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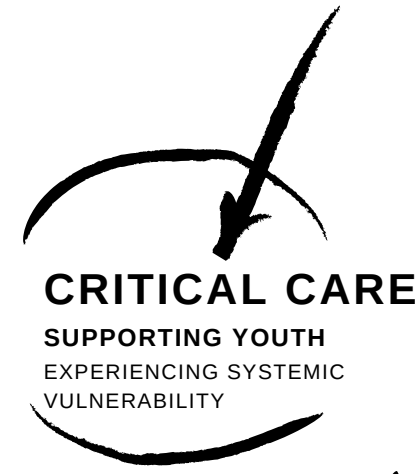
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7.30 PM - CENTRE STREET CHURCH - MAIN CAMPUS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GREG HUTCHINSON



I love passionate people. Things always seem to happen to them or around them and there is always a story to be had as they live out their values. To this end, I love being surrounded by my staff. They are driven by their passion for Jesus to reach out to youth that don't know Him. They are passionate about bringing the message of Hope that can be found in Christ to their youth when everything else seems to be falling apart for them. I hear it in our staff's prayers and see it in their relationships with their young people. Have a read through the stories in this newsletter and know that, as passionate as our staff are for these youth, Jesus is even more passionate for them and you. Consistency and longevity are paramount in our Youth Unlimited work. Our goal is to build long-lasting mentorship relationships with youth, the kind that help young people connect with God who enables them to flourish in all areas of their life. We have a motto here at YU: people before programs. It's a reminder to stay engaged with youth long after they have left our programs. It's about long-term relationships. The stories behind the stories is what our staff and volunteers value. Long-term relationship was made possible through your continued commitment to prayer and financial support. Thank you for making it possible to walk with youth for the long-haul, giving them the opportunity to flourish in life. We are not going to quit and we trust you won't either.



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BOW VALLEY SATELLITE TAMARA PRYCE-FISHER



I remember when we started gathering, she was so shy, barely saying a word and averting eye contact. Whenever I would ask for volunteers to read or pray, she would always hold her head down as if by doing so, I would somehow not see her. Even though she rarely spoke, her mom had mentioned how much she enjoyed hanging out with the other kids. She didn't have many friends at school because all her friends had moved away. Once we played a game of charades and I asked people to volunteer to act out a scene. She came under the nudging of her team members, but afterward, she said to me almost in tears, "I never want to do that again. I didn't like that at all. I don't like people looking at me." I encouraged her and told her how well she did, but made a note not to ask her to do anything that may put her in an uncomfortable situation again. You can imagine my surprise when a few weeks later I asked the group, "Who wants to read today?" Her hand went up. My heart skipped a beat. Slowly I had watched as the weeks went by and she became more comfortable, making conversation and playing with the other girls. This was a big step. I allowed her to read, then afterward told her how impressed I was that she wanted to read out loud in front of everyone else. She made a big smile and that was only the beginning. Now whenever she comes, I no longer have to ask the other girls if she could sit with them or if they could include her in their conversations. She fits right in and she has a voice of her own. Right before my very eyes, she had come out of her cocoon and transformed into the most beautiful butterfly. God is truly at work, changing hearts and changing lives.

KERAMIKO RACHEL ONEIL



God is so faithful to our Keramiko moms and staff. His goodness shines bright when our team dreams about what the future of our program could look like in the fall. There is so much to look forward to! We have a group started specifically for our Keramiko moms that do not have full-time custody of their children, we have had playgroups and meet-ups at various locations all over the city to network with new families and to build relationships between our Keramiko families, we have connect groups to build community and learn new skills as well as many other casual get-togethers along the way. It would be so easy to get wrapped up in the success of how well things are progressing or the new moms who have just partnered with us. While those are all things certainly worth celebrating, the biggest heart cry for us as staff for our Keramiko community is that they would each meet and grow in their love and relationship with Christ. We know how transformative a personal relationship with Jesus is or would be for these families. Not only would the lives of the moms we work with be impacted but the ripple effect of God's love and grace and transforming work would trickle through their families and social circle. Our hope and deep desire is to be a voice of His love and truth and a listening ear as they seek and discern His presence in their lives. As we move toward the fall, would you join us in prayer for our Keramiko families? Pray they would deepen their faith and relationship with Christ, pray for their children, and pray for us at Keramiko, that we would steward this great responsibility and privilege well!

YOUTH GUIDANCE DANIEL STENGLER

When Bernie approached me in early 2023 about serving with him again in his summer programs, I was excited. We met almost every week in preparation. We discussed a multitude of things, from drills to how the kids would respond to the teaching. This ultimately prepared me very well for the camps in July. Bernie had put me into the position, (at least in hockey camp), of being the Head Coach. I ran most of the drills and led the other volunteers in helping the kids grow their skills. I got to see Bernie talk and mentor with the kids and it was super cool to see him work. His God-given love for these kids is quite unmatched, I have never experienced someone loving on difficult kids in this way. This was especially evident in his handling of the Falconridge Soccer Program. Bernie is with these kids week in and week out. I got to see a glimpse of Godly patience and kindness, and his willingness to love this kid. I was put more in a supporting role for our Soccer Trainer, but I also got to lead a small group. I got to discuss lighthearted topics, but also deeper topics with these kids. Many of them are going through rough times, or have gone through rough times. Being able to be in that place, to first break down barriers with soccer, and then for them to open up and talk about things that they were dealing with was humbling. God is doing a lot of amazing work in these kids, and I have been honored to spend this time working and serving with Bernie. I pray that this ministry continues and that the Lord will continue to work in these places.



WORTH AUTO LORIN FRIESEN



Two years ago, two young men with no direction, arrived in our program at their mother's urging. They had a passion for cars but were caught up in street racing and a questionable crowd. Their mother hoped our Worth Auto program could offer them a better path. The timing was right and they soon became paid employees. Then, thanks to Doug, our shop foreman's encouragement, they enrolled in an automotive apprenticeship program. Today, they're second-year apprentices with job offers from a GM dealership in Old's, Alberta. Their journey wasn't quick, but we're incredibly proud of Noah and Ami, twins who've grown both as skilled professionals and young Christian men through our program. Ami has started working at the GM dealership, while Noah has stayed with us a little longer to help train other youth to replace them. Remarkably, they've also purchased a house together. Witnessing their transformation and the opportunities they've embraced has been inspiring. Raised without a father figure, our role as mentors and encouragers highlights how crucial affirmation is in a young man's development. We're honored to empower and guide these young individuals, equipping them with real-world skills and support as they navigate the challenges of life. They've already taken leadership roles, mentoring others in our shop, and we anticipate the positive impact of their journey will echo for years, influencing their future children as well. Being part of this transformational journey is a privilege. While not all will become mechanics, we hope every participant leaves with new skills and the understanding that they are cared for, both by us and the Creator who made them.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARIA FRIESEN



This season is filled with exciting developments! In our Keramiko program, our team's persistent efforts to explore innovative ideas have paid off. We recently witnessed the remarkable impact of our hard work as hearts brimmed with joy. The girls we serve are forming strong connections, emphasizing the value of community. Our Mobile Cafe project, is fully on track! With a dedicated committee of high-caliber volunteers sharing our vision, we aim to begin construction by year-end, launching our new initiative in Spring 2024. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated in this endeavor. Our newest initiative, WakeUp Deborah, had a major milestone with a youth accepting Jesus and we have two new church partnerships! This is a season of celebration for YU, made possible by your support, be it through prayers, encouraging our staff, or financial contributions. Everything has come together, allowing us to witness the fruits of our collective labor. Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey.



CAMPUS LIFE SARA WAGAR



When youth ministry revolves around being in a school, things can quiet down once the summer hits. There's still many conversations and coffee dates to be had, lots of visits with girls who have graduated, and just a few weddings of former students to attend - but the pace is slower. And in that slower pace, one thing you don't expect is for your summer plans to just show up at your door. That's what my husband and I were introduced to when two of our neighbours just started hanging out on our lawn. We went out to meet them - one girl living here for the summer with her parents in a one bedroom place, while another boy had recently moved here from the Ukraine and lived with his mom and grandparents. Both of them were usually just sent outside from mid-afternoon to after it was dark. That's how they ended up on our lawn - boredom. For the next two months, our doorbell rang constantly. Our screen door was opened and people came in, and sometimes it seemed like they'd never leave. We wondered about boundaries, about these kid's families, about whether or not our kid's things could get wrecked. And every time, we came back to the same answer - these kids need people, and for right now, we are those people. So we opened our doors as often as we could. Some days were easy but lots felt challenging, and in some ways it continues on even as routines start again in the fall. With school ministry, teaching and coaching beginning again, I'm reminded how ministry with others happens at all times, and I continue to learn that it's better to build longer tables than it is to build bigger walls.