never realized how the basic necessities we take for granted—like clean running water—aren't always available to others. This firsthand experience replaced entitlement with deep gratitude and a heightened awareness of global challenges.

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A PERSON'S A PERSON NO MATTER HOW SMALL

ON BEHALF OF MARY HILLS
Spirit Borne Performing Arts Director



Spirit Borne is a discipleship community where high schoolers use dance, drama, and music to explore themes of morality and grace. Through faith-based theatre, our youth build spiritual resilience and learn to use their voices to reflect the light of Christ.

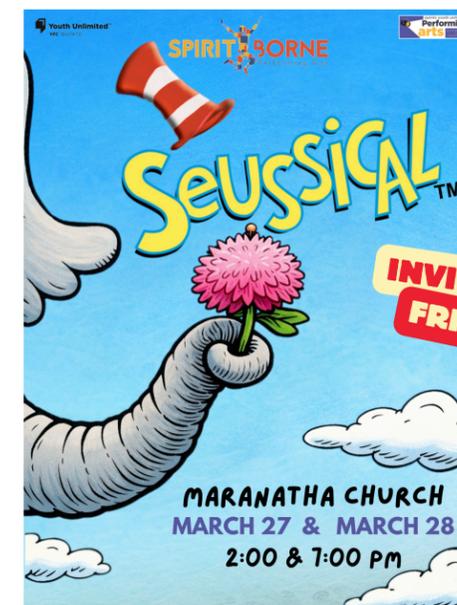
Our 2026 Show: Seussical TYA

Seussical is a vibrant, heart-warming musical that follows the story of Horton the Elephant as he protects a tiny speck of dust containing the Whos and guards an abandoned egg, all while facing ridicule and danger.

Why This Story Matters Today

In a culture that often feels divided or overwhelming, Seussical serves as a colorful anthem for empathy, loyalty, and the dignity of every individual. It speaks directly to the challenges of our modern world by celebrating the "thinkers" and the dreamers who refuse to conform to unkindness. Its core message—

"A person's a person, no matter how small"— is a profound reminder of our shared humanity and the biblical call to care for the vulnerable and the overlooked.



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