

EIGHTEEN AND COUNTING

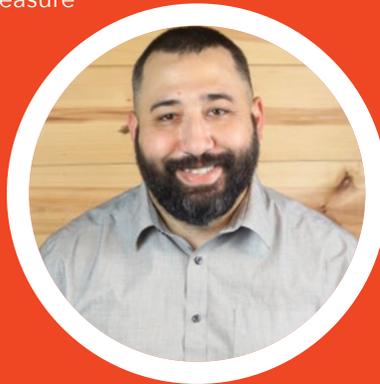
By Hailey Rice, Communications Coordinator

This past year has generated tremendous growth within the YFC staff with six new staff members joining our team in the last 12 months. That makes Siouxland YFC a staff of 18! It is our pleasure to introduce the newest additions to our team: David Mitchell and Josh Parkin.

David Mitchell is also a Student Advocate at Sioux City North High School. David grew up in Colorado but now lives in Sioux City with his wife Sarah and 4 kids: Jacob, 14, Josiah, 12, Addelynn, 6, and Judah, 3. He enjoys small woodworking projects and being involved in his church's youth programs. Prior to becoming an advocate, David was a construction foreman and is excited to see how God uses and directs him.

Josh Parkin has joined the YFC team as the Le Mars City Life Teen Center Manager. Josh was raised in Le Mars. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Dory, and his son Elliot, 6. Prior to his new role, Josh worked in transportation and has been a volunteer for City Life at the Le Mars Teen Center for the previous four years. He is excited to learn and serve alongside the Plymouth County team as a staff member now.

We praise God for providing these staff to help us move forward towards our goal of reaching 2400 kids in Christ-sharing relationships annually.



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THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER DAILY

Karl Van Cura, Executive Director

Looking back, we clearly see God's hand directing YFC to newer and greater opportunities. In fact, there are more opportunities than resources and leaders to reach lost youth right now. In 1 Chron. Jabez cried out, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory..." and God granted his request. We are seeing God granting our requests as well. As each ministry area looks back on this past year, we hope you detect God's blessing on YFC: New collaborations, partnerships, and more young people experiencing Christ-sharing relationships within safe ministry communities.

In Acts 2:47 Luke announces, "...the Lord added to their number daily those that were being saved." As you read over the metrics we share, the statistics represent individual young people; their lives, stories, and souls. **We praise God that on an average day the Lord is bringing 3 young people to our ministry communities and every 4th day one young person to salvation in the Lord!** God does this. Our part is to join him, being available to share God's story and our story.

We passionately desire to add to the body of Christ, but according to Luke, it's God's choice. In Philippi, the Lord added a woman possessed by a spirit. In Juvenile Detention, the Lord added a 17 year old convicted of murder. In City Life, the Lord added 12 youth in one day (some gender confused). In YFC, we long for the Lord to add young people being saved every day. This is possible, but we can't do this alone. It will take all of us collaborating together with our time, resources, and prayers. Help us in praying for others to join us this next year so we can continue to grow God's Kingdom with more young people.

REFLECTING AND...

TRI-CITY MINISTRY

By Jim Cole, Tri-City Ministry Area Director

In our 2021-22 ministry year through 10 ministry sites, we connected with 621 students and entered into 398 Christ-sharing relationships with 59 students saying yes to Jesus.

In 2022, the Tri-City Area started with two full-time ministry staff. A contract with the Sioux City Community School District hired an additional four staff who help students academically and develop small group ministries in the schools. We have also hired a staff for our growing City Life ministry.

However, ministry isn't only happening during the school year... This was our second summer developing outreach ministry at Leif Erickson Park, partnering with two churches. Several kids at the park said yes to Jesus and started attending church. Additionally this summer, 21 students attended camp where 4 students from Campus Life High School said yes to Jesus for the first time.

So much has happened this past year, yet I believe 2023 will surpass 2022. In Campus Life, we plan to add new small groups. For City Life, we're excited to utilize our new urban park to reach more neighborhood kids and raise \$20,000 additional funds for the Northside ministry.

We are planning our next Be The Story in the spring of 2023 to resource a second community, Sioux City's Eastside. The goal before this event will be to raise \$20,000 prior to the See the Story/Be The Story process for the Eastside and then hire a full time staff to solidify the current ministry and develop new opportunities.

Our Juvenile Justice Ministry is in 3 care facilities and has over 50 Advocacy program matches. These advocates are paired with young people through our correctional facility partnerships to serve as mentors in their lives. In the next 2 years, we would like to raise \$40,000 to start a Parent Life program to reach teen parents as well as an Advocacy program for teens in facilities aging out of the foster care system.

It is my prayer that in 2023 twice as many kids hear of God's love, which means we'll need to double the amount of volunteer ministry leaders. We'll need 30-40 additional volunteers. 2-3 to serve as cooks, 8-10 small group leaders, 10-15 advocates and 3-4 community support team members.

Needs for next 1-2 years

- \$80,000 additional funding for current and new ministry
- Add ministry to the Eastside of Sioux City, Foster Kid Advocacy & Parent Life programming
- Additional 30-40 volunteers

PLYMOUTH COUNTY

By Jim Rahn, Plymouth County Ministry Area Director

In our 2021-22 ministry year through 4 ministry sites we connected with 353 students and entered into 113 Christ Sharing relationships with 11 saying yes to Jesus.

What a year of growth 2022 has been in Plymouth County! We hired Josh Parkin as Teen Center Manager. Josh is helping expand our opportunities to share the Gospel with students exponentially. He has a great heart and love for both ministry and the youth in our community.

Another way we have seen growth this year is the recent conversation with the Akron community to start ministry there. We assembled a launch team and had a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the community's needs and desires for ministry with youth. Nearly 100 people attended the Town Hall Meeting and there's great momentum for youth ministry to begin. God is moving in that area and we are excited to be a part of it.

We are looking forward to 2023 with anticipation that we will see ministry GROWTH in the Akron area and in Le Mars City Life and Campus Life. In order to continue this growth and momentum, it will take funding and at least 25 more volunteers.

Specifically, one of our desires for the coming year is to increase opportunities to impact more kids on a more personal level. With additional staff and volunteers, our hope is to have the opportunity to meet individually and in small group settings with more kids. As we look towards next year, please join us in praying to increase Josh's part-time position to full-time, for 25+ additional volunteers in Plymouth County, new partners and relationships, unity in our growing staff, and the funding to make it all possible.

Needs for next 1-2 years

- Double our Christ-sharing relationships and add ministry in Akron
- Additional 25-28 volunteers across Plymouth County
- \$20,000 additional annual funding for ministry

LOOKING FORWARD

SIoux COUNTY MINISTRY

By Tom Cook, Sioux County Ministry Area Director

In our 2021-22 ministry year through 1 Hawarden ministry site we connected with 137 students and entered into 27 Christ Sharing relationships with 7 saying yes to Jesus.

Before looking to 2023 and how we might impact more students in their pivotal moments here, we want to look back at 2022 and give thanks to the Lord for all He has done.

This past year, collaborations with community partners have impacted our City Life programs, helping to maintain our holistic approach to ministry. For example, we had hundreds of pounds of meat donated towards our Family Meal Time and 40 chairs and an air hockey table donated to the Teen Center!

At the Teen Center, we hit milestones with our highest attendance ever, recording 70 students on the last Thursday in August! That is 16% of the West Sioux Middle and High School student population. Just a few months prior, we had 23 middle and high school students attend YFC Camp, where several students made first time commitments to Jesus.

We have also seen an increase in our one-on-one appointments with students. During these appointments, volunteers spend intentional time with a student outside the Center to develop deeper relationships. One leader is meeting with a student mentoring them through struggles with anxiety. Although not always easy, this discipleship is often where life change takes place in a student.

We've also realized this past year how vital our programs are to this community. Students need to have a safe place with trusting adults to hear that they are loved by the one who created them, Jesus. In order for us to maintain these vital relationships we need new financial support to be sustainable and continue our Family Meal Time and Economic Programming.

To continue the momentum and growth we have into 2023 we require 15 more volunteers to pour into young people at the Center. We also have a desire for small groups to become a reality, so students can go deeper into God's Word. Volunteer leaders would make this dream happen. Thank you for being a part of that growth from 2022 and joining us in 2023.

Needs for next 1-2 years

- Adding \$10,000-\$15,000 in sustainable annual support
- Additional night of programming, family meal time & small groups
- 20 (2-3 Spanish bilingual) additional volunteers

POWER OF PRAYER

Sometimes when we pray, it takes time to see it unfold. Abraham prayed for a son but didn't see answers for 25 years. That's why we're reflecting on the kids, ministries, and other things we prayed for in 2022 and sharing how God moved. This should serve as encouragement for the prayers that you might not have seen answered yet and a reminder to continue praying because the power of prayer is real and alive...

"At a volunteer meeting, we put aside training and decided to pray in groups of 2-3 people for each other and for our kids. We prayed for kids by name and asked God to break down walls. The next night we shared the Gospel and 12 kids decided to follow Jesus and 4 of them were kids we prayed for specifically by name the night before!"

"Connecting kids with the local church is part of our mission that we've been praying to see growth in. This year in Sioux City we've had 2 more churches partner and pick up students for their Wednesday night youth programming."

"A young man in Juvenile Detention was convicted of murder, raised in the lifestyle of 'kill or be killed' and had never even heard of Jesus. Through our Juvenile Justice Ministry, he got to hear the gospel message and accepted Jesus as his Lord and savior. Now, he's preparing to be a missionary and light in prison."

"About a year ago, a group of boys laughed at the idea of going to camp. This past summer they went to camp and all of their lives were radically changed. They accepted Jesus into their hearts and

now ask deep questions and look forward to bible studies and learning more about God."

"For years there has been a shortage of men stepping up to meet with young people, especially teenage boys. I have been praying for God to send us Godly men to our ministry, to be that man of God and fatherly figure for our lost and aimless youth. This year through staff and volunteers, I have seen God send over a dozen men. I am continuing to pray for more men to enter the harvest."



Join our prayer group



TRANSFORMING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

By Grace Nordquist, Community Engagement Coordinator

If you recall from our winter newsletter, we shared the exciting news about purchasing and tearing down the house in the lot next door to our Sioux City building. Since the house was torn down we've removed all the debris, leveled the ground between the two lots, installed grass seed and irrigation, removed and will replace and expand the property fencing, and even poured concrete. We've also received renderings for the future urban park we have envisioned for the space.

As you can see from the rendering pictured, we have plans to finish our concrete into a half-court basketball court, perfect for some 3-on-3 basketball. In fact, this was our project for this year's Siouxland Big Give, in which we raised \$1,275.

Next to the basketball courts we'll plant trees for shade and extend an 8' height fence around this area. We have grass planted for a future urban soccer field and we'll bring back our gaga ball pit. This leaves green space for additional outdoor games and picnic tables where students and staff can enjoy lunch, study, work and engage in meaningful conversations. We're also looking to add creativity to the space by putting murals on the building and new signage near the doors. This urban park will truly bring life to the neighborhood and we're excited for the project to be completed so we can share it with the community!

None of these dreams could have been accomplished without the help of our partners. In fact, thanks to Holland Lawn Care and Cardis Fence and Iron, this project has gotten its start much faster than we could have imagined. We also have our Big Give donors, 100+ Women Who Care, and many other partners to thank for making this possible.

We can't wait for our students to utilize this area and for the new neighborhood youth that will visit our park. Just as our property has changed and will bring life to the neighborhood, we look forward to the life change that will happen in students' lives when they enter into authentic Christ sharing relationships with adults at our new urban park.

Upcoming Events:

- Hawarden Soup Luncheon
- Le Mars Soup Luncheon
- Hawarden See The Story & Be The Story winter 2023
- Winter Retreat
- Champions Event
- Akron See The Story & Be The Story winter 2022-23



Immediate Needs:

Make a donation, contact us yfc@siouxland.org

- Winter gear: stocking hats, gloves, coats, etc.
- Socks
- Notebooks
- Baked goods
- 1000 watt microwave
- Pool table



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FY21-22 MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT

Since implementing our 5 Year Strategic Plan in July 2019, we've met 3,500 Kids, brought 1,500 Lost Kids into Christ-sharing Relationships, seen 286 Lost Kids become New Believers in Christ, and helped 156 of those be disciplined and connected to a local Church.

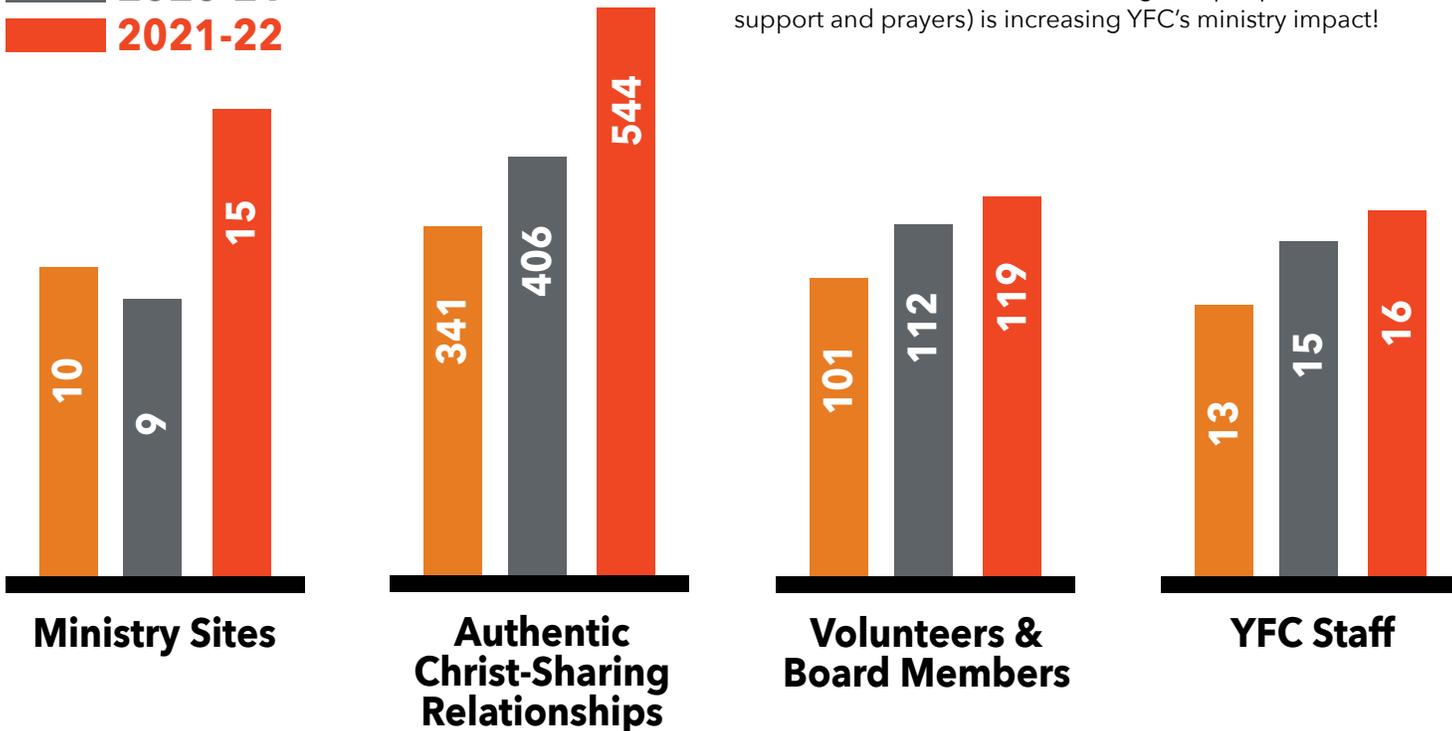
- Total kids in Siouxland ages 11-19 = **17,000**
- Kids that are accessible to YFC = **5,100**
- Goal: build **2,400** Christ-sharing relationships



MINISTRY GROWTH PATTERNS

■ 2019-20
■ 2020-21
■ 2021-22

Over the last 3 years our expenses have grown with new staff and more ministry sites, but we've seen God's provision grow our income. We believe God (through his people's faithful support and prayers) is increasing YFC's ministry impact!



MEET THE SIOUXLAND YFC STAFF

Plymouth County Ministry

Jim Rahn, Area Director | 23 years

Roxie Rahn, City Life Director | 14 years

Abraham Curiel, Campus Life Director | 3 years

Josh Parkin, Le Mars Teen Center Manager | 2 months



Sioux County Ministry

Tom Cook, Area Director | 7 years

Roxanne Cook, City Life Assistant | 3 years

Tri-city Ministry

Jim Cole, Area Director | 25 years

Rachelle Rawson, Juvenile Justice Ministry Director | 3 years

Tony Dunnick, Student Support | 9 months

Jeremy Robertson, Student Support | 9 months

David Mitchell, Student Support | 2 months

Calee Ewing, Tri-City Campus Life Director | 5 years

Drew Curiel, Tri-City City Life Director | 7 months



Siouxland YFC Admin

Karl Van Cura, Executive Director | 9 years

Emma Curry, Bookkeeper | 17 years

Chris Jones, Donor Base Mgmt./Ministry Asst. | 6 years

Grace Nordquist, Comm. Engagement Coord. | 1 year

Hailey Rice, Communications Coordinator | 1 year