

2024 IMPACT REPORT



Immeasurable Impact



BY Samie Mwenda
Ministry Director - Soccer

This year, we experienced another big jump in registration for our Senior High Soccer program. For the past few years we have run a weekly indoor soccer league on Tuesday nights in our gym. For the first time since before the pandemic, we have more youth than we could accommodate on just one night and we had to ask some of them

to come the following day. With this high interest in both our Tuesday league nights and our drop-in style soccer program on Wednesdays we are monitoring and looking for more coaches in order to create a second senior league night on that evening.

The growth of this ministry is really exciting and we are blessed with the opportunity of fostering community, teaching teamwork, and helping kids stay active all while sharing the love of Jesus with them. The impact we have goes beyond just the number of youth attending and

includes meeting the physical needs our youth have like safe spaces for play, especially during the winter, and offering an outlet for fun and stress relief outside of home and school life. We also care for their relational needs through coaching and mentorship, helping them to build confidence and overcome

challenges, not just in soccer but in life.

The impact we are having is evident in the fact that this ministry is experiencing huge organic growth where youth are bringing their friends and siblings to come experience the community we are building.



BY Emily Cook
Family Support Worker - Young Parents

In the fall, we facilitated a parenting class that four young mothers completed. We have been using the Nobody's Perfect Parenting curriculum and have seen it work very well with our youth as it validates their experiences as parents and gives them tools to help with practical problem-solving in parenting. Topics covered included child development, routines, co-regulation, self-regulation, behaviour, discipline, and safety.

Over the six classes, it was great to see moms growing and connecting with each other over their similar experiences.

Many of the young mothers have their children in foster care and completing parenting classes is a requirement of

Child and Family Services in working to reunite them with their children. Parenting classes are a great way to engage with parents needing extra parenting support and to encourage them as they take steps to be the best parents they can be. It is so important to equip them with tools and resources so they can feel empowered in their role as mothers.

The moms left the course feeling proud of their achievements and our Young Parents staff are encouraged by a newfound hope within the ministry.

Give all your worries to Him because He cares for you.

1 PETER 5:7



What is the Impact?



BY CLIFF HEIDE
Executive Director

Every year we take some time to look back and measure some of what God has done through the work of Youth for Christ Winnipeg. And each year we wrestle with a similar question, how do we best measure "impact"?

At YFC, we are called to people and relationships. We celebrate the quantity of youth we have been privileged to connect with, and we care about the quality and depth of our relationships. Our aim is to create healthy processes, engagements and opportunities to love and care for youth, and for authentic relationships to be built with youth through our team of staff and volunteers.

We are called to be faithful stewards of our opportunities and resources. To steward our efforts well, it is necessary to take time for honest reflection - naming challenges, celebrating successes, and being mindful of areas that may need change or reworking.

It is with this posture that we invite you to read this report. Each number here is a signifier of impact, but it is more than a number. Each number reflects a story, and hours of love, effort and time that our staff and volunteers have poured into youth across Manitoba. Each number represents a commitment to invest in real lives and offer connection, love, and hope, through relationships and through Christ. We celebrate how we have been able to provide resources of care, fun activities, mentorship and connection to each youth we have come in contact with. And we look forward, praying about how to increase our reach and impact over this upcoming year.

At YFC, we choose to extend our resources, love and care, regardless of the outcomes.

There are no conditions attached, so regardless of how much a youth would like to be involved, how often they attend, or even if they have no interest in pursuing faith, the offerings are still given unconditionally. In this same way, youth are given an opportunity to explore faith and relationship with God at their own pace, and we celebrate when they choose to take steps to pursue God and live their lives following Christ.

Beyond the numbers, much of the work we do involves statistics that are somewhat intangible. How do you measure the growth of the heart or of the soul? Though it is hard to measure, these are the places where we get a front row seat to how God is moving in the life of a youth. These moments, of youth choosing to engage faith, are why we invest our time and resources. Each day we are privileged to witness and facilitate holy moments, where transformation of the heart and healing can take place. Thank you for being a part of helping bring these opportunities and impacts to our youth, and partnering with us in seeing every young person living fully in Christ.

Growing Together



A young man has started volunteering at our youth center to earn a high school credit. Through the relationship we are building with him, he is also finding support through a difficult family situation as he works towards graduation in 2025.

—DAN DROUIN
Ministry Director - YFC St Pierre-Jolys

25,000

Bible verses read out loud to staff or volunteers in Arborg leading to countless conversations about applying it to their daily lives.



31

youth involved in formalized leadership development



3,177

young people visited our YFC Winnipeg facility, mostly from school or church groups. Connecting many of them to YFC programs for this very first time!



Through the mentorship of his coach & observing the other coaches, one youth mentioned to me he has seen and learned how we are Christ-followers first, athletes second, and how we can compete at our best while also being Christ-like.

—JAMIE WISON
Ministry Director - Ball Hockey



395

youth came to experience summer bible camp at Camp Cedarwood

Let's Celebrate!

107

Cedarwood campers learned about Jesus for the very first time



The culture and sense of community that has formed in the Drop-In this year has been a big encouragement. A solid core group comes regularly, which has allowed us to have more open conversations and walk closer alongside these youth.

—TIARA REDMANN
Ministry Director - King St. Drop-In

412

pizza slices served on a typical week thanks to an amazing partnership



161

youth were supported through to high school graduation



We have one volunteer who is really committed to The Edge. He drives in from Steinbach rain or shine (or snow) for our two hour skate session every Tuesday. He has started giving the God Talks and it is inspiring to watch.

—MARK DUPUIS
Senior Ministry Director - The Edge



180

Youth responded to the opportunity to follow Jesus



2,467

Youth in direct ministry contact



273

Youth in follow up discipleship programs

Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.

ROMANS 12:10

Who We Are



Your Impact:

26,009



MEALS AND SNACKS SERVED

174



YOUTH IN MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

80



FOOD HAMPERS WERE DELIVERED

39



YOUTH ASSISTED IN FINDING A JOB

2,161



RIDES PROVIDED SO YOUTH CAN ATTEND PROGRAMS

44



YOUTH HELPED TO FIND A LOCAL CHURCH

301



YOUTH SUPPORTED THROUGH A CRISIS OR MILESTONE

139



YOUTH WERE GIVEN THEIR FIRST BIBLE

51

Frontline Staff

27

Admin/Support Staff

34

Seasonal Staff

295

Volunteers

79

Church Partnerships

3,733

Active Givers

12

WINNIPEG MINISTRIES

- THE RIG
- THE ROCK
- THE EDGE
- BALL HOCKEY
- CLUB BASKETBALL
- SOCCER
- KING ST. DROP-IN
- YOUNG PARENTS
- WORK FORCE
- FILM & MEDIA
- MASTERWORKS ARTS STUDIO
- TURNING POINT COUNSELLING

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SATELITE YOUTH CENTRES

- ARBORG
- CARMAN
- NIVERVILLE
- SELKIRK
- STONEWALL
- ST. PIERRE

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CAMP MINISTRY

- CEDARWOOD

New in 2024



We have been so encouraged by our new volunteers from a local Hutterite colony. These young men have brought a real energy and enthusiasm into our programs, sharing their musical talents and love for Jesus with the teens. I'm so thankful for the diversity of cultures and abilities that exists in the body of Christ, and that it's on display every day in what we do at YFC.

—TERESA GALASHAN
Ministry Director - YFC Selkirk

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