



## Southwestern Ontario Youth for Christ

# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

### Serving youth from the communities of:

Beamsville, Brussels, Burgessville, Cambridge, Clifford, Hanover, Harriston, Ingersoll, Listowel, Milton, Mitchell, Niagara Falls, Norwich, Otterville, Palmerston, Parkhill, Simcoe, St. Catharines, St. Thomas, Stratford, Strathroy, Tillsonburg, Vineland, Waterdown, Waterford, Waterloo/Oxford District, Wingham, Woodstock

### Vision Statement

*We are dedicated to seeing young people have the opportunity to make an informed decision to become a follower of Jesus Christ and become a part of a local church. We are committed to helping youth develop wholistically by offering programs and developing relationships that nurture the whole person – physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.*

### Mission Statement

*As members of the Christian community, YFC/Youth Unlimited exists to help young people throughout Southwestern Ontario attain their full life potential, showing love and care for their whole person, and encouraging them to serve God as fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.*

**“We see the hope and potential in every young person”**

Dear Shareholder:

**We are Southwestern Ontario Youth for Christ...**

imbedded in local communities, committed to live lives of grace and gratitude and propelled into a lifestyle that reflects the love of Christ to an observant generation.

We sit through frigid hockey games in January, walk through the crowded hallways of public schools, look into the faces of hurting teenagers and teach 15-year-old mothers that the Apostle Paul was serious and inspired by the Spirit when he said that they can be new creations.

Yes, at YFC we live in, love and lean into the communities where the Lord has planted us. At no time has the mission and calling been more important or intense. Yes, at YFC we believe that God understands the unique challenges that welcome us each day in neighborhoods all across this country. We believe that God has drawn us into situations that He alone can empower us to handle. We believe that the message of hope is transcendent, localized and transformational.

**There are no shortcuts into the heart of local communities...**

just a routine of commitment and connection that links us into the pain and promise of living with Christ in a fallen world. And yes, we understand that this welfare starts and ends with prayer. We're praying like never before on behalf of "the city" where God Himself has endorsed our presence. The welfare of the city is measured one young life at a time through the profound and beautiful message of hope found in Jesus, the Christ. We are Southwestern Ontario Youth for Christ....and we're committed to the marvelous call. Know that the most important elements are the individual stories of young people and changed lives. I am proud to lead this movement and I am thankful for people like you who pray for us and share the resources God has entrusted to you. This empowers us to **see the hope and potential in every young person.**

Steve Deller, Executive Director

## TYPES OF MINISTRIES

- Youth Centres
- Project Serve
- Campus Life
- Chaplaincy Services
- Performing Arts
- Institutions
- Coaching Sports
- Church Resource
- Teen Moms
- Bike Co-op
- Camps
- Recording Studios
- Clothing & meals
- Justice Ministry

## 2014 MINISTRY OUTCOMES

In sharing with you the following statistics we are reminded of our high calling to serve the youth of our towns and cities. In 2014 seven key ministry outcomes were measured as part of the reporting requirements to YFC International:

- Youth contacted individually or through programs: 57,425
- Number challenged to invite Christ into their lives: 3,564
- Decisions for Christ: 205
- Discipleship/Follow-up: 2,531
- Volunteers: 2,390
- Partnering Churches: 270
- Paid Staff: 73

## 2014 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

We have such a rich history of God's wonderful provision for YFC/Youth Unlimited. We are blessed by thousands of donors who give so generously and faithfully to our staff, projects and programs. We have much to be thankful for.

2014 Actual Income	\$4,963,868
Expenditures	\$3,905,162
Balance	\$1,058,706



## CHAPTER PRIORITIES

**Staff Retention and Recruitment** - nurturing valuable human resources and attracting new team members

**Leadership Development** - helping staff, volunteers and youth realize their potential

**Ministry Partner Development** - strengthening and expanding donor relations

**Public Relations** - increasing awareness of who we are and what we do

**Ministry Effectiveness** - expanding our competency and productivity in reaching youth



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