

# Featured Volunteers of the Month



Nick and Mona Maynard volunteer at Casper Youth for Christ. Nick and Mona minister at our Thursday night youth outreach called the "Verge". Nick shared that it is an exceptional experience to

see youth grow in the knowledge of Christ. Also his own walk with the Lord has authentically grown and flourished. Mona has also helped with office tasks, stuffing the newsletter and decorating for Christmas. She shared that it keeps the oil in her lamp burning by giving back by reaching hurting and troubled youth.

We are so grateful to have such a precious couple volunteer and give of their time and talent at Casper Youth for Christ.

Nick and Mona would like to invite others to volunteer at CYFC. They shared that it is a very comfortable, inviting environment. They have an authentic desire and passion to impact young people. They want to encourage you to come and experience Youth for Christ's ministry outreaches. If God moves on your heart and you sense a strong passion for these youth, then you have found the right place to serve.



## Miguel's Story!

This is Miguel Gabriel. We met him while doing Campus Life at Roosevelt High School. Miguel was one of the naughty boys. He would periodically pop in, be ornery, and then leave. As time progressed, Miguel stayed longer as we got to know him more.

In May, we received a call from Miguel to let us know that his mom passed away. He asked us to attend the funeral. It was very sad as Miguel graduated a week later. We knew it had to be hard for him not having his mom at his graduation but we were honored that he asked us to be there. We have maintained contact with Miguel since then. Through it all, we were happy to lead Miguel to Christ. Recently, Miguel started volunteering his time at CYFC. Miguel shared that it has been good to be at Casper Youth for Christ because it is helping him stay out of trouble. Also, he shared he feels safe here. Little by little, Miguel is growing closer to the Lord. He is moving away from bad behavior and toward fulfilling his God-given destiny. Remember Miguel and his family in your prayers as they continue to walk through the grieving process. Miguel is a talented young man that has a great future ahead of him.

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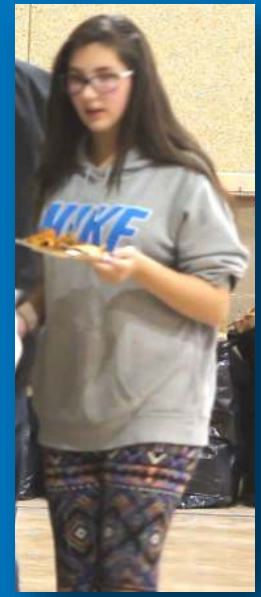
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For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

This Year, 12 homeless youth received Christmas gifts, a Bible, Christmas dinner and groceries for a year through our Love in Action Christmas Outreach.



## Victoria Sloyer shared her testimony at the Homeless Youth Dinner!



"I tried to kill myself 3 times, and used drugs to try and soothe my pain, but the hardest thing I endured was watching my friend get shot to death". Things started to turn around for me when I found out who JESUS was!"

## Nick Maynard Shares His Story!



Nick shared that as a youth he got involved with stealing, drug abuse, and dealt with anxiety, anger and depression. He didn't realize how bad it was until he truly accepted Jesus into his life. Nick expressed to the teens that "Jesus" truly impacted and changed his life forever. And by receiving Jesus Christ into their heart they too could also know how real "He" is!

# Why?



*Causes of homelessness among youth fall into three interrelated categories: family problems, economic problems, and residential instability.*

A mother of a homeless youth living at a local hotel shared they were homeless due to residential instability. Initially, they were living in a small trailer because it was all they could afford until they realized their trailer was full of black mold. They were getting ill on a regular basis so they had to move out. They could not afford to pay a deposit and rent so they moved into a local hotel. We shared their need with a local business owner, who provided them with a Christmas dinner and gifts. We were grateful that their children received Christmas gifts and a home-cooked meal. We also referred them to another agency who will help them obtain permanent housing! To God be the Glory!



## Crossing Barriers through the Love of Christ!



On December 11th, we had a Christmas dinner for homeless youth in our Community through our Love in Action (LIA) Outreach.



La Cocina provided the dinner, and CYFC -LIA Outreach provided gift cards for haircuts and the movie theater. We also gave them a Wyoming Cowboy's blanket, candy and a Bible. The youth were very appreciative. They kept thanking us for their gifts. We shared with them that Jesus loved them. We sat down with them during the meal and got to learn a little about their hopes and dreams. Although these youth were unchurched they were very respectful toward the Gospel and listened to our volunteer's testimonies.

## Networking

Casper Youth for Christ partnered with Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) during the holidays. They hosted their "Christmas around the World" program at the Link and shared the Gospel through face painting. Their team led several children to the Lord. Impacting the lives of families with the Gospel is "the most important" aspect of CYFC. We were grateful to partner with such an amazing like-minded ministry as CEF.



CYFC partnered with the Knights of Columbus to distribute coats, hats and gloves to needy families in our community during our Love in Action Open House. Ron Morris shared that he was surprised how many needy families there were and was gratified by the reaction of those who received coats. They passed out 100 new and 35 used coats from toddler to adult sizes. CYFC also gave out over 500 hats and gloves to families in need.



Greta Hinderliter is the Natrona County School District Liaison for homeless youth in our community. We want to express our deepest gratitude for her partnership with us to meet the needs of youth during the holidays. Greta shared that she has served 177 children in need since August 2015. It is our heart to continue to Bless these youth through Christ's love.

