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2020

ANNUAL REPORT

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Youth for Christ Winnipeg



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of Youth for Christ Winnipeg,

What a year it has been. We are so grateful for your faithful partnership with YFC Winnipeg! Because of your support we have been able to reach into the lives of over 7200 young people in 2020, in spite of a global pandemic.

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.

Over this past year, YFC Winnipeg has had to pivot and adapt to the ever-changing landscape of health restrictions in order to stay connected to the youth we serve. Thanks to your prayers and financial support, and the amazing creativity of the YFC staff, God has shown us time and time again that our ministry is not dependent on facilities or activities, but rather the heart of our staff and the power of God!

During this challenging year, God has also blessed us tremendously with generous partners, like you. Your

faithful support of our “Power of Hope” radiothon on CHVN, our YFC Winnipeg Golf Tournament, and our Fall Banquet (which had to be “virtual” for the first time!) has allowed our team to try new and creative ways to serve youth in Winnipeg and surrounding area.

“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 and taught us in 2020, and we look forward to seeing how He continues to grow His kingdom through the work that is being done at YFC Winnipeg in 2021.

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Cliff Heide
Executive Director



7200
CHILDREN / YOUTH

12
LOCATIONS

300
VOLUNTEERS

75
STAFF

Our Locations

IN WINNIPEG:

333 KING STREET
(DOWNTOWN)

KILDONAN COMMUNITY
CHURCH

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
CHAPEL

LIVING WORD TEMPLE

OUTSIDE OF WINNIPEG:

CAMP CEDARWOOD
(LAC DU BONNET, MB)

ARBORG, MB

CARMAN, MB

GIMLI, MB

NIVERVILLE, MB

SELKIRK, MB

ST. PIERRE-JOLYS, MB

STONEWALL, MB



EVERY YOUNG PERSON
LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST

I started coming to Edge Club when I was 12 or 13. I love to skateboard and I made a lot of great friends, here. It's just this awesome community of love and compassion. It feels like family to me. We've talked about a lot of important stuff, including addictions. I see a lot of that on the streets of Winnipeg, and I've seen so many friends struggle with it.

I used to feel empty inside, but the staff at The Edge got me reading the bible and praying. Now I know I'm on the right path. I just love God, you know? I really do. Now I want to talk to other kids about what they're going through, 'cause I've been there.

Kyle, Edge youth and volunteer



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Youth for Christ Winnipeg Inc. Financial Summary 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
REVENUE		
Donations	\$ 2,902,973	2,920,439
Rentals, camp, donations and other	389,411	721,320
Class fees, registration fees and donations	196,981	577,052
Concession and merchandise sales	18,973	42,712
Interest	22,543	28,359
Grants	192,849	226,481
Other	74,725	124,754
Banquet and donations	162,738	221,814
Special projects	-	5,519
Golf tournament and donations	219,202	218,913
Gain on sale of capital assets	1,901	-
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	727,342	-
Temporary Wage Subsidy	25,000	-
	<u>4,912,438</u>	<u>5,087,363</u>
EXPENSES		
Amortization of capital assets	488,024	478,440
Audit and legal	19,881	17,256
Banquets	16,012	83,255
Concession and merchandise	22,067	50,304
Employee benefits	48,829	63,452
Food services	86,291	236,703
Fundraising	20,284	37,215
Golf tournament	39,878	43,802
Interest and bank charges	32,350	40,953
Memberships and dues	3,071	5,447
Miscellaneous	3,249	1,574
Occupancy costs	289,563	328,429
Postage	17,329	20,390
Printing and office supplies	35,514	47,727
Program supplies and costs	147,543	213,120
Projects	4,003	8,165
Promotion and recruitment	57,029	92,015
Repairs and maintenance	126,904	171,687
Staff support allocation	431	931
Telephone	46,518	51,187
Training	13,489	22,452
Travel	2,490	4,724
Vehicle	37,432	76,654
Wages	2,727,385	2,829,557
	<u>4,265,346</u>	<u>4,925,439</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	647,092	161,924



Finding and sharing Jesus

Chanice was in Grade 7, attending William Whyte School in the heart of Winnipeg's north-end when she first heard about YFC's Work Force program, which runs out of the church across the street from the school. She was very shy, and usually kept mostly to herself, but she had heard she could get practical and paid work experience in the program, so she mustered up the courage to get involved with the program.

"I was amazed at how the leaders managed to connect with each kid in the program," said Chanice. "There were so many kids, but somehow they managed to spend quality time with each of us. That meant a lot. I think that's why kids keep coming. That's why I kept coming back. I really felt wanted and valued."

The Work Force program at YFC connects youth to an

array of various work placements and experiences in the community. Youth learn how to work, problem solve, and get along with others in order to get a job done! A small honorarium is provided by Work Force for their efforts and valuable service to the community.

When not in their job placements, the youth engage in relationship building activities, games and teaching times. Each participating youth is paired with a specific mentor to connect, listen and even go for a treat from time to time! At Work Force youth are told they have talents and abilities that can lead to meaningful lives. They are taught, challenged, and encouraged to dream what life would be like with Jesus in their lives.

"At first I was intimidated by the one-on-one times

with my mentor, because I was so shy," said Chanice. "But eventually I got better at it, and it was during those times when we were really able to talk about God, and that's when my friendship with Jesus became real." Chanice started her friendship with Jesus as a result of her being a part of Work Force, so when she decided she wanted to get baptized she asked if she could do it at Work Force! "It was important to me that both my families be there. My mom and sister were there, and my Work Force family was there."

"It's been such a blessing to watch Chanice bloom and blossom," beamed Shaunna Goode, former Work Force coordinator and current YFC Community Minister for the William Whyte neighbourhood. "To witness that, and to actually be the person to baptize her, and then

to see her now volunteer in the program...I can only describe it as a "proud mama" moment!"

Chanice now regularly volunteers with the younger kids at Work Force, sharing what she's learned in her relationship with Jesus, and nurtures and encourages other youth, and is currently raising support to come on staff at YFC!

"Jesus is my best friend," said Chanice. "People come and go, but He's the one friend that won't leave you. I just want to express that to other people...to let them know that Jesus can be their best friend as well."



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