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From the Area Director:

Where did the summer go? It seems yesterday was graduation, and now it is October! With the fall comes school, football, and so much more.

Here at Martin County YFC, we are seeing lots of new kids coming to The Lighthouse after school. On one particular day last week, out of 15 kids after school at the Lighthouse, **six of them were here for the first time!** God does open doors with young people! Now, we're praying He opens their hearts to Himself.

Julie has been coming to The Lighthouse intermittently for about two years. Lately she has been coming more regularly. I asked her how she was doing and she said she has been thinking more about Spiritual things lately, but doesn't know much about anything in that regard. Her family doesn't attend Church, so she doesn't have a background in the Bible.*

As I write this, I'm not sure if she has a relationship with Jesus yet, but I pray that will soon happen. I'm looking forward to spending more time talking with her about Jesus through real-life discussions.

We are once again beginning the Breakfast Clubs in the schools. Every public high school in Martin county will have a breakfast club! Again, God has opened doors; and we want to walk through them with the message of Jesus.

One thing I am concerned about, that I need to share with you: beginning with the Covid epidemic, our income has trended downward to where we will soon have to make drastic cuts in our budget if we do not alter this trend. This means that some of the open doors we have right now may not be able to be walked through.



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YOUTH FOR CHRIST[®]

MARTIN COUNTY



We are coming into our Year-End Financial Campaign that will help us determine next year's budget. Would you consider a special gift during this time? Not only will it help immediately, but will give us a jump-start into 2025.

We expect to bring the message of Jesus to at least **700 different kids** during these next few months, and this cannot be done without financial provisions from God's people.

Thank you,

Chuck Rudolph

Martin County YFC Area Director

*Name has been changed.

WAYS TO FUND THE MISSION OF YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Your faithful support is vital to the Ministry of Martin County YFC. In addition to regular giving, there are several unique options available. Below is a list of ways that others have helped and may be a good fit for you. It is because of your prayers and support that we have been able to reach young people.



Team YFC Members make a 3-year commitment to monthly pledges (i.e. \$25, \$100, \$500, ect) or annual pledges (i.e. \$1,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000, ect). Pledges can be made on-line at scmyfc.org or by mail. Checks should be pay to the order of: **Youth For Christ**, and mailed to **SCMYFC, 116 West Clark Street, Albert Lea, MN 56007**. Mention Martin County YFC.



REAL ESTATE DONATION

The value of real estate can often greatly increase the size of your estate. A real estate donation entitles you to a significant current tax deduction and can reduce the value of your estate, which can save or eliminate estate taxes. It can also provide a lifelong monthly income.



DONATION OF STOCKS & MUTUAL FUNDS

Donating appreciated stocks or mutual funds can be a great benefit to both the donor and YFC. As a donor of an appreciated stock or mutual fund, you are able to avoid paying capital gains tax on the appreciation of the asset. Also, as the donor of that security, you get to deduct the full fair market value of the security at the time of the gift, if you have held the security for longer than 12 months.



WILLS & TRUST BEQUESTS

A bequest through a will or trust is the most popular form of planned giving. By remembering YFC in a will or trust, you are looking past your own lifetime to further the work of the kingdom through the Youth For Christ Endowment Fund. These gifts ensure that YFC will always be ready to reach out to young people.



CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

You make an irrevocable gift, generally using cash, maturing CD's, or securities in exchange for lifetime guaranteed payments, the amount of which is based on the value of your gift and the age(s) of the payment recipients. In addition, the donor receives an immediate income tax deduction, and a portion of each payment is income tax free!