

MISSION UPDATE 2011



Prepared for:

Seekers of the Lost

Dear Friends,

There is a strong sense of anticipation at Youth for Christ right now. A change in leadership, launching a focus on at-risk students, nine new interns, a recommitment to reaching lost kids, relaunching several new outreaches, and a renewed commitment from financial partners; all are building a sense that God is doing something great.

Each week at our staff meeting we share stories of those who are hearing the Great News of Jesus Christ for the first time—kids growing in their understanding of God’s story, students finding solace in an escape to camp, young men and women behind bars in the juvenile detention center who turn their lives to Christ...and many more. All of us are humbled to be used by the Lord in some of the darkest areas of our community.

As you look through this booklet, please know how much we appreciate your faithful investment in the ministry of YFC Lincoln Area. Your stewardship of the gifts the Lord has given to you speaks highly of your commitment to His Kingdom and your desire to make Lincoln a better place for all. When our staff and volunteers walk onto a local high school or middle school campus or into a jail cell we don’t walk alone—you are there with us through your financial partnership and prayers. Thank you!

We’re very excited to see how the Lord will continue to use Youth for Christ in 2012. I hope you’ll continue to be a part of this growing, life-impacting ministry.

We are truly blessed by your partnership.

Until All Have Heard,



What We Are All About

Tyler is a sophomore in Lincoln. Near the end of the school year he began to show interest in spiritual things and started attending a Bible study led by a volunteer, Kevin. Through that study he started asking deep questions and attending a Campus Life club where he engaged with our staff, Jason. Jason and Tyler had lunch a few times, engaging in good conversations about life and God.

One evening a student leader, Seth, offered to give him a ride home. The 10 minute ride home became an hour and a half long conversation about God. From their conversation Tyler decided to attend summer camp with Seth and Jason. It was at that camp that Tyler become a Christ-follower!

10/ 18 Window

Somewhere between 64-85% of Christ-followers became believers before the age of 18. These believers were often introduced to Christ through a peer or an adult who invested in their life.

Youth for Christ exists to reach students through outreaches to middle and high schools (Campus Life), at the juvenile detention center (Juvenile Justice), through life-changing experiences (YFCamp and Project Serve) and to disciple them as they in turn reach others for Christ (Leadership Development).

History

Since the 1950's Lincoln Area Youth for Christ has impacted thousands of students with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Beginning with youth rallies in the fifties and evolving into Campus Life Clubs that served as discipleship clubs for new believers when we officially incorporated in 1969. As the prevalence of youth rallies diminished Campus Life clubs were, and still are, outreach programs to lost, hurting students that meet at or near high school and middle school campuses.

Our Mission

Youth for Christ Lincoln Area strives to reach all middle and high school aged youth in the Lincoln area in developing a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Board

Tim Bohlke	Harbor Ministries & Lincoln Berean
Wayne Cole	Linsali
Joni Cover	Nebraska Pharmaceutical Association
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Ben Pankonin	Instant Pathways



Campus Life High School

Campus Life reaches young people on high school campuses through:

- Weekly high energy large group gatherings (club)
- Student leadership development and outreach training for Christian students
- Small group discipleship
- One-on-one appointments
- Trips/events (ski trip, KC trip, Battle of the Schools)
- YFCamp (summer camp experiences)

Our ministry team consists of volunteers, part-time staff, and full-time staff who passionately walk onto school campuses to develop Christ centered relationships with non-believers.

Sites: East, Southeast, Northeast, Lincoln High, Waverly

Coming to: Norris, North Star

Number of students engaged on a weekly basis: 150-200





Campus Life Middle School

Campus Life reaches young people on middle school campuses through:

- Weekly high energy large group gatherings before or after school on campus (club)
- Small group discipleship
- One-on-one appointments
- Trips/events (All Nighter, MN Trip, Worlds of Fun)
- YFCamp (summer camp experiences)

Sites: Ashland, Lefler, Lux*, Mickle, Norris, Pound
Coming to: Culler, Goodrich, Waverly

Number of students engaged on a weekly basis: 250-300





Juvenile Justice

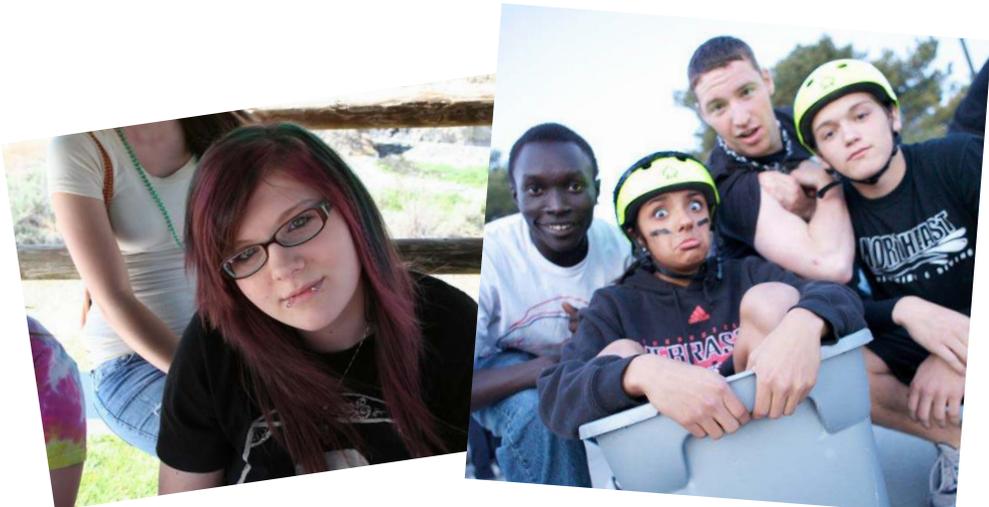
This new initiative of YFC will reach students who are serving a sentence at the Lancaster Youth Services Center. Each night 60-80 students are housed at the facility. While serving time they attend school and have their basic needs met with little outside involvement and very little faith based support.

At the detention facility we hope to:

- Meet with students one on one.
- Serve as chaplain by coordinating volunteers to provide mentoring, individual Bible studies and discipleship
- Provide club programing
- Initiate an innovative archery program with the Nebraska Game and Parks to teach institutionalized students a life-long skill and connect them with a mentor.
- Develop relationships with judges, parole officers, etc. to best meet student needs.

Students in YSC a year: 800

Percentage of students who
return to a Campus Life school: 62%





Leadership Development

This year marks the first year we have truly benefited from a focus on helping Campus Life students make the transition to college. Last year we launched a program, *Alumni Leadership*, to accompany students who became believers through Campus Life continue their faith journey into their first year of college. This first group of students led to nine students joining our *Internship* program.

One of our staff members, Chelsea Marine, is now focused full-time on the Alumni Leadership, Internship, and Volunteer programs. She continually pours into these believers and is focused on growing our ministry team.

Number of Alumni Leaders: 10

Number of Interns: 9

Number of Staff/Volunteers: 47



Project: 2011-2012 Year Expansion and Solidification
New Sites: Campus Life @ Culler, Lux, Goodrich, North
Star, and Norris
Juvenile Justice
Goal: \$250,000

God has laid before us a clear mission, a mission to go where students are and bring them the message of the Gospel. We do this by intentionally entering their world and getting to know them through weekly clubs, events, trips, small groups, and one-on-one appointments.

Expansion: Campus Life

Campus Life will be returning to three different middle schools in the Lincoln Public Schools. At *Lux* middle school, we recently received approval from the administration to host club in the gym before school and have some established relationships with teachers. *Goodrich* Middle School is reopening this year after having been closed for renovation for several years. The opportunity here is to build a strong foundational outreach as the school is opening. Initiating outreach at *Culler* Middle school marks an intentional outreach to one of the most difficult middle schools in town. We are currently building a community support team to start this ministry.

Begin: Juvenile Justice

We are initiating an outreach at the Lancaster Youth Services Center. Students from a 13 county region who are awaiting their trial, serving shorter sentences, or detained for other reasons spend 24 hours a day in this facility. Currently, there are a handful of volunteers running Bible studies. We will come in and support these volunteers as well as bring new volunteers from partner churches, provide chaplaincy services, and initiate the National Archer in the Schools Program.

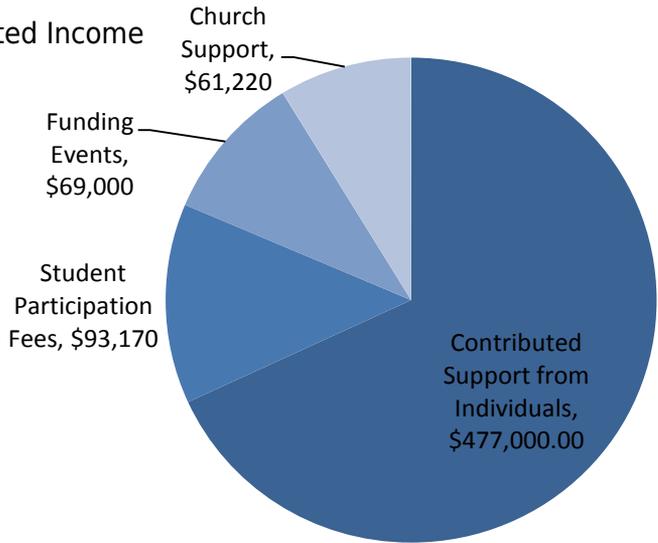
Solidification: Campus Life

This beginning of the year project also includes some funding for the solidification of the ministry. We are doing this by moving to a new database system for donor communication and providing training for current and new staff on the recruitment and mobilization of volunteers at all 14 outreach sites.

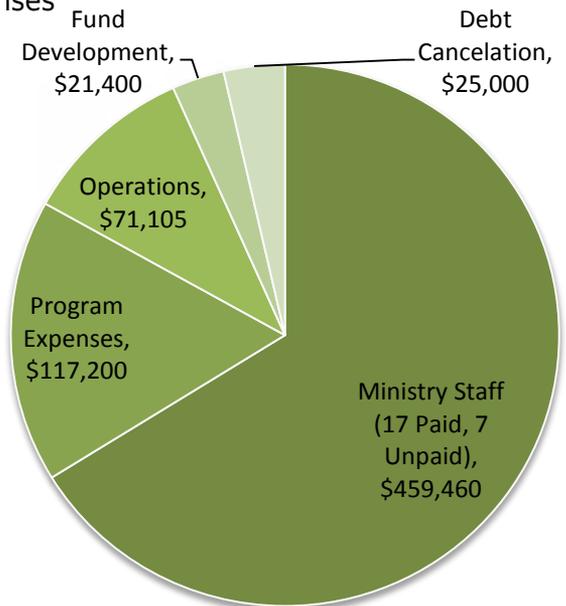
How will my gift be used?

We have renewed our commitment to using your gifts wisely so that as many students can be reached as possible. Our goal is to keep administrative costs below 15%.

2011 FY Budgeted Income



2011 FY Budgeted Expenses



Response Card

Would you consider a special gift toward Lincoln Youth for Christ and the ministry-wide goal of \$250,000 for solidification and expansion?

Please use our gift to continue the programs and outreaches that are successfully impacting the lives of kids and families in our communities. Keep up the good work and we will be praying!

Here is our gift/pledge of \$ _____

I/we will give this by December 31st through

Check

Stock (info on back)

EFT / Credit Card (complete on backside)

Other

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

[] - Please email my receipt(s)

Designate my gift for: Lux Middle School - Jonica Carlson

I am also interested in:

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Gift Amount: \$ _____ to be withdrawn monthly on the fifth.

-Attach a voided check and sign below

Credit Card Giving

Gift Amount: \$ _____ to be withdrawn monthly / quarterly / once

Credit Card Type: V - MC - AMex - Disc

Number: _____

Expiration: _____ / 20_____

CVV: _____

I authorize a transfer in amount above on the 5th each month from my personal account as a gift to Youth for Christ. This agreement will remain in effect until I contact Youth for Christ asking them to make appropriate adjustments. In the event of an error, I have the right to tell my bank to reverse any transfer. However, I must tell them in writing within 15 days of the date on the bank statement or within 45 days after the transfer was made.

Signed: _____

Gifts of Financial Securities

Brokerage Firm: RBC Dain Rauscher

Phone: 402-465-3800

Agent: Randy Rankin

Address: 6940 O St #400, Lincoln NE 68510

If you believe in the mission of reaching lost youth with the message of the Gospel, you may want to consider leaving a bequest to the Campus Life Foundation.

Campus Life has been an active pursuer of lost students in the Lincoln Area since 1969 and will continue to develop Christ-sharing relationships with students for decades to come. Your gift to the Campus Life Foundation will be dispersed over a period of up to 20 years leading to a long-term significant impact on the youth of Lincoln.

Giving to the Campus Life Foundation is as easy as adding the following wording to your estate papers:

I hereby will, devise and bequeath to Lincoln Campus Life Foundation, a Nebraska not-for-profit corporation, (Federal Tax # 71-0882771), the sum of _____ Dollars (\$ _____) or _____ percent (_____ %) of the remainder of my estate to be used for the benefit of Lincoln Campus Life in such a manner as the Board of Directors thereof may direct.

The foundation also accepts gifts of stock, real estate, personal property, and charitable trusts.

For more information about the foundation contact our offices at: (402)420-7475.



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