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A Laser-Focused Vision

Our vision at YFC is large.

However, we know that a large vision cannot be achieved without many small steps along the way.

This summer, we have made efforts to create a more laser-focused vision. What are the small steps that move our mission forward, demonstrate why we exist, and push us towards fruitfulness in ministry?

We have defined the following as core “drivers” of our mission:

Intentional Conversations (IC's)

An Intentional Conversation features a YFC leader talking with an 11-19 year-old for 10 minutes or more and asking intentional questions to learn about their story and build trust.

Christ-Centered Conversations (CCC's)

A Christ-centered conversation features a YFC leader talking with an 11-19 year-old for 10 minutes or more and having Christ-centered discussion.

We believe there is value in defining these “drivers” with clarity and pursuing them with intentionality. When a YFC leader is present at a ministry site, they are to know their purpose, which is to cultivate IC's and CCC's with lost young people.

And please know we do not launch these “drivers” with rigidity. Sometimes a valued connection can happen in less than 10 minutes. Sometimes an IC takes precedence over a CCC because the priority is to listen. Sometimes one meaningful CCC is far more valuable than rushing after multiple IC's.

Therefore, we recognize that leaders need to discern how to best minister while avoiding two extremes. We are *not* after superficial relationships just to inflate numbers, nor do we desire to “float” without clear purpose or direction in how we engage kids.

This effort is to ultimately create organizational clarity on how to best serve our youth. For instance, when a leader now shows up at a local school, they know to intentionally pursue IC's and CCC's. Through such efforts, we believe our leaders will invest



in more **Authentic, Christ-Sharing Relationships**, which we define as:

A relationship between a YFC leader and an 11-19-year-old that has featured a minimum of two meetings and conversation on the only hope of eternal life, Jesus Christ (the gospel).

And we have already seen the value. This summer, YFC Camp featured 62 kids in attendance, and our leaders engaged them in 124 IC's and 598 CCC's. This averages to over 10 meaningful connections per camper during the trip, resulting in valued Authentic, Christ-Sharing Relationships that remain active.

Now take a deep breath if all of this is heavy. Our focus here is not to overwhelm, but to once again *create clarity*. We value stewarding all resources at YFC with the utmost efficiency, and we believe this organizational clarity creates the highest capacity for ministry health. Our mission is namely focused upon planting seeds of the gospel and then trusting God to grow those seeds (1 Corinthians 3:6-7).

The bottom line: Know that when you invest in YFC, our goal is to steward your support with intentionality and purpose. It is a privilege that we must handle responsibly. As always, we appreciate your consideration to support YFC as we mobilize our laser-focused vision!

Haddon Anderson
Executive Director - Stateline Youth for Christ

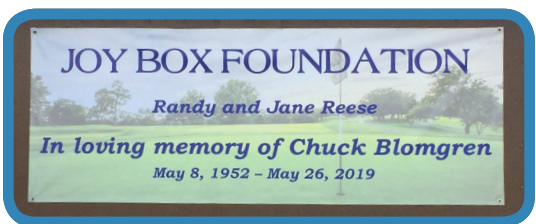


YFC Golf Outing 2019

On Monday, August 5th, the annual Stateline Youth for Christ Golf Outing was held at Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Country Club. We enjoyed a beautiful day together!

We would like to thank the following sponsors:

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Chuck and Karen Blomgren have been long-time friends and supporters of YFC. Karen continues to serve on our Board of Directors, and Chuck was intimately involved through the years. Chuck passed away in May. We would like to give special thanks to our event sponsor, THE JOY BOX FOUNDATION, for their sponsorship in honor and in loving memory of Chuck Blomgren. Chuck is remembered and missed by us all.



YFC Camp 2019

We took a record number of local youth (62!) to YFC Camp this summer, providing a camp experience for many who would never have one otherwise. The value of YFC

Camp is evidenced through deep relationships formed with YFC leaders (which are continued after Camp), unique shared experiences (i.e. zip-lining, high ropes, etc.), and new friendships with other campers. Most importantly, there are meaningful encounters with the only hope of eternal life, Jesus Christ. Teens said “yes” to Jesus in their life for the first time. Many have returned home with a hunger to learn more about God and even walk with Him in relationship. They also continue to have the faithful presence of YFC leaders in their life through connections to our local outreaches—City Life, Campus Life, and Juvenile Justice Ministry. Thank you to all who supported YFC Camp!

Camp Story

**Names have been changed to maintain privacy.*

Maya did not realize when she was making plans to attend a Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night in support of YFC that her life was about to change. As she sat at the table, a YFC Leader walked up to her and invited her to summer camp. She seemed interested but did not commit. A month passed and no word from Maya. The YFC Team assumed that meant she was not interested in going.

Then one month before camp, Maya sent a text saying, “I hope it’s okay, I invited my brother, Johnny and my friend, Theresa, too!”

This was Maya and Johnny’s first time ever out of town. Earlier that year, Maya spent two weeks in the hospital after attempting suicide. Two weeks before Camp, Johnny also was feeling hopeless and struggled with wanting his life to end.

Maya and Johnny had heard about Christianity before Camp but had a lot of hesitation and questions. They came from a culture well-versed in religion, but they wanted a *relationship...someone, tangible, able to speak light into their darkness.*

Throughout the week, they conquered fears, made new friends, and explored the questions they had. They heard the gospel presented and had an opportunity to respond to Jesus, and Maya said “yes” to Jesus for the first time.

Later that week, we discovered that Johnny had also! It’s incredible to know the God we serve can pursue us, even at a chicken dinner date when we least expect it.



Remembering Chuck Blomgren

Stateline Youth for Christ has been honored to receive dozens of memorial gifts in honor of Charles “Chuck” Blomgren. Chuck leaves behind a remarkable legacy as a man of God. The gifts received in his memory will further the cause of reaching our local youth with the good news of Christ. We are most grateful and honored.