

# Volunteer of The Month



Gary Hazen has volunteered for Casper Youth for Christ for over a year. He currently serves on the CYFC Board of Directors as the Vice President. Gary shared that he loves volunteering at CYFC because it touches the lives of homeless

youth in Casper through our various outreaches. Gary enjoys coming down during our Lunch at the Link program to talk with the youth. He understands that for some homeless youth, this is the only meal of the day for them. Gary got First Baptist Church to sponsor our lunches. Because of his passion for homeless youth, we are now able to serve lunch 5 days per week instead of three. Gary understands that serving as a board member is not just a position but a call of God that will impact the lives of youth in our community. We appreciate his commitment to Christ. If you sense a call of God to volunteer, please give us a call at 307/235-6650.

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

Yes, I want to volunteer at Casper Youth for Christ!

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# YFC, USA gave us a Great Rating for our Chapter!



In August, Royal Benjamin, YFC Vice President—Global Engagement, came to our Casper chapter to provide training for our board members as well as conduct an assessment on Casper Youth for Christ. The assessment covered the following topics: Executive leadership, vision and strategy, fund development, operations, staff/team development, compliance, board advisory/board health, finance and asset management, and ministry. Youth for Christ national was very thorough in their assessment. The assessment helped us not only discover our weaknesses but also our strengths. I believe that whatever we do in word or deed we are to do all for the glory of God and with excellence—Daniel 6:3; 1 Corinthians 10:31. I am thankful that we are under a national ministry organization that provides a lot of accountability and support whenever we need it. I have served at Casper Youth for Christ for the last three years and depend on Jesus for his wisdom and direction. Royal evaluated our performance on a scale from 1-5. (5 being high). I am happy to share that Royal gave us a 4.5 rate. We were thanking God for that rating. There are definite areas of improvement that we are working on and we want to continue to be more strategic in order to reach more youth with the Gospel, get them plugged in to a local church, and raise up lifelong followers of Christ. We are thankful to Jesus for what He is doing in our midst. Because of Christ's steadfast Love, Sharon Lockwood, E.D.

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# Making Prayer the Priority!

CYFC has five essentials for a fruitful and sustainable ministry, which include: widespread prayer, loving relationships, faithful Bible teachings, collaborative community strategy, and adults who empower. Arliss Hedquist is one of our newest board members and has agreed to be our prayer coordinator. Arliss has deep roots in prayer and bring a great dynamic to the ministry of CYFC. As a ministry we understand that everything we do in the kingdom of God must be wrought out of prayer for lasting effectiveness. Jesus shared with his disciples in Luke 18:1,



“they should always pray and not lose heart..” Jesus wants to impact this generation with the Love of Christ; however, youth today have many obstacles and distractions. Youth need to encounter the authentic, living God and it starts by praying for their eyes to be open. We are excited about the future and what God has planned for our community. His desire is to bring many youth in to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ!

## The Verge Outreach Helping Youth Thrive!

Our "Verge" Thursday youth night has started once again. Nate Gallegos does an amazing job leading our youth night along with all of our volunteers. We have some great things planned for our youth night that will inspire our youth to walk even closer with Jesus and continue to be walking testimony about Christ in their schools. Our "Verge" youth night is from 6:30-8:30 every Thursday.



## Backpack Drive for Homeless Youth



*"Let our people also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs that they may not be unfruitful."  
Titus 3:14*

In the month of August, CYFC conducted a backpack drive in partnership with Community Action, an assistance program to low-income families, to provide backpacks to the school district for homeless youth. We appealed to local churches in our community for help. We received a total of 85 backpacks filled with personal hygiene items. We want to express our deepest gratitude to the following churches for providing these much needed backpacks:

*Casper Alliance Church  
Church of the Holy Family  
CYFC's Alex Cressy School Fund  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
River of Life Church  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church*

**Because of your generosity, homeless youth in our community will be ready for the school year. Thank you! Sharon Lockwood**

## School Begins...

Another school year has begun! We are excited here at "Youth for Christ" to once again to bring the gospel to the youth of Casper, Wyoming. Our free lunches our once again a big hit with the NCHS students. We have already had over 400 youth come to our free lunch since school began. We know as the school year progresses more and more students will be here for lunch. We are delighted to have some new volunteers to help us with serving the lunch. Our campus life at Centennial Middle school has taken off with a blast. In the second week of school we had 13 at our 7<sup>th</sup>. Grade campus life and 10 at our 8<sup>th</sup>. Grade campus life. Both of these will continue to grow as more students here about our bible studies. It was a delight to see last year's 7<sup>th</sup> grade campus life students now involved in our 8<sup>th</sup> grade bible study. They were all excited about another year of talking about Jesus. We are waiting patiently to get back into the high schools with our campus life programs. Due to new construction NCHS is doing their utmost to find us a room to use and we are in the process of filling out an application for Kelly Walsh to be able to continue our campus life program with them. The principal at Roosevelt high school told us that they are getting settled into their new school and will let us know when we can start with campus life once again.

\*Just a short word to say that I just returned from Centennial 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We had 15 students in attendance. They told me that with God's help there was no reason that their group could not change the spiritual atmosphere of their school. They are going to start by telling someone in their school every day that God loves them and invite them to our campus life program.\* (Amazing youth!)

I would like to say that in our pledge of allegiance, it states "one nation under God". If our nation is to continue to be a nation that is truly one nation under God then we must keep bringing the gospel to the youth of our city and nation. It is the youth of today and because they are on fire for God that will keep this nation, a nation that is truly under God. Carl Housee, Min. Dire.

## Pastors Unite to Reach Youth!



Pastor Dave McGullion from Casper Alliance Church and Pastor Dave McKinney from River of Life Church team up together every Friday to serve lunch to youth through our Lunch at the Link Outreach. They enjoy engaging youth with the love of Christ. The goal of Casper Youth for Christ is to work together with local churches for the purpose of bridging the gap between troubled youth and a loving church family. Our commission is to "Make disciples" not just preach the Gospel and we cannot do it effectively without the partnership of the local church. What an example to see these two men of God from two different church backgrounds working together in unity to demonstrate God's love in a practical way. Pastor Dave from River of Life Church shared it is a privilege and a joy to interact with such amazing youth. Additionally, Pastor Dave from Casper Alliance Church commented that it is opening up greater avenues with youth because he has seen some of the kids outside of the Link setting. These men are letting their light shine outside of the four walls of the church where lost and hurting youth are being reached!