



A national crisis.

This is what the U.S. Surgeon General declared regarding youth mental health. ¹

A New York Times article noted, "Three decades ago, the gravest public health threats to teenagers in the United States came from binge drinking, drunken driving, teenage pregnancy and smoking. These have since fallen sharply, replaced by a new public health concern: soaring rates of mental health disorders." ²

Youth for Christ has an old motto that reads, "Geared to the times; Anchored to the Rock." Our mission is unwavering in its commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ, who is our Rock and our salvation (Psalm 62:6).

Furthermore, our mission is "geared to the times"--adaptable, contextual, missional, and strategic. *We're living amidst a national crisis among youth.* Think about that. We better seek understanding. We better adjust the gears. We better discern how to magnify the hope of the gospel in a complex, changing youth context.

Contextualizing ministry is nothing new. The apostle Paul navigated this during his missionary journeys (1 Corinthians 9:20-22). We must be both learners of God's Word and our culture, while always interpreting culture through the lens of Scripture.

There is a pressing need for this right now, and we're leaning into it. We're listening to youth. We're learning about mental health. We're addressing challenges. We're cultivating places of belonging for youth who are searching for identity and purpose. We're creating safe, loving environments where the gospel is not only heard but experienced.

Geared to the times. Anchored to the Rock.

We're celebrating meaningful impact during 2022 (see the back page!), and our vision is larger than ever for 2023. Our ministry reach is growing, and the hope of Jesus is desperately needed as vulnerable youth face pivotal moments in their lives.

We ask you to consider a generous, year-end gift to Youth for Christ.

Thank you to all our supporters who invest in the Lord's work among our youth. Hope you have a wonderful Christmas Season.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Haddon Anderson".

Haddon Anderson, Executive Director



¹ <https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/priorities/youth-mentalhealth/index.html>
² <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/23/health/mental-health-crisis-teens.html>



Mission Moments

Powerful mission moments happen on a regular basis and provide a glimpse into the heart of YFC. They include...

- Being present with a teen battling a mental health crisis into the wee hours of the morning
- Cultivating relationships with a group of Spanish-speaking youth and starting a Bible study
- Providing an alternative post-Homecoming activity at the Campus Life Center until midnight that 50+ youth attended
- Reaching teen mothers within a local school by offering mentorship, hope, and encouragement
- Driving 3+ hours to visit a young man who is incarcerated

Mission Advancement

We track our ministry growth in a myriad of ways, including a progression of our level of engagement with youth. Ministry efforts in recent years have resulted in...

700+

Youth logged into our database

500+

Youth in "Conversational Relationships"

250+

Youth in "Authentic, Christ-Sharing Relationships"



Recent months have featured an uptick in ministry outcomes. Since July, we have logged...

300+

New youth in our database

200+

New "Conversational Relationships"

50+

New "Authentic, Christ-Sharing Relationships"

These relationships with youth are made possible through staff and volunteers totaling 200+ hours a week serving youth in various capacities.



Hey, YFC!
What's an Authentic, Christ-Sharing Relationship?

We're glad you asked. It's a core process of ours that involves engaging youth on a deeper level relationally and with the hope of Christ. We value this effort so much that we think it's worth a conversation with you. Please reach out to our team to learn more about what we call ACSR's, and we welcome your involvement as we pursue more of them!

THANK YOU FOR INVESTING IN THE MISSION OF YFC

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