

Volunteer of The Month



Lana Horton is our volunteer of the month. Lana started cooking our Lunch at the Link meals since school started. She faithfully comes to the Link every morning at 8 a.m.; Monday through Friday; prepares a meal; serves and then helps clean up. She is an answer to prayer and we are very grateful for her commitment to reaching youth with the love of Christ. Thank you Lana for all you do!

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

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

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Outreach Office Fundraising

Needs for Lunch at the Link!

Spaghetti Noodles

Elbow Macaroni

Hot Dogs and buns

Tortillas

Condiments



A special thank you to everyone who participated and gave at our 2017 Annual Banquet!

After much prayer we decided to hold this year's JoyFest fundraising banquet in our gymnasium at The Link, with a "Lighthouse" theme, tangibly illustrating our motto which is, "CYFC is a lighthouse guiding youth through the storms of life through Jesus Christ." The joy of brethren dwelling together in unity was evident as the evening began. Even in the face of some challenges like the long food line, brothers and sisters exhibited God's grace of which we are grateful. As with any new endeavor, we have looked on how we can improve caring for you, our supporters at next year's banquet.

We heard youth testify to how God was using CYFC in their lives, helping them grasp the loving, guiding hand of Jesus as they navigate through life's various challenges. Kenn Kington uplifted our spirits with his God-given talent of humor. As the LORD tells us in Proverbs 17:22, "A joyful heart is good medicine" and there was plenty of "medicine" to go around. Kenn shared that he practiced what he "preaches" during a recent medical crisis and a joyful heart literally helped in the healing of his natural heart.

All in all, we are thankful to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who supported us by their presence and financial gifts at JoyFest 2017. Most of all, we are grateful to our LORD Jesus Christ who has called us to serve Him by furthering His Kingdom in the lives of youth of our community. Because of Christ's Steadfast Love,

Sharon Lockwood, E.D.



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Youth Crisis Center

I had the opportunity to go to

Youth Crisis Center last Tuesday with one of our volunteers. We were able to do art therapy with the residence. One of the girls was from the reservation and was in Casper for a period of time. As we sat and colored our pages the girls began to talk and we just listened. It is so important to listen because the teens are in really hard places and feel so vulnerable. I think having a listening ear means so much to them because many of them have never had anyone care enough to hear their hopes, dreams and concerns. This girl from the reservation shared how so many of them are on drugs and live from place to place. We ask that you pray for us as we minister to the youth at YCC at a very crucial time in their lives. As we enter the building we carry His presence and the youth feel it and are drawn to us. **Hope House, Chapter Manager**



Why our Lunch Outreach is Important!

- (1) **It gives us the opportunity to share the love of Jesus in a Christ-centered environment.** *John 6:35-"Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."* We give them Bibles, scriptures and pray for them.
- (2) **Jesus cares about the physical well-being of youth.** *Matt. 25:35-"I was hungry and you gave me to eat."* Several youth have confessed to us this is the only home-cooked, healthy meal they get.
- (3) **It saves them money.** Youth told us school lunches cost \$3.00 a day. Several youth are homeless; some are in single parent households; and some have to work and pay for their own needs. It gives us an opportunity to bless our youth and let them know it is because of Christ. Deuteronomy 10:18
- (4) **It Promotes Networking and Relationship Building-**Many of our volunteers are from various local churches, ministries and organizations. Youth are exposed to healthy adults who can help. It gives us a chance to be the **bridge** to lead them to a local church for long-term discipleship. Phil. 2:2; Mt. 28:19.

Yes, I want to help CYFC minister to the needs of hurting youth in our community:

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Email _____

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$200

\$500 \$_____ or go online:

<http://casper.yfc.net/donate/>

Campus Life We are reaching youth in the Middle Schools & High Schools!

Our Campus Life programs have all started back up again for the school year. Just recently we had 21 youth at Centennial 7th grade that came to our first Bible study. Our 8th grade Campus Life had many of the youth that had attended our 7th Grade Campus Life and all of them were excited about Campus Life starting up again. Our goal this year is to show the compassion of Christ to others and not to focus on themselves, but to reach out to other students and people in the community with the love of Christ. We will once again be at Roosevelt High school starting the 2nd week of October and we are excited about being able once again to bring the message of Christ to them. Pastor Chris Sims along with Pastor Ed Tharp will be heading up the Campus Life at Kelly Walsh and I know many of the youth at Kelly Walsh will experience the gospel in many exciting ways. We are praying that NCHS will let us do our Campus Life there during the school lunch, because that will enable us to reach more youth with the love of Christ. Youth pastor Beau Gamble from the First Baptist church will be hosting a Campus Life at Cy Middle School this year. The principal at CY Middle School was very supportive to have a Campus Life once again at the school. Please keep praying that the doors will remain open for us to be able to take the Gospel into our schools. It is an amazing opportunity that God has opened up for us here in the city of Casper.

Carl House, Ministry Director



Ministry to the Juvenile Detention Center!



Dallas Chopping has volunteered as CYFC's Natrona County Juvenile Detention Center (NCJDC) Ministry Coordinator for over a decade. The following is an update from NCJDC: In the

past, they had us on a strict timeline from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lately, we have been able to stay as late as 4:30 p.m. No pressure for us to leave at all. Guards enjoy having us there. We have a calming effect on the facility thanks to Jesus. I sense there is a lot less fighting and tension when we are there.

Often times when we show movies I notice that the guards are whistling and the kids are laughing. It doesn't seem to have near the tension that it used to have.

When we come in on Sundays the seats are lined up and the kids are at the windows looking forward to coming out of their pods. It is a very positive experience for them and our volunteers.

One youth, who was in a lot of trouble, told the guard that he had been good all week just so he could come to church.



We have some amazing volunteers at NCJDC. They have been serving there for many years. The great part of it is they are from all walks of life. God gives each group the right message for the youth. We always receive glowing reports from the guards and youth about our services and ministry to the youth. To God be the Glory! **Dallas Chopping, NCJDC Ministry Coordinator**