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There's room at Youth Unlimited for every story. The more we intentionally listen, the more we understand. When we genuinely care for our youth that is when we can begin to actually help them. The difference between simply making a casual connection or a significant impact is having supportive adults that listen, understand, and see good in them. Our staff and volunteer team are ready and available to listen, serve and restore hope into the lives of Calgary youth.

We know how pivotal moments can drastically shape a life story because we've seen this regularly and have even been through this ourselves. We also know that young people experiencing pivotal moments often feel overlooked and under-served, walking through their stories without someone in their corner. We have seen that starting at a new school, a new job, moving for the first time or the tenth time, choosing a college, becoming a parent, experiencing loss or trauma, to spending time in a juvenile institution are some of the most pivotal moments in the lives of youth.

Our calling is to walk alongside youth at these pivotal moments, no matter what the journey may hold, and to build lasting relationships in which God can work. We emphasize relationships rooted in Christ's truth. His truth about life together, empathy, and kingdom-inspired diversity, guide our work and shapes our community.

Jesus shared the Gospel through stories, likewise, we share and listen to stories-to every story. We believe every youth should have the opportunity to uncover God's story of hope, realized through meaningful mentoring relationships grounded in love and biblical community. Join us and be a partner in these stories. We are grateful for your prayers and your financial support.

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## Youth Unlimited™ YFC CALGARY

#### WORTH AUTO LORIN FRIESEN



Isaiah came to us with a lot of enthusiasm and we hoped that our program would be an opportunity for him to learn about mechanics, learn responsibility and we would get a chance to build into him and speak into his life. It was a rough start with limited engagement and then a lot of no shows. After some communication between him and his social worker, he came in and we had a great conversation about his commitment to the program.

That same day, Isaiah surprisingly opened up a lot about his life to us and to our two boys, currently apprenticing as mechanics. They were able to share about their own brothers who had gotten involved in gangs as well and how being plugged into church community and a relationship with God had really helped them get free of that lifestyle. Watching our two young guys show leadership like that, was awesome. I felt so encouraged by how the day went and to see this young man open up to all of us and let us in a little bit. It was surprising the next day then, when Isaiah didn't show up again and then a few days later texted me that he wasn't going to stay involved in our program. mainly it seemed for selfish reasons and poor follow through.

One of the toughest things about youth work is to see kids struggle and be unable to do anything for them. They often make poor choices and you have to trust that God will do the work in their hearts and in their lives just as He does with each of us in the right time. Because of this, we count it a privilege to get an opportunity to walk alongside the lives of each of the youth God places in our path. As for Isaiah, we trust that the sense of community, love and acceptance we offered him during that short time will have lasting impact and possibly bring him back in the future.



### OUR FND GOAL. **OUR BOTTOM LINE.**

Youth Unlimited Calgary is a faith-based organization that meets youth where they are at. We're about genuine relationships, supporting young people, and loving them without judgment.

We envision that young people in the Greater Calgary area, as they experience a community of hope, will be transformed and will be a redemptive presence in our city and beyond.



#### NEW MOBILE CAFE INTIATIVE MARIA FRIESEN



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One night, at 3 am to be exact, I woke up with an idea and there in the dark, with my husband sound asleep, I started to create a vision board on my tablet. By 7 am, I was convinced. Imagine this; a support group space in the form of a coffee shop on wheels. It would be the size of a food truck, it could go into any community and reach any culture of youth and meet an array of needs. We could roll up and partner with any agency or any church. It would not only be a support group space, but also a training and employment opportunity where youth learn barista skills, and a tool that can be so universal that any of our programs can utilize it.

One of the most incredible parts of being in full-time ministry for all these years, is how it has nurtured my faith. I have never lived with such excitement to see everything come together as I did when I was fundraising for my dream of a new StreetLight Mobile Centre. Even as we raise our own salary funding, ministry with Youth Unlimited has been a life full of miracles. This new initiative is another miracle waiting to happen! Within 24 hours of this idea coming, we had a fabricator offer to gift his services to us because as he said, "I love this idea, it just makes sense and I'm in!". We had a commitment from an RV supplier who promised to gift us whatever we need from them. As of today we also have \$37k raised! For those who caught this vision early and have taken the step to partner with us, thank you! I'm excited to see this vision come to life!

If vou're looking for a fun new way to make your mark on our city, we invite you to join us, and God willing, together we'll see this mobile cafe roll into Calgary and you'll get to enjoy being part of this new ministry initiative.

#### WAKEUP DEBORAH

WakeUp Deborah has the aim to inspire women from different churches and backgrounds to pray for their children and for the youth of our community. It is an international movement of prayer widely known in Brazil and now it's time for Canadians to get down on their knees and join in what is becoming an international movement one city at a time. Within the first 2 months of launching, 7 other women have joined our team as volunteers and each of them have the desire to encourage others to pray for our city! Youth Unlimited invites you to join other women from Calgary and to pray daily for our youth. Just 15 minutes every day! For more information check out www.yucalgary.ca/wakeup.



#### CAMPUS LIFE SARA WAGAR



In some ways, coaching sports to teenagers doesn't have a lot to do with the future. Obviously we hope to work hard and have some success as a team, but for the majority of the girls, there isn't a plan to continue playing post high school. Eventually, all the medals and team pictures will find their way to a box in a drawer, packed away with a bunch of old high school memories. The seasons can seem so full but also so short, and soon enough the year is over and another group graduates, and I wonder what they took away from the whole experience.

My current team and I went out of town a few weeks ago to a rival school for a tournament, and I ran into two former players who lived nearby and came to watch. While visiting with them, I learned that both of them were now coaching a junior high team from the school we were playing against.

It's not uncommon that I see former students coaching again, but it filled my heart when I heard that one of their goals was to be able to mentor these junior high students and invest in their lives the same way that they felt I had done for them. Their take away from high school sports was that it was a season of their lives when they knew they were valued, and now they want to give that to other students. I'm truly grateful that they were willing to share that with me, and it was just another reminder of the amazing opportunity we have to be intentional with kids and how coaching is about so much more than just sports.

We're Growing & Doing New Things!

With Covid changing how we did life, it also changed how we did ministry. I remember setting up a lawn chair to sit on the outside of a front doorway as a young girl sat on the inside. We were two households separated by a door frame, but close enough to connect so that she wasn't alone and

#### **KERAMIKO** SHARON HAU



What do you do when you start receiving a bunch of calls from women who are looking for housing and food hampers, two things that your program doesn't provide? You find out if they're young moms and get them connected in your program anyway!

In January, we received multiple phone calls from women who were referred to us by a program that mistakenly thought we have a housing program and distribute food hampers. Through the phone calls, we were able to discover that a few of these women were in fact young moms in need of extra support. We have been praying that more young parents would find us and what a strange way for our prayers to be answered!

We are excited for the way that these two young moms have jumped into Keramiko and how they are both actively looking to bring their children back into their care. They are determined mamas who truly wish to be the best parents they can be to their kiddos. Please pray that we would continue to meet young parents who are in need and that we would be able to bring the hope of Jesus to them.