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EL PASO | GIVE LIFE TO YOUR STORY

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MINISTRY UPDATE

ISAIAH
43:19



IF YOU ONLY KNEW...

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If you only knew... that the last time I talked to my mom, I told her she should have died. Three hours later she did, and now I have to live with that. - Junior Student

If you only knew... that I feel alone and I don't think anyone can help me with my depression. - 7th Grade Student



If you only knew... that I feel like nobody cares about me... nobody. I look around and see everyone else happy while I'm too worried about what will happen to me when I go home. - Senior Student

If you only knew... that I want to believe in God, but when I look at how my life has turned out I feel that if He really did love me my life wouldn't be this way. I'm so angry; and it's His fault. - Freshman Student



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

In Dr. Martin Luther King's famous, "I Have a Dream" speech, there is a stirring sentence that captures the imagery of our mission at Youth For Christ El Paso: "With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope."

In many ways, the issues facing today's teens look like a mountain of despair. Our kids are the most anxious generation in history. They are experiencing higher levels of loneliness, brokenness, and mental health issues than previous generations. And their quest for identity, belonging, and purpose have left them with more questions than answers.

Not only that, the combination of cyber bullying, increased isolation, and a greater lack of purpose than ever before, requires a new way of approach to reach this population of youth for Christ in El Paso and the community overall. The pandemic taught us that 45 minutes of club each week, while impactful, was not enough for this generation of teens. Youth are reportedly desperate for adults who are consistently engaged in every part of their life. Springtime Institute reports that in 2019 youth needed only 1-2 meaningful daily interactions from non-parental adults. In 2021 it reported youth are saying they need between 6-7 non-parental adults who are actively engaged in their life. Students are desperate for connection and community.

That is why, at Youth for Christ El Paso, we are initiating a new holistic and sustainable approach to mentor teens by providing a support system of loving relationships, practical life training, and wholeness through a meaningful relationship with their peers and our leaders through...

RELATIONAL MINISTRY!



OUR MISSION

YFC REACHES YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE, WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED PARTNERS TO RAISE UP LIFELONG FOLLOWERS OF JESUS WHO LEAD BY THEIR GODLINESS IN LIFESTYLE, DEVOTION TO THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER, PASSION FOR SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST, AND COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT.



OUR MINISTRIES



CAMPUS LIFE (CL)

CL HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL COMBINES RELATIONAL MINISTRY WITH CREATIVE PROGRAMS TO REACH STUDENTS AND POSITIVELY IMPACT THEIR SCHOOLS.



JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY (JJM)

JJM SEEKS TO ENGAGE AT-RISK YOUTH IN VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AND ALSO IN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS.

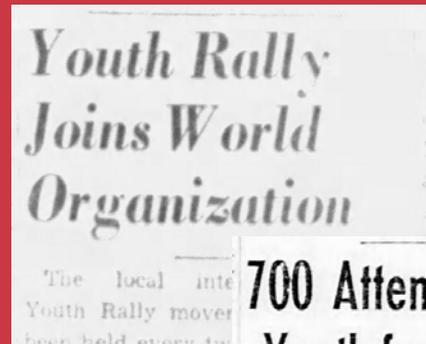
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YFC EL PASO'S HISTORY

- Since 1944, Youth For Christ has been a prominent leader in reaching unchurched youth. Led initially by Billy Graham, YFC has grown world-wide and currently has 35,000 staff and volunteers bringing hope to teens in over 100 different countries.
- Youth For Christ was established in El Paso in 1946, by a group of local parents and church leaders. For the first 7 years, YFC El Paso hosted large weekly youth rallies in the city and on Ft. Bliss.
- Eventually, YFC leaders began to realize the youth were desperate for more intentional connections, and Campus Life was born in El Paso in the early 60's.
- For nearly 70 years, Campus Life has ministered to students across El Paso, seeing hundreds of students come to know Christ, and thousands of students exposed to the Gospel.
- In 2013, we began reaching at-risk youth in the Juvenile Detention Center. For nearly 10 years, teens have met Jesus and are finding hope when they thought there was none.
- Today, our vision continues to be seeing 11-19 year olds, across the borderland of El Paso, have the opportunity to be engaged in an authentic, Christ-sharing relationship with a caring adult and ultimately become a life-long follower of Jesus. We are currently reaching over 100 youth across the borderland.



i AM about to do
A NEW thing.

now it SPRINGS FORTH,

do you not PERCEIVE IT?

i WILL make a way
IN THE WILDERNESS

and rivers in the desert.

-isaiah 43:19

RELATIONAL MINISTRY DEFINED

Each of our ministries operate out of a Ministry Site, where on-going relational ministry happens between caring adults and 11-19 year old teens. These sites are led by a Ministry Site Director and a devoted team of volunteers.



RELATIONAL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES (RMA)

We engage teens through the following relational ministry actions:

-  **Contacting:** We go into the world of teens to initiate new relationships on their turf.
-  **Building Time:** We spend time in shared activities in order to build new relationships and grow existing ones.
-  **Club:** We provide weekly large group meetings with unchurched kids in a safe, high energy setting in order to talk about relevant topics and communicate God's word.
-  **Small Groups:** We go deeper with students through weekly, interactive small groups that foster honest sharing and accelerated learning.
-  **Appointments:** We meet with kids to focus on their individual needs and provide wise counsel and direction.
-  **Core Teams:** We connect Christian teens with adult coaches who empower them to live out their faith in a way that naturally encourages their friends to discover Jesus with them.



RMA GOALS

1. KIDS SHARE THEIR NAME WITH A YFC LEADER.
2. KIDS ENTER IN A CONVERSATIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR LEADERS.
3. KIDS ARE INTRODUCED TO AN AUTHENTIC CHRIST SHARING RELATIONSHIP.
4. KIDS SAY YES TO FOLLOWING JESUS.
5. KIDS WHO SAY YES TO JESUS START BEING DISCIPLED.
6. KIDS BEGIN SHARING THEIR FAITH WITH THEIR FRIENDS.
7. KIDS GET PLUGGED INTO A CHURCH AND GET INVOLVED.



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28%

of El Paso youth were raped or sexually assaulted this past year.

7,863

teens dropped out of high school in El Paso this past year.

1,000

of El Paso teens were reported to be pregnant this past year.

2,640

of El Paso youth were incarcerated this past year in the Juvenile Detention Center.

30%

of incarcerated youth were repeat offenders this past year.

CHAPTER PRIORITIES

Our priorities for the next year, and beyond, come out of the five year strategic plan that was written and approved by our board. This is a growth plan that centers on leader health, ministry expansion, and sustainable support. The priorities that we will focus on this year include the following:

1. REBUILD MINISTRY SITES

Because of the impact of Covid-19, we will re-engage, rebuild, and increase the number of authentic Christ sharing relationships with lost kids at each of our ministry sites.

2. LEADER ENGAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

We will re-engage and equip more adult leaders to be in authentic Christ-sharing relationships with kids who don't know Christ.

3. SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on our financial support. It's safe to say these past two years have been the most challenging years of ministry we've ever faced. Yet together, we can overcome COVID 19 challenges, multiple staff transitions, and the re-invention of our ministry, by empowering our leaders to be consistently on a campus and relationally connected with students.

4. MINISTRY EXPANSION

We will establish new ministries in the following areas:

- o Campus Life at Canutillo High School.
- o Initiate a Parent Life ministry.
- o Re-establish JJM.



CURRENT GOAL

YOUR GIFT TO YOUTH FOR CHRIST EL PASO WILL DIRECTLY IMPACT STUDENTS AND EMPOWER OUR LEADERS TO BE CONSISTENTLY ON A CAMPUS AND RELATIONALLY CONNECTED WITH STUDENTS. PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING AN ANNUAL GIFT TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$36,000, OR A RECURRING MONTHLY GIFT TO REACH \$6,000 PER MONTH.



\$6,000 PER MONTH

\$200 PER MONTH



\$150 PER MONTH



\$100 PER MONTH



\$75 PER MONTH



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January - February - March



April - May - June



July - August - September



October - November - December



SOME OF OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As we move forward, we are inviting partners to help us advance this mission and share the prevailing hope of Jesus with more kids. You can join us in the following ways:

GET INVOLVED...

 **Pray:**
Join our prayer team by emailing contact@yfcep.org

 **Volunteer:**

- Ministry with middle or high school students.
- Development and expansion help.
- Office support or community projects.



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 **Advocate:**

- Coordinate a presentation with a friend or group (Churches, Small Groups, Service Clubs, Businesses, etc.)
- Bring friends to a "See the Story" tour or "Be the Story" event.

 **Give:**

- Support a kid for a year: \$600 or \$50/month
- Help us reach our goal of \$6,000 new monthly gifts
- Consider a special gift commitment above your current support over the next three years to help us achieve our ministry goals.



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