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News & Stories

Sanctuary Youth Centre

On October 5th, we came together for our Ride for Refuge fundraising event, and we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who participated. Together, we've raised a total of \$45,380. Donations end on October 31st, so if you haven't yet contributed, it's not too late! Your support means the world to us and plays a crucial role in helping raise funds for Sanctuary Youth Centre.



We are especially grateful that the weather held up, allowing us to enjoy the day together. It was inspiring to see our community come together for such a worthy cause. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our youth!



Volunteer of the Month



Trish Ensing

Trish Ensing has been an enthusiastic volunteer at Sanctuary since January 2024, joined by her husband, Duane.

With four grown children of their own, Trish and Duane are committed to being "the hands and feet of Jesus," eager to make a positive impact wherever they can.

Trish especially enjoys working in the kitchen, preparing meals and feeding the youth.

As a homeschooling teacher, Trish loves engaging with students and their families and in her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities like gardening, hiking and biking.

A huge thank you to Trish for her unwavering commitment to our youth! Your dedication and passion make a significant difference in their lives.

STAFF UPDATE

We are pleased to introduce Celestin Gahaya (Celo), our new support staff! Celo was born in Kenya and moved to Rwanda when he was 12. He then went to university in Uganda, hence his ability to speak multiple languages! Celo is married to Kelly and together they have a daughter, Selah. With years of experience in community engagement, youth mentoring, and digital marketing, Celo is committed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment where youth can develop essential life skills and realize their full potential. It's so good to have you with us, Celo!



YOUTH UPDATE

On September 25th, we unleashed some serious fun at Axe and Grind, taking a group of youth for an unforgettable axe throwing adventure! We also kicked off the Thanksgiving season early on October 11th with a delicious dinner alongside our youth! The highlight of the evening was when Nick took the stage and shared his powerful testimony of transformation—his journey from darkness into the embrace of Jesus. It was an eventful evening that left everyone inspired and filled with hope!



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

This month we are looking for warm blankets, sleeping bags, warm winter coats, boots/shoes and appropriate youth clothing. Of course, all in good condition. We appreciate your support!

ANNUAL BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

Our backpack giveaway is back this year (no pun intended!) Our goal is to hand out 40+ backpacks. We suggest the following items: New backpack, deodorant, shaving cream, travel size shampoo & conditioner, clips/hair bands, reusable water bottles, travel mugs, hand/feet warmers, pens, gum/chocolate bars/candy, giftcards, cozy socks, small flashlights, body spray, protein shakes and hoodies. Kindly drop all donations at Sanctuary Youth Centre by Dec 8th.

