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WINTER NEWSLETTER

We're more than just peaches...

WE BRING HOPE TO FARGO-MOORHEAD'S TEENAGERS.

We need your help to impact at-risk and unreached teens in Fargo-Moorhead. Please make a donation to Red River Youth for Christ on **Thursday, February 9th**, by visiting givingheartsday.org.



**Giving Hearts
Day** 9TH

givingheartsday.org



WINTER 2017

STORIES

NOTES FROM THE JOURNEY...



[DIRECTOR'S NOTES]



Hungry students being fed. Young ladies learning how to be excellent moms. Students being bused to a church to be loved on and hear the gospel.

Young guys and girls who are locked up singing "Jesus loves Me" at the top of their lungs. A young man sharing his story with a staff member over coffee. These are just some of the stories being written every week that YOU make possible. Thank you for joining us in radically loving and bringing hope to teens.

Thursday, February 9th, is Giving Hearts Day. So many of you love our summer peach sale, and we love that you love it! So, we are using this Giving Hearts Day to explain how we're more than just peaches. In this newsletter, we'll be highlighting

each of our ministry areas along with how we're meeting the spiritual and physical needs of teens in the F-M area.

Giving Hearts Day is one day where your gift can go an extra-long way to make the biggest impact in the lives of students. Our goal is \$40,000. The first \$13,000 of that will be matched by some incredible friends of YFC. You play a vital role in making that dream goal a reality. Please join us in bringing hope and love to some amazing teens on February 9th.



Greg Everett
Executive Director

P.S. We have moved! Our new office is located at 11 18th Street South, Fargo, ND 58103.

[OUR MISSION]

YFC radically loves and brings hope to teens by 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.

YFC provides a safe and friendly place to learn leadership skills, to think about important issues and to develop quality relationships with peers and with caring adults.

YFC's 5 Ministry Essentials:



WIDESPREAD PRAYER



FAITHFUL BIBLE TEACHING



LOVING RELATIONSHIPS



ADULTS WHO EMPOWER



COLLABORATIVE
COMMUNITY STRATEGY

[COMEDY CAFÉ RECAP]

Thank you to everyone who attended our Comedy Cafe fundraiser on November 1st! We hope you had a great time enjoying some dessert from Moxie Java, learning a little bit about Youth for Christ, and laughing along with comedian Ron McGehee. Make sure to save the date for our 2017 Comedy Cafe which will take place on November 14th featuring comedy from John Crist. Visit johncristcomedy.com for a little sneak peek!



[CITY LIFE]

Woodrow Wilson HS

- **Feeding and building relationships** with 30+ students every Wednesday.
- **Recruiting volunteers** to prepare and serve meals for the spring.
- Meeting with students **outside of school** to get to know more about their story.

Red River ALC

- **Great attendance** at our Friday Red River ALC program with 30+ students.
- Park Christian School is blessing us by **providing transportation** to and from Red River ALC.
- There's always a **new student** to meet every week.
- We continue to **strengthen relationships** with students we've known since last year.

"I think one of the greatest blessings of working with youth is that we get to go to where the kids are. For 13 years, we have been going into schools and meeting kids in their world. At the alternative schools we have had the privilege of praying with kids to receive Christ! We have truly been blessed in this ministry."

-Mike King, RRYFC Staff

[PARENT LIFE]

- Five teens **completed the nurturing parenting class.**
- Four teens are **attending Parenting with Love and Logic classes.**
- Two healthy **baby boys were born.**
- One mom **accepted Christ!**
- One mom **graduated from high school.**
- Meeting up with and **mentoring 24 teen moms.**

"I had the opportunity to pray with a teen mom, and she asked Jesus into her heart! She doesn't have any family support and was going down the wrong path. Her friends encouraged her to think only of herself and that wasn't helping her situation. Now she is considering how her choices have far reaching effects and is praying for the Lord's guidance before making decisions."

-Linda Bass, RRYFC Staff

[CAMPUS LIFE]

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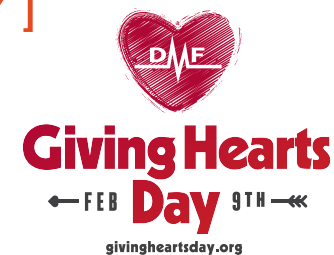
- Slow start to the school year, but we're **picking up momentum.**
- We have one young man who **loves inviting people to Club** on Wednesday nights.
- Kicking off the new year with a Super Bowl party to **recruit more students.**

[JUVENILE JUSTICE]

- **God has opened a door** for us to minister at the Clay County detention center.
- **Two worship services** on Sunday nights with the teens, 45 minutes each.
- The teens are very **open and honest** about sharing their stories.
- The questions they have are deep and come from the heart. They really want to **know more about Jesus.**

[GIVING HEARTS DAY]

YOU can make an eternal difference in the life of a teenager by supporting Red River Youth for Christ on **Giving Hearts Day, Thursday, February 9th, 2017.**



To make a secure 321 contribution to RRYFC, go to givingheartsday.org on February 9th, choose Red River Youth for Christ, and make your donation. **Donations of \$10 or more up to \$13,000 will be matched by friends of Youth for Christ. New this year: Checks of \$10.00 or more received by and dated February 9th, will count towards our total.**

A lot of the teens that we work with are abused, neglected, and searching for a purpose in life. We come alongside them to intentionally love, mentor, and form life-giving relationships with a generation that desperately needs Jesus.

We provide meals to students who don't have access to quality food; we mentor expecting and parenting teen moms who need a safe and encouraging place to learn how to become better parents; we form relationships and share the gospel with students who are constantly battling peer pressure, abuse, and addictions; we radically love and bring hope to teens in the Fargo-Moorhead community. All in Jesus' name.

Thank you for supporting our ministry. Together we can radically love and bring hope to teens in the Fargo-Moorhead community!



From the students at Woodrow Wilson HS, thank you for supporting RRYFC on Giving Hearts Day!



[MORE THAN PEACHES]

This year, our Giving Hearts Day theme is *We're more than just peaches*. A lot of people in the F-M area only know of YFC because of our summer peach sale. And we LOVE that people support us by purchasing peaches, but we want to use this opportunity to inform our supporters about our different ministry areas and how we meet the physical and spiritual needs of 300+ teens in the F-M area.

We're super excited for Giving Hearts Day this year because we've partnered up with Dunn Brothers Coffee! If you're a coffee drinker, swing by Dunn Brothers, grab a cup of delicious coffee, and say a quick thank you to them for supporting YFC.

We would love for you to get involved and join our fundraising efforts! To stay up-to-date on all things Giving Hearts Day, check us out on Facebook and Twitter. We'll be posting numerous testimonials about our work for you to read and share with your friends. There might even be an opportunity to win a free box of peaches!

