

YOUTH FOR CHRIST®

BLUE EARTH AREA



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MATCHING FUNDS

We have been blessed with matching funds up to

\$5,000.00

Please consider a special gift at this time.

Thank you

Dear Friends,

I was in my office during a Kindness Retreat the school held at The Refuge. One of the students stuck her head in to say *"I didn't know you were here when The Refuge was not open. Are any of **the others** here?"*

'The others' are the adult volunteers that pour their lives into the kids at The Refuge. They play games with them, bake them cookies, and listen to their stories. They staff the snack shop, teach them Bible verses, and ask them if they know Jesus. The volunteers use activities like art, billiards, and Carpet Ball to show Jesus' love to young people and model His command to *"Let the little children come to Me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."* Portion of Matthew 19:14, NKJV

The students ask for them by name and sometimes by skill, *"Is the art lady here?"* **'The others'** are the heartbeat of The Refuge, their love and kindness is the constant security our kids need. The Refuge would not exist without **'the others'**.

There are **'others'** the kids do not know. Many of you share your resources so **'others'** can be at The Refuge. That makes you one of **'the others'** too. Sometimes kids ask *"who owns this place?"* and I tell them there are many people who share their hard earned money to make this place possible. The Refuge cannot exist without you.

Thank you,
Rodney Area Director of The Refuge



Youth For Christ has impacted over **12 million** young people worldwide through both direct and media ministry in over **100 nations**. Nearly **140,000** of those youth responded "YES" to following Jesus. That is something to celebrate! YFCI



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CHANGE LIVES

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