

# YFC MONTHLY NEWS



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YFC ENGAGES LOST TEENS IN CHRIST-SHARING RELATIONSHIPS

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** I hope you had an amazing Christmas time with family, friends, and your church. And, I hope you are busy walking off any extra calories! Our team wrapped up the year with a bowling/brunch Christmas party, where we discovered that some of our team are quite competitive! Several took some well-deserved time off. But now, we are hitting the ground running - back on campuses and in the community, at our teen centers, and jumping in vehicles to transport kids here and there! **One exciting upcoming trip is to Disneyland!** Our Collings Teen Center team is taking kids primarily from West Sacramento on the trip of a lifetime in Anaheim. At the end of this letter, won't you consider funding this and other special needs of the ministry?

**JT'S MINISTRY PERSPECTIVE:** *"I am super excited to give you an update on our ministry with Campus Life. For the last three years, my family and I have been working with our amazing Campus Life mentors, Nathaniel and Kendra Williams, in Gold Country. We have slowly made a transition to working in Placer County and, last October, I was welcomed as an official staff member for Youth For Christ. I am currently serving at Oakmont High School as the site club director along with the amazing opportunity to coach track and field—working with the jumpers and assisting with sprints. With the connections I make at this campus, I have the ability to begin sharing the Gospel and discipling many teens who otherwise would not be reached. The YFC team and I host a Campus Life club during lunch break at Oakmont High School, and we also have a Monday night Campus Life club in Lake of the Pines at the Williams' house. At these clubs, kids can learn about our Lord Jesus Christ and the Bible without the restrictions that exist on their campuses. On top of all of this, I'm so excited to begin a snowboarding and skateboarding chapter for our Campus Life students here in Roseville and Granite Bay! The heart behind this ministry is simple: to get kids outdoors, to give them experiences they might not otherwise have, and to mentor them through the sports of snowboarding and skateboarding. Over the past few years, I've had some incredible opportunities to share the love of Christ just by living out the gospel side-by-side with these young people.*

*There's one young man in particular whose journey has deeply impacted me. I've been able to walk with him since his sophomore year—back when he knew nothing about God, came from a difficult upbringing, and fit every stereotype of a "worldly skater kid." This past summer, after he graduated, we had a powerful conversation at camp where I encouraged him to leave behind smoking and that old lifestyle.*

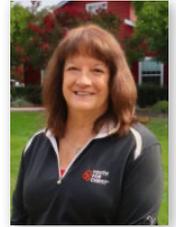


About a month later, he came to me and said he had stopped those habits, was reading his Bible more, and even asked if we could start a smaller skate church together. It's incredible to look back at who he was then and see who he has become today—truly a different person. God is so good, and it's a blessing to witness the process of sanctification unfolding in these students' lives.



The fruit of these ministries has been evident in the time spent with these incredible young people, and I am excited to see all that the Lord has in store for the coming season!"

**STAFF DEPARTURE:** Trina Baez has moved on from YFC as of early December. For several years, Trina served faithfully in our office and the Collings Teen Center, and rebuilt the foundation for our Teen Parents program. She has a true servant's heart! Trina is pursuing new opportunities, and while she'll be missed, all of us at YFC wish her God's very best!



## UPDATE: YEAR END GIVING CHALLENGE

This past year-end, many of our supporters were able to review their financial year and make an extra investment into the lives of kids through this ministry. We are still tabulating, but all signs are that we will end up having a very generous December. **We are so grateful!** We've also had some different and interesting methods of donation by businesses and individuals over the past few months! For example:

- Gas cards to pay for ministry mileage
- Ski lift tickets
- Volunteer labor
- Auction items
- Sporting event tickets and use of a visitor suite
- Gift of stock transferred to our account (shielding the gift from taxes)
- An estate gift upon the passing of a donor
- A coffee house that offers us free meeting space in the evenings
- A restaurant cooked 25 turkeys for our Collings Cares Christmas event
- ...and more!

Support comes in many different ways, but we always need funds to make the ministry happen for kids. We still have some needs that are now partly funded thanks to generous year end gifts; **please consider giving over and above your annual commitment for one or more of the following:**

**\$20,000: \$10,000** We need one more SUV to safely transport kids to camps, retreats, and club events. We needed to replace one that has served its time; we'd like a good used SUV in time for next summer.



**\$30,000: This will mostly be covered through a grant!** Toward the hiring of a part-time staff member to help Coach Omar in Crossover. So many good things are happening, and we need additional support for this program.



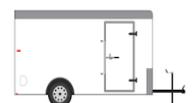
**\$37,400:** Funding for 100 camp scholarships for next summer. We are already scheduled to take more than 150 middle and high school kids to Woodleaf Camp in summer 2026.



**\$19,500:** Funding for 25 kids and 10 adults for an amazing, fun, lifechanging Disneyland trip! It's not just amusement... the trip provides leaders the opportunity to spend extended, quality time with kids - building lifelong relationships that model Christ for their lives. This trip is scheduled for this Spring.



**\$9,800:** Our Gold Country Campus Life team needs an enclosed trailer, for storage and hauling of surf and ski equipment.



**\$1,100: Covered, purchased, already used!** New sound system (mics, speakers, etc.) for Point Break workshops and events.



This ministry would not happen without the “great cloud of witnesses” that support it, through prayer, volunteerism, and generosity. Thank you!

Together for our youth-



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