

IMPACT REPORT



Sharing our Heart for Young People.



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At Youth for Christ Winnipeg, our mission is the heartbeat of all that we do: to see every young person living fully in Christ. Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40 guide us in this effort "Whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me." They remind us that when we show up for young people with care and consistency, we are responding to Christ Himself. Impact, for us, is not just something we measure; it is something we endeavour to live out each day.

Each year, we reflect on what God has done through this ministry. We celebrate growth, acknowledge challenges, and ask how we can

faithfully steward the trust, resources, and relationships we have been given. Statistics help tell part of the story, and we are grateful for what they represent. This last year 170 youth engaged in follow up discipleship programs. Yet behind every number is a young person with a name, a story, and a longing to be known.

Today's youth navigate a world full of noise - questions about school, relationships, social media, and the future. Beneath the surface are deeper questions of identity, belonging, and purpose: Do I matter? Where do I fit? Is there more to life than this? At YFC, we walk alongside young people as these questions emerge, believing the truest answers are found in Jesus.

Our programs provide creative spaces, meals, activities, resources, and community connection—but at the heart of it all is relational presence. We show up consistently, offering unconditional care regardless of background, behaviour, or interest in faith. Love is never a reward and faith is never forced. Young people are invited to explore Jesus at their own pace, knowing they are accepted and valued first. When they choose

to take steps toward Him, we celebrate. When they are not ready, we continue to walk with them in love.

This approach reflects both meaningful social good and a clear Christian hope. Research affirms what Scripture has long shown: transformation happens through long-term, loving relationships. Much of the impact we witness cannot be easily quantified. How do you measure healing, restored hope, or a heart learning to trust again? These moments often unfold quietly—but they carry eternal weight. One young person discovering their identity in Christ matters more than any statistic, because it speaks to the transforming power of God's love. This report reflects outcomes we can count, but more importantly, it reflects lives being shaped through relationship, care, and space to explore faith.

Thank you for partnering with us. Your support helps ensure that young people - especially those who feel unseen - are known, loved, and invited into life with Jesus. Together, we are sharing our hearts, and Christ's, with the next generation.

STRENGTH

COURAGE

& HOPE

How Faith Redefined a Family's Future.

For Grace, the weight of the past often felt like an unbreakable cycle. Having been taken from her own mother by Child and Family Services (CFS) as a child, she found herself facing the same devastating reality a year ago when her own children were apprehended. Struggling with social negativity, mental hardship, and the crushing loss of her kids, she felt overwhelmed by the "hard things."

Initially, Grace was deeply nervous about joining a support group for young moms; her previous experiences with such groups had been negative. However, encouraged by her sister, she stepped through the doors of Youth for Christ. There, instead of judgment, she found a safe, supportive community she could depend on.

Our Young Parents staff recognize that the path to restoration can be daunting, but they also know that hope and wholeness through Jesus is real. They worked with Grace to break her goals into smaller steps, tackling the journey "one day at a time."

Through the encouragement of the Young Parents staff, along with the young adult group led by Work Force, she began to find hope and she committed herself fully to the process. She was supported to re-engage with therapy through Youth for Christ Winnipeg's counselling ministry, Turning Point. She secured an apartment, completed the necessary classes, and passed her tests.

At the heart of her transformation was a pivotal spiritual decision. Early in the process, Grace decided to lean into Jesus, learning to walk with Him and trust Him even with the hardest parts of her life. This faith provided her with the strength, courage, and hope needed to persevere.

The result of her hard work and newfound faith was a beautiful restoration. This past December, Grace's two children were returned to her care.

Because of the amazing support from our ministry partners, three different YFC ministries (Young Parents, Work Force, and

Turning Point) were able to help Grace bring her family back, in time to enjoy Christmas all together.

Today, Grace is a changed mother, standing as a testament to how Jesus can transform a life and restore a family's hope forever.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

BECAUSE OF YOU ...

YOUTH FOR CHRIST WINNIPEG

... a safe and welcoming space exists, where youth can be themselves, build friendships, and discover Jesus while growing closer to Him through unique and life-giving ministry programs.

THE RIG

... youth are being equipped to follow Jesus, learning discipline,

confidence, and joy through activities like lifting weights, ninja courses, and chase tag, all while experiencing the freedom, healing, and purpose found in Him.

WORK FORCE

... space was created for meaningful mentoring relationships, consistent encouragement, and practical skill development, opportunities many inner-city youth would not otherwise have access to.

... young people received not only hands-on job skills, but steady support, shared meals, and a true sense of belonging within a safe and caring community. For many

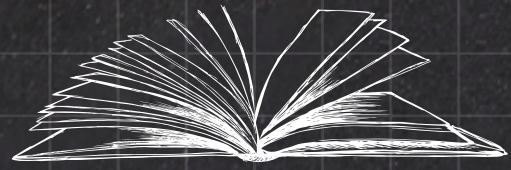
youth, this meant exposure to positive life opportunities—building confidence, learning responsibility, and beginning to envision a future shaped by Christ, marked by respect, dignity, and hope.

SOCCER

... youth in our community have the opportunity to thrive in a supportive Christian soccer program. We are teaching more than just soccer skills, but also integrity, teamwork, and faith.

... we provide coaching, equipment, and facilities ensuring that we can reach even more youth.

LET'S Celebrate



55,000

BIBLE VERSES READ OUTLOUD
TO STAFF OR VOLUNTEERS



We believe that faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of God. Based on our observation, this practice likely represents the vast majority of intentional reading aloud done by youth in their daily lives, and worth every cent."

- Colin (YFC Arborg)



Our Young Parents are curious about faith, and many of them have either chosen to follow Him for the first time, or to renew their faith and learn how to walk with Him in daily life. This fall we started a discipleship group to help our young moms develop a strong foundation."

- Emily (Young Parents)

3,525

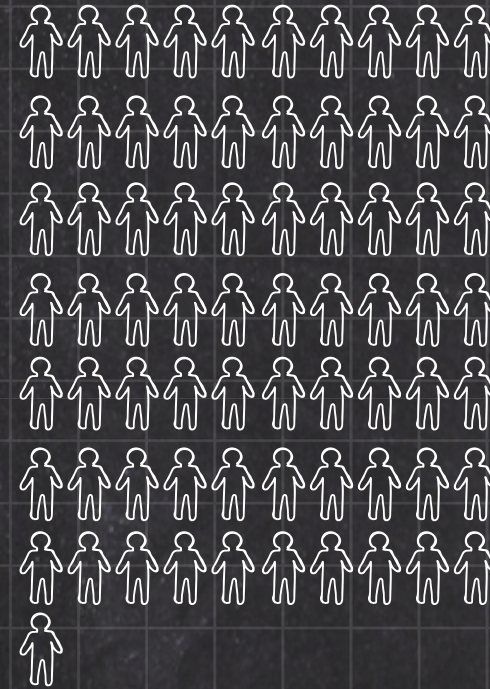
PIZZA'S GIVEN IN 2025



THAT'S

543

PIECES A WEEK!



We did Alpha in the spring and had a dozen boys coming out. It was awesome as some of the boys opened up for the first time and shared about their lives and past experiences with faith and the Bible... It excites me to see their curiosity & desire to seek Jesus."

-Jamie (Ball Hockey)



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STUDENTS SUPPORTED THROUGH GRADUATION



In the light of discipleship I am always encouraged to see youth graduate and come back to serve as volunteers in the program. Last year we had 4 serving as volunteers!"

- Samie (Soccer)

CEDARWOOD RETREAT CENTRE HOSTED **71** RETREATS

x 3,900 =

INDIVIDUALS THAT USED THE RETREAT CENTRE

5 YOUTH BAPTISED IN 2025



YOUNG PARENTS

... young families feel connected, supported and loved.

... young families are being strengthened and disciplined to follow Jesus, and to lead their families to follow Jesus too.

SELKIRK

... hungry kids can eat for free.

... once we are done building our new centre our youth will have a bigger and better drop-in

... youth can learn about God and have a place to ask spiritual questions and get Biblical answers.

... youth can enjoy programming and events without barriers.

BALL HOCKEY

... young men are given an opportunity to hear the gospel while growing in their character amidst a highly emotional environment that is hockey.

... they receive care and mentorship from adults who commit to see them excel in sport and life.

THE EDGE

... youth are impacted through community and relationships with

the volunteers who engage the youth where they are at while enjoying the skate life together.

... skateboarders in Winnipeg have a safe place to hone their craft while conversing about faith.

KING ST DROP IN

... youth get to experience what it's like to have consistent, caring adults in their life who can show them the love of Christ and walk along-side them no matter what.

CARMAN

... we were able to meet students' physical, emotional, and spiritual

needs by feeding them at every program and sharing the message of God's love for each of them.

NIVERVILLE

... our team has been able to walk alongside a young woman living with bipolar disorder for many years, supporting her in her ups and downs. Through that consistent care and relationship, she has come to know Jesus, been baptized, and now faces the future with hope.

FILM & MEDIA

... our youth have weekly Bible study. There are so many questions that we often go overtime!

THE ROCK

... we were able to provide youth with the amazing experience of wall climbing, for free. Allowing our youth opportunities, not just for fun and fitness, but to also be encouraged and hear the gospel.

ARBORG

... the unreached youth of the Interlake get to have a living-room experience to knowing Jesus!

ST PIERRE

... over 100 kids in our program have been able to hear the Gospel.

CEDARWOOD

... youth were able to dance, laugh, learn new skills, build amazing relationships, and discover a God that loves them deeply.

STONEWALL

... kids read the Bible, they asked big questions, and grew in their faith.

MASTERWORKS

... our youth can use dance for its purpose - to glorify God!



186

Youth responded to the opportunity to follow Jesus



1,756

Youth in direct ministry contact

Your Impact:

22,810



MEALS AND SNACKS SERVED

241



YOUTH IN MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

633



YOUTH RECEIVED SUPPORT FOR PHYSICAL NEEDS

46



YOUTH ASSISTED IN FINDING A JOB

3,337



RIDES PROVIDED SO YOUTH CAN ATTEND PROGRAMS

43



YOUTH HELPED TO FIND A LOCAL CHURCH

197



YOUTH SUPPORTED THROUGH A CRISIS OR MILESTONE

345



YOUTH WERE GIVEN THEIR FIRST BIBLE

170

Youth in follow up discipleship programs



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

ROMANS 12:10

Who We Are



53

Frontline Staff

22

Admin/Support Staff

36

Seasonal Staff

310

Volunteers

80

Church Partnerships

4,389

Active Givers

12

WINNIPEG MINISTRIES

- THE RIG
- THE ROCK
- THE EDGE
- BALL HOCKEY
- CLUB BASKETBALL + VOLLEYBALL
- 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

“Jayenna is a student at Millar College. This is her first year with Masterworks. She specializes in Hip Hop/Breakdancing which is perfect for the laid back and causal nature of our drop-in dance program. She has such a great relaxed way of teaching and interacting with the youth. We appreciate her so much because none of the other teachers or volunteers have her training. She’s a blessing.”

Jen (Masterworks)

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