

Featured Volunteer of the Month

This is our smiley volunteer, Susie Belving. Susie has a gift to prepare food for a large group of people. She also has a heart to minister to youth. Susie understands the challenges they face and knows that Jesus is the answer. Susie shared that she has faced some impacting trials and understands the principle that, if she helps others, God will help her overcome the circumstance of her own trials (based on Proverbs 11:25). Thank you Susie for investing in the eternal lives of youth within our community!



You can make a difference in the lives of Youth! Volunteer at CYFC

Yes, I want to volunteer at

Casper Youth for Christ!

Name _____

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Outreach Office Fundraising

God is After our Heart!



We are excited about what God is doing at Casper Youth for Christ. Many of the youth whom we encounter are unchurched and new to the message of the "Cross".

They are open to prayer. One of the youth even brought his parent to meet us. We had the chance to pray for and encourage this parent and it was very fruitful. As our outreach opportunities grow, so does the cost to expand.

There are many techniques and skills used to raise funds, but I would prefer to do an appeal to your heart. If you don't already give to CYFC monthly, I would ask you to prayerfully consider it. All of our staff and many of our volunteers give monthly because they believe CYFC is fulfilling the great commission and impacting the lives of youth. CYFC is likened to a lighthouse that is established in our community. Youth know our team will be here for them year round. We believe in building Christ-sharing relationships; and to do so, takes time and prayer. CYFC is a bridge to the local church and utilizes the mentorship of strong mature believers to be there for these youth. Thank you for your commitment to reach youth in our community with the authentic Love of Christ.

Sharon Lockwood, Executive Director

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Did you know that the Link...

Is a safe place for youth get a free meal, receive prayer, emotional support and Biblical advice.



You can Feed a Teen for Just \$20 per month



Touching the Lives of Homeless Youth!



I recently had the honor of interviewing an amazing young person. Zach first heard about us through our “Lunch at the Link” Outreach. We also met him at JDC. I asked Zach why he came to the Link. He shared that it was one of the only places

where he feels welcomed and at home. He shared that, before he went to juve jail, this was the only place he actually got fed. Carl would give Zach bags of food to take with him. Zach was homeless and did a lot of couch surfing at the time. He shared that every time he comes to the Link he appreciates that we welcome him by name, ask him how he is doing, and ask him if he needs anything. While in jail, Zach was happy to see Carl from the Link. He was so happy to see a familiar face. Zach was freaked out the first time Hope and I prayed for him because it impacted him greatly. He shared that his life began to go downhill when he turned 8 years old. Zach recently committed his life to Jesus and has agreed to attend a Bible study. He shared that he is amazed at our devotion to Christ and would like to be as committed to Christ as we are one day. Zach feels as if we are authentic. He was reluctant at first to accept Christ, but God got his attention through a series of events. We are so grateful to Jesus for touching Zach’s life. We believe God is going to eternally impact a generation of youth for the glory of God!

Building Relationships with Youth through Skateboarding!

We met several youth at our Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) outreach who had a deep passion for skateboarding.

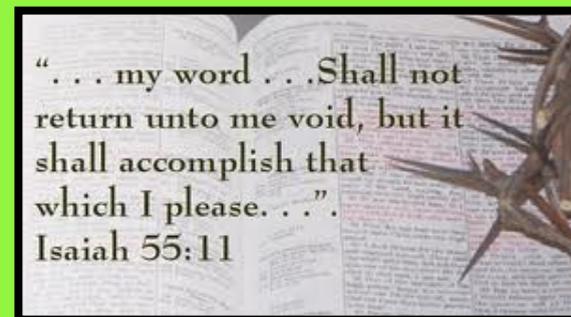
When one young man got out of JDC, he came to the Link and asked us about doing skateboarding in the gym. A few days later, he brought seven of his friends along with skateboarding ramps, etc. All of these youth are unchurched and come from single-parent households. One youth, in particular, brought his 2-year-old son and young daughter with him. They all enjoyed the skateboarding and wanted to continue as well as expand it here at the Link. God is giving us great opportunities to minister not only to youth but to their families. Many of these youth are allowing us to pray for them and even ask to be prayed for. We will need to acquire skateboarding ramps and material to build on these activities while keeping them safe. If you would like to donate to this outreach, please designate it toward the skateboard outreach. Please keep it in prayer.



Reaching Middle School Youth at JDC

Last week at the Juvenile Detention Center, our team was amazed that most of the incarcerated youth were junior high age rather than the normal high school age youth that we reach. We spoke on the importance of honoring authority in their lives and how respecting authority would cause them to succeed, based on Romans 13, and how Jesus gives them the ability to do so. It was a hard concept for them to swallow, but they listened. Afterwards, Hope and I prayed for all the youth. One young person in particular shared that he did want to succeed in life and asked us to pray that he wouldn’t fail. He had already accepted Jesus previously so we knew God was working in his heart.

Many of the youth to whom we minister have experienced abuse and are in painful situations. As we spoke into their lives, we knew that God’s hope and seed was planted in them. God’s Word never fails! Please continue to pray for the outreach at the Natrona County Juvenile Detention Center. It is really an important part of Casper Youth for Christ. We can see much fruit through this outreach.



Youth touched by God at Roosevelt!

We went to Roosevelt High School Campus Life on Wednesday, April 29. When all the youth were present, they told me about a young man in the school who had recently given his life to Christ. I asked them to describe him to me. A few minutes later, I saw this young man walking down the hallway. I asked him to come to our Bible study and tell us about surrendering his life to Jesus.



He told us that he had overdosed because of substance abuse and that he felt as if he were dying. He said he called out to God because he did not want to die. He also said he was repenting of everything wrong he ever did. He then felt something come over him (which we know was the presence of God). He told me that he has now been substance free for the last 24 days. He told us that he has never felt so good and wants to remain substance free. We had an opportunity to pray for him. He said, “No one has ever prayed for me before,” and he was quite touched by our prayers. We had another Campus Life the following week and he showed up at our Bible study telling us how Jesus is continuing to be with him and that he has even begun to preach to some of the other students about Jesus. This has been quite an exciting event for all of us at the Campus Life at Roosevelt.

*Carl House,
Ministry Director*

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