

Youth for Christ Of Northern Ohio

December 2024



Youth for Christ of Northern Ohio began in 1996, and we've been impacting teens with the good news of Jesus Christ every day since. For the last 28 years, our goal has been to build relationships with teens so that we can share life changing hope with them.

While our goal has not changed, teens have! Today, teens are faced with many new challenges. They are more connected to the internet and social media than ever before, and yet they've never been lonelier. Real relationships are at an all time low, while anxiety and suicide rates are at an all time high. In light of that, we spend each day connecting teens with caring Christian adults through fun, food, games, and homework help.

So where do these things happen?



- **That Place for Teens - Brunswick**

That Place for Teens is a drop in center for middle school students located directly across from the Brunswick Middle School. We meet with students several times a week, sharing a family style meal with them, helping them with homework and looking for opportunities to share God's love.

- **The Garage - Wadsworth**

The Garage offers gatherings nearly every night of the week, with the hope of reaching high schoolers, middle schoolers, student athletes, and teen parents.

- **New Communities**

Hoping to expand into the communities of Bellevue, Collins and New London, we are hosting various get togethers and events getting to know young people and community leaders in these areas.

- **Sandusky County Juvenile Justice Center**

We have a staff of adults who share Christ with teens who are incarcerated in the Sandusky County Juvenile Justice Center multiple times a week.

We have seen more teens at each of our ministry sites this year, for which we praise God. We asked some of these teens to share what their time with us has meant to them. They were asked to complete the sentence "Without this place, I would...". I would like to share with you the impact you have made in the lives of teens.

I have now attended Garage for around 3 years now. Today I can say with confidence that Garage & Coach Mountjoy have allowed me to grow in my faith. I am surrounded by a bunch of my buddies, eating, and learning about the Bible. It doesn't get better. – DJ age 16

My anger has changed. I would look at God as my Savior. That Place For Teens is real fun and you learn about Jesus. – Ray age 13

I am more connected with God. I feel that He loves me more. – Dee, attending for 3 years.

We're overwhelmed with teen's responses and we're overwhelmed by all that God is doing through this ministry. We also find ourselves overwhelmed by the increasing cost of doing ministry. **So, as we come to the year's end, we're inviting you to join us in continuing to change the lives of teens.** Please consider a year end gift that could leave a lasting impact on a teen's life by returning the enclosed response card.

Your ongoing new monthly pledge or your special end-of-year gift of any amount by December 31st, 2024 is an investment in lives of teens like DJ, Ray, and Dee. Most importantly, please pray that God continues to guide us in every aspect for His honor and glory, that we steward well, and continue to impact more lives.



In Christ,

Steve T. Pausch
Executive Director

P.S. Would you share these stories with your friends who love Jesus? We've enclosed a business card with a QR code they can scan to learn more about the impactful ministry happening.

To see the handwritten notes of our teens and more, go to <https://givebutter.com/YFCImpactTeens> or scan this QR code



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