

Our Staff & Board are Growing!

Here is an updated list of our team. We are deeply thankful for the godly leaders dedicated to advancing God's kingdom work in our community.



Staff:

Haddon Anderson, Executive Director
Olle Larson, Director of Operations
Zabrina Ramirez, Community Engagement Coordinator
Adam Palmer, Community Outreach Director
J.R. Flannigan, Juvenile Justice Ministry Director
Cory Whitford, Campus Life Ministry Director
Tyrone Garrett, City Life Director
Alyssa Newton, City Life Director
Jenaé Williams, City Life Director
D'Lisa Flannigan, City Life Director
Julio Tellez, City Life Director
Beth Fontana, Juvenile Justice Women's Ministry Director
Julie Anderson, Campus Life Support

Board:

Tim Ancona, Chairman
Bruce Haugen
Dave Odling
John Hranka
Brent Hayes
Tyler Crosby
Sierra Kellen
Kelly Stern
Mindy Stadel
Jason Ware
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Allow me to zoom in on a recent interaction I observed at a YFC ministry site...

A young man was animated discussing disrespect in the workplace. He sharply shared his opinion and emphasized his intolerance. If seemingly just slightly offended by a customer, he'd send the disrespect right back at them.

J.R. Flannigan, a YFC staff member, listened but also challenged him—wisely, patiently, and uniquely. He asked questions. He gently pushed back. He illustrated consequences for allowing somebody's petty disrespect to get the best of him. The dialogue was intense, yet fruitful. The young man calmed. Others listened. It turned into a healthy moment.

Minutes later, I chatted with this young man before we shared a meal. He highlighted how much J.R. means to him—the value of his influence and having a father-like figure in his life.

What was vividly clear is J.R. has earned the right to speak truth over this teen. J.R. can rebuke him because the relationship is grounded in the unconditional love of Christ. They embody a truly authentic, Christ-sharing relationship, where the relationship is genuine and the love of Christ is shared. Through such relationships, growth happens. Discipleship begins. Hope is experienced.



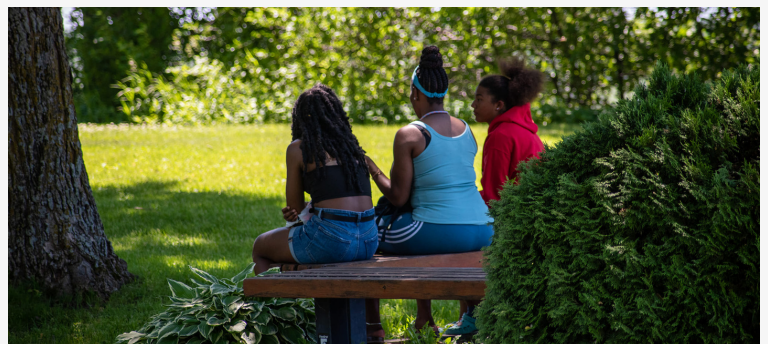
Mission Highlights

YFC's ministry efforts in the last year have resulted in thousands of ministry activities and hours invested in youth. For example, YFC staff engaged in 800+ Appointments with local youth. This is just one core ministry process that staff pursue. These connections with youth occur across our community, within local schools, correctional facilities, our Campus Life Center, and more. Our aim is authentic, Christ-sharing relationships, where youth are seen and known and the hope of Christ is proclaimed. And we are moving our mission forward in the days ahead. We have new staff joining our team as well as a vision for increased engagement across our ministries.

We also celebrate when God moves through an opportunity such as YFC Camp. In June, we took a high school and middle school group. The shared experiences and lasting relationships had a profound impact. Listen to what some of the youth themselves wrote about it:

- **“Before I came I never really had a relationship with God. But now I do...”**
- **“This trip has changed my life forever, and for that I am forever grateful.”**
- **“This was the best week of my life.”**

There is exciting momentum right now. God is moving!



Our vision at YFC is to cultivate more and more authentic, Christ-sharing relationships like this one. And we see a dire need for this investment in youth.

We live in a challenging and vulnerable moment in our country and community. Anxiety rages. Fear consumes. Hostility divides. Our youth fall prey to the animosity. Youth are lonely, isolated, and angry.

In a frantic culture, Jesus offers countercultural, supernatural peace. In Matthew 11:28-30, he states, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. My yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Our world is distressed and confused. Yet Jesus offers rest for our souls—true peace made available to all who are united in Christ. At Youth for Christ, we magnify the peace of Christ in our own hearts and extend its beauty to youth, like J.R. with the young man.

The mission is needed now more than ever. With a growing need, we are advancing our mission. We're adding more staff and ask for you to consider increasing your support of YFC.

We press on as we uncover God's story of hope to the next generation. Thanks as always for your support.

In Christ,
Haddon Anderson
Executive Director

Event Support

We are grateful for the support through our events this year. We recognize our banquet sponsors and our golf outing sponsors. We plan on excellent events again in 2023 and welcome additional support.

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