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YOUTH FOR CHRIST

ANNUAL REPORT

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LOOKING FORWARD IN HOPE

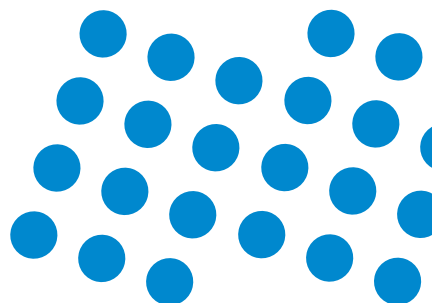
We will remember 2020 as a year in which we were constantly learning to navigate uncharted waters. The reality of the present and expectations around the future seemed to change on a daily basis and it was a trying year for our students and staff in many ways. Yet through it all, the grace of God sustained us. Where existing models of ministry were unsustainable, God graced with us creativity and innovation. Where heartbreak and despair threatened to overwhelm, God graced us with resilience and determination.

As we look ahead to 2021, we are not doing so in the hope that things will eventually return to “normal”. Rather, we look forward to seeing how the Spirit of God will continue to inspire us with new ideas and lead us in new directions as we commit ourselves to sharing the hope of Christ with the youth in our communities.

In Christ,



Mark Schmor
Director of Engagement



A YEAR IN REVIEW: MINISTRY IN 2020

WINTER CAMP

In February 90+ students and staff attended our annual winter retreat at Black Diamond Camp. This group included students and staff from all four of our City Life sites (South Seattle, Everett, Bellevue, Monroe) as well as Tacoma. Throughout the weekend, the students participated in a Building Bridges Workshop. It was a time of sharing struggles, a time of bearing one another's burdens, and a time of deep healing.



VIRTUAL MINISTRY

As local schools transitioned to online learning in March, we shifted our own approach to meet the emotional, spiritual, relational, and material needs of our students in a variety of creative ways. Each staff member and intern had a list of students they checked in with on a daily basis, making sure they were safe and that their immediate needs were met. With encouragement to practice "social distancing"; texting, social media, and video chats became an even more preferred way of connecting with our youth and our staff continually found new ways to utilize these platforms.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MINISTRIES

Seeking to adapt to the ever-changing reality of 2020, our face-to-face interactions with students last spring were limited to volunteering at food pantries or delivering home-cooked meals to their homes. As public health guidelines allowed, large group club meetings were replaced with small group gatherings which led to deeper opportunities for depth and intimacy. This fall we also began offering academic support to our many students adjusting to the challenges of at-home learning.



COVID SUPPORT FUND

With many parents unable to work or facing reduced hours, simply meeting monthly expenses became an enormous challenge. With that in mind, we developed a COVID Support fund to assist families in crisis through the purchase of groceries, and the payment of bills. Having originally seen this fund as a short-term source of assistance to those families most in need, we were delighted to receive a grant in December for \$13,500 which will allow us to continue to provide this type of support for the next several months.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSITION

On April 30th, our Executive Director JJ Vancil stepped down to take on a similar role for a non-profit in Spokane, Washington where much of JJ's family resides. Our staff and board spent the remainder of the year sharing executive responsibilities and we were delighted in December to announce the hiring of John Reid as our new Executive Director. Having served as the Director of Youth Services at Seattle's Union Gospel Mission (UGM) for three years and having been a part of the Youth Services team at UGM for two decades, John brings a wealth of experience to this role. He started officially in his position on January 4th.





IN MOURNING

On July 20th, two of our Casino Road students were shot in a random drive-by shooting. Fortunately, they both survived but they were understandably traumatized by the event. During the same evening, another random shooting took the life of one of our South Seattle graduates. In partnership with Emerald City Bible Fellowship, our staff members in South Seattle created spaces for students to process their grief, came alongside the family of the young man to help plan a memorial service, and organized evening prayer walks with other community leaders.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Our intensive student leadership program and college internship program continue to thrive as we invest in the leaders of tomorrow. We currently have 8 college students serving in our internship program and 24 student leaders in training.

VIRTUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Forced to re-imagine our annual YFC Golf Tournament in May, we were encouraged by members of the golfing community to seek out the support of those who participated in previous tournaments. Dozens of sponsors and participants made contributions to our Virtual Golf Tournament which raised over \$45,000 with 20% of the proceeds going to our COVID Support Fund.

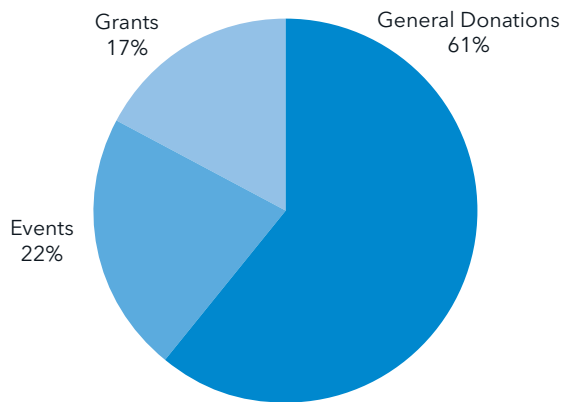


STORIES OF LIGHT

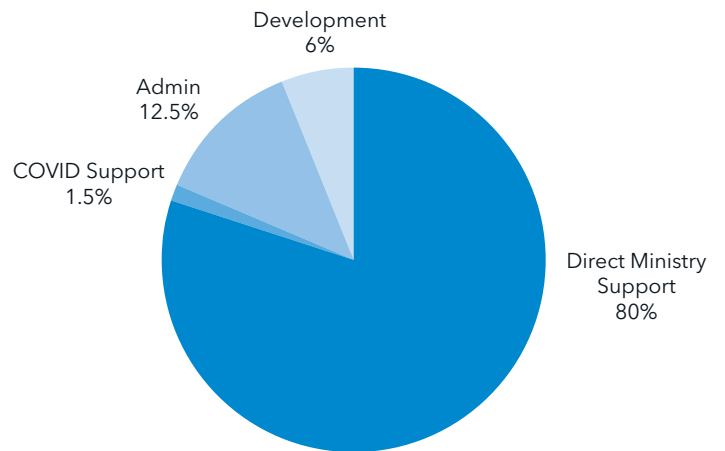
With the help of a talented local videographer, we produced a series of short films about the work of Seattle YFC. Visiting each of our four interview sites, we interviewed students, staff members, interns, parents, grandparents, volunteers, pastors, and other community partners. The films were shared as part of our Stories of Light virtual gala in October. The virtual event was viewed by more than 180 people and far exceeded our fundraising goal of \$65,000.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE



EXPENSES



The numbers above reflect our projections for our current fiscal year which runs from July 2020 - June 2021.

We are so thankful for the ways in which those in our communities have surrounded us with support.

In the year 2020 we gratefully received support from:

- **84 new giving partners**
- **18 new monthly supporters**
- **Faithful support from 264 different individuals, households, businesses, and foundations.**

If you're reading this report, you've played a role in what God is doing through Seattle YFC and we are so grateful for your partnership!

For YFC's stewardship and fundraising principles, please visit www.seattleyfc.org/stewardship

CHURCH PARTNERS

Seattle YFC intentionally partners with like-minded organizations and churches to make a lasting impact on the lives of students and see communities transformed. As we continue to engage kids, we hope to continue to collaborate to equip urban youth with the necessary resources to thrive where they live, lead in their communities, and pursue Christ in their lives.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

