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ANNUAL REPORT

July 2021 | June 2022

A VISION FROM OUR DIRECTOR

"I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open." -Isaiah 22:22



Jeff Thompson | Executive Director
34 years of service

labeled 'The Identity Generation,' because young people in the post-Covid era are searching to answer the question, "Who am I?" We know the world has a thousand answers to that question that they force on young people that will never satisfy their longing.

THE OPEN DOORS... With this identified need, we are amazed at how God has opened doors for Youth For Christ to come into the lives of young people, provide them with a trusted adult mentor, and show them the TRUE answer to that question. This year alone, here are some of the doors that God has opened:

- Three open youth jail facilities (including one new state facility, where we get to see every Ohio student incarcerated going to a state facility)
- Open door to launch Deaf ministry, including open doors in one CMSD school
- Open doors in two new private schools
- More open doors in all our existing public schools with two new open public-school doors through partner churches
- Open doors on the eastside of Cleveland to expand City Life

THE NEED... It is shocking to see that 1/3 of young people report having no trusted adult in their lives. This generation has been

With these open doors and obedient staff and volunteer leaders, God is opening the hearts of those young people in search of identity. **466 students came to know Jesus last year through authentic Christ-sharing relationships with loving adult mentors!**

THE VISION... Our hope is that every young person would see that they have been uniquely, fearfully, and wonderfully made in God's image to be His children! In this next fiscal year, we are hoping to see **2,000 11-19 year-olds** in authentic Christ-sharing relationships with **237 staff and volunteer ministry leaders.**

Is God placing before you an open door to get involved in this mission with your time, talent, or treasure? We pray that God encourages you as He is encouraging us that He is still on the move, and our young people are hungrier than ever for the hope that only His Gospel can offer!

Blessings in Christ,

Jeff Thompson

OUR MISSION

Youth For Christ Reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus Christ who lead by their Godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.

GROWTH GOALS & BUDGET

YFC'S CURRENT OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022-2023 IS \$2.7 MILLION

Current Ministry capacity is 33 staff serving students in 34 schools and institutions

Our goal is to reach 10,000 Cleveland area students in Authentic Christ-Sharing relationships with 1,000 volunteer ministry leaders!

2022-2023 GROWTH

Campus Life Public Schools Expansion

- 1 Full-Time Administrative Field Staff
- 2 new schools
- 200+ new students

Campus Life Private Schools Expansion

- 1 Full-Time Field Staff
- 4 new lower schools
- 50 new students

Deaf Teen Quest Expansion

- 1 Part-Time Ministry Assistant
- 5 new volunteers
- 15+ new students

City Life Expansion

- 1 Full-Time Westside Field Staff - \$60,000
Partner with City Mission/Laura's Home
- 1 Part-Time Westside Field Staff - \$30,000
100+ new students
- 1 Full-Time Eastside Staff & 1 Part-Time Staff - \$90,000
3 new schools
300+ new students

Juvenile Justice Ministry Expansion

- 1 Full-Time Re-Entry Director - \$60,000
50-100 youth served upon release back to community
- 1 Part-Time Administrative Coordinator - \$30,000

Support Services Expansion

- 1 Full-Time Office Coordinator - \$50,000
- 1 Part-Time Volunteer Coordinator - \$30,000
Helps onboard 50+ new volunteers

NEED

\$60,000

\$60,000

\$30,000

\$180,000

\$90,000

\$80,000

TOTAL AMOUNT NEEDED:

\$500,000

PAST | **PRESENT** | **FUTURE**
2007 → **2022** → **2027**

Schools and Institutions Served



10



32



45

Students Served



400



2243



4000

Volunteer Ministry Leaders



30



160



400

GCYFC Staff



8



31



40

GCYFC Operating Budget

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\$650k

\$2.2M

\$3.1M

2021 - 2022 IMPACT

This year,
at YFC we had...

2,243

Students In Attendance

1,863

Students in Christ Sharing
Relationships

1,447

Students in One-on-one
Appointments

565

Students in Discipleship

466

Students Accepted in Christ

140

Volunteers

34

Church Partners

1

Life Changed At A Time!

We are also celebrating
God's provision for...

6

New Staff

3

New Board Members
Welcomed By Our Team

1

New Ministry to Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Teens

1

New Juvenile Detention Center
Opened to Our Staff 4 Days a Week

56

New Volunteer Ministry Leaders
Brought On By Our
New Volunteer Coordinator

\$2.5 Million

dollar budget raised, thanks to the
Lord's provision!

1

New International Partnership
with YFC Puerto Rico

CAMPUS LIFE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Campus Life combines healthy relationships with creative programs to help young people make good choices, establish a solid foundation in life and positively impact their schools. Like every ministry of YFC, Campus Life seeks to engage these young people everywhere they are found as lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.



Suburban Areas served by Campus Life:

Independence
Chardon
Garfield Heights
Parma
Nardon
Brooklyn

Campus Life Programs:

YFC Summer Day Camp
Large Group Clubs
Sporting Events
One-on-one appointments
Character Classes
Small Groups Mentoring
Craft Club
High School Bible Study
Basketball Outreach

THEN

(2015)

5 staff in 6 schools
71 Volunteers
620 students on roster
Individual financial goals
Individual ministry sites



NOW

(June 2022)

7 staff in 13 schools
54 Volunteers
993 Students on roster
751 Students in Mentoring Relationships
Collaborative team approach

CAMPUS LIFE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Victories for 21-22!

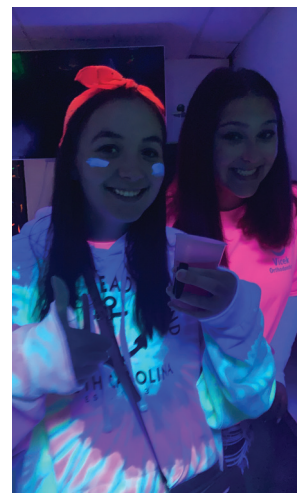
- Full-Time Parma Director
- Garfield Open Gym re-launch 80+ weekly students
- Chardon Director shared the Gospel with the entire Chardon football team
- 279 Students in Discipleship
- 189 Accepted Christ

Vision for 22-23

We are so excited by the way God has expanded the Campus Life Ministry in the past 5 years. As part of our goal to reach 10,000 students in Cleveland, Campus Life has a goal of adding one new suburban community to our outreach each year beginning in 22-23.

With \$60,000 of new funds we will be able to:

- Hire 1 Full-Time Administrative Field Staff
- Expand into 2 new schools
- Reach 200+ new students



It was the end of a Campus Life weekly club meeting when our YFC leader noticed that "Sarah" was hanging back, looking like there was something she wanted to say. When the leader approached her, she asked her how her week was going, but Sarah just looked at the ground before she answered. Our Site Director continued to ask questions, even making Sarah laugh at times before she finally blurted out, "No one loves me and I don't want to be here anymore." They stood there in the hallway and talked about life and loneliness, and Sarah began to feel seen and heard. Our Campus Life leader shared how in her own life when she had felt the same way, she had relied on Jesus. Sarah listened intently because she had heard this message before, but not exactly in this very personal and relatable way. As other kids started to file in, Sarah bowed her head and asked how she could start a new relationship with Jesus. Sarah will now be mentored as the weeks go by and she learns about this wonderful new change in her life.

CAMPUS LIFE PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Campus Life Private Schools is a unique branch of Campus Life, reaching students in elite, private prep schools in the Cleveland area. Our staff establishes community for Christian students, equipping them to be leaders with their non-believing friends. They do this through relational ministry, faithful Bible teaching, and fun events.

Private Schools served by Campus Life:

Hathaway Brown	Western Reserve Academy
University Upper School	Laurel
University Middle School	Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy
Hawken	

Private Schools Programs:

FOCUS Summer Program	Summer Service Trips
Chautauqua Retreat	Monthly Group Events
Treehouse Retreat	Alumni Program
Club Meetings on Campus (In Schools)	Off-Campus Small Groups
One-on-one appointments	

THEN
(2015)

1 staff in 1 school
2 Volunteers/Student Leaders
10 Students on roster
Assisting with 1 existing student club

NOW
(June 2022)

3 staff in 6 schools
6 Volunteers/15 Student Leaders
137 Students on roster
Initiating Campus Life-led Programs

Victories for 2021-2022!

- Hired 1 new staff
- Expanded Ministry into 1 new school
- Continued FOCUS program
- 64 students in Discipleship
- 1 student accepted Christ



CAMPUS LIFE PRIVATE SCHOOLS



Vision for 2022-2023

We are so excited by the way God has expanded this unique ministry in the last few years. As part of our goal to reach 10,000 students for Christ in the Cleveland area, we have a goal of adding 1 new upper/lower private school to our program per year!

With \$60,000 in new funds, we will be able to:

- Hire 1 Full Time staff
- Add 4 lower schools
- Reach 50+ new students

Lola, a girl with no interest in Christianity, was drawn to the Christian Fellowship group on her campus, looking for a sense of community. Week after week, Lola continued to come, even though she never professed a faith in Jesus. It was evident to our staff that she wanted to be there, but baffling as to why. She engaged in weekly club meetings and trips for years. This past Summer, following her senior year, she attended a week of ministry in Kiawah, South Carolina. During the week, the students heard the Gospel preached in a fresh way. Lola was clearly engaged.

After the week of camp, one of our staff met with her, and after a great appointment, Lola let her know that she had decided to accept Christ for the first time! We were blown away at this true and deep heart transformation in Lola! Later, our staff asked Lola, "you weren't a believer, but you kept coming back each week for Bible studies...why?"

Lola responded that she felt something different in that group than in all the other groups she was a part of. She said that even when she wasn't a Christian, she loved being with them. It was a community where she felt loved, embraced, accepted. Now, Lola is walking with Christ, engaging other believers on her college Campus!



CITY LIFE

City Life is an effective ministry model to transform the lives of urban youth, their families and the communities that they live in. The City Life model provides a strategic way to pursue every young person in urban communities all over the USA.

The City Life Center reaches youth in the Clark-Fulton neighborhood through a variety of programs and City-wide events:

Programs:

Club Cypher (Large Group)
Cooking Classes in State of the Art Kitchen
Basketball Open Gym
Life Cycles Bike Shop
Small Study Groups
Soccer Camp
Horse Camp
YFC Summer Day Camp

Art Classes
Gardening
Sounds of Symphony Sound Lab
Volleyball League
Student Store
One-on-one appointments
Character Classes in Cleveland Metro Schools

City-wide events

'Thankskitting'
Trunk or Treat

Annual Christmas Party
Summer Movie Nights

THEN
(2015)

6 staff; 12 schools
51 Volunteers
700 Students on roster
Individual financial goals
No City Life Center building;
only school-based programs

NOW
(June 2022)

5 staff; 7 schools
40 volunteers
500 Students on roster
401 Students in Christ
Sharing Relationships

Victories for 2021-2022!

- Hired 3 new staff
- Received funding for new parking lot, fence and HVAC
- Launched new Life Cycles Bike Shop
- Launched Sounds of Symphony Recording Lab
- 42 Students in Discipleship
- 48 students accepted Christ

CITY LIFE



Vision for 2022-2023

We are so excited for all God has done through our strong presence on the West Side of Cleveland. Our goal is to expand our presence on the East Side of Cleveland to blanket urban Cleveland with the Hope of the Gospel!

With \$180,000 in new funds, we will be able to:

- Hire 2 new West Side City Life field staff
- Reach 100+ additional students
- Hire 2 new East Side City Life field staff
- Reach 300+ additional students
- Expand into 3 new schools

Passing out fliers in a high school cafeteria can be awkward, intimidating, exhilarating, and defeating.

But, sometimes, a staff member catches the attention of a kid like "Jason". Sitting with his friends in the lunchroom, Jason looked at first unremarkable, but as our City Life Staff passed him a flier for Club, she noticed there was something about him that was different. That night Jason came to club, and brought others! It was months before staff began to see the insecurities he tried to hide. They began to notice his clothes were always the same, clean, but the same. His conversations with leaders began to shift to personal stories of abandonment. As the relationships grew, Jason started to change. Through deep and consistent personal interactions over the following months, City Life staff learned more about how Jason had been disappointed by his family. As a participant in YFC Day Camp, Horse Camp, S.T.E.M. Camp and City Life Studio Musical performances he continued to resist the call of Christ on his life. Then at a late summer event, he heard the City Life Director say "You can leave how you came in or you can leave different. Knowing that you are loved, provided for, that you are a leader, that you are uniquely gifted". Jason accepted Christ that night. Since then, many of the City Life staff and volunteers have surrounded Jason in what we call an 'authentic Christ sharing relationship'; discipling him one on one and helping him explore his new faith. Sometimes Jason even invites his friends and family to join him in this journey!



JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY

Juvenile Justice Ministry seeks to engage young people as they are met in a variety of youth-serving institutions (detentions, probation, correctional facilities, group homes, residential treatment centers and emergency shelters). These valued relationships are sustained through ongoing involvement as they re-enter their communities.

Institutions served by the Juvenile Justice Ministry:

Cleveland Juvenile Correctional Institution - Warrensville Heights
Cuyahoga County Juvenile Correction Center - Cleveland
Indian River Juvenile Correctional Facility - Massillon

Juvenile Justice Ministry Programs:

Intake One-on-one Meetings
Small and Group Bible Studies
Educational Courses
Re-Entry Preparation Courses

Unit Visits
Off-Campus outings
Chapel Services
Character Classes

THEN
(2015)

1 staff in 1 institution
2 Volunteers
100 Students on roster
Limited access in one facility
Limited community outreach

Victories for 2021-2022!

- 1 new Juvenile Justice facility
- 1 expanded access in an existing facility
- Hired 3 new staff
- Hosted 2-day Festivals in 2 facilities
- 172 Students in Discipleship
- 226 students accepted Christ

NOW
(June 2022)

4 staff; 3 Institutions
34 volunteers
598 Students on roster
594 Students in Christ
Sharing Relationships



JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY



Vision for 2022-2023

In the upcoming year, the Juvenile Justice Ministry Team will expand our Re-entry program. This program helps develop life-skills such as job readiness, manners and etiquette and financial acuity. Students who are released from a facility back to the community are mentored and shepherded throughout the entire state of Ohio and also receive new clothing through our "Suited for Hope" program.

With \$90,000 in new funding, we will be able to:

- Hire 1 Full Time Re-Entry Director
- Serve an additional 50-100 youth re-entering the community
- Hire 1 Part-time Administrative Coordinator

During a small group session, a JJM staff member was sharing the Gospel with a group of young men, when Anton said that he could never believe in God because of all the bad things that have happened in his life. Another YFC staff member shared that actually of all the religions, our God is the only who chose to live and suffer as a man so that He could understand and feel the hard things we go through, so that Anton can know Him.

Anton hung his head for the rest of the lesson and seemed to be checked out. However, we found out at the end of the session that Anton was meeting Jesus in His heart for the first time. That day, he made a decision for Christ and asked for a Bible. He told our staff member that he wants to meet with him regularly once he is released. Please continue to pray for Anton and all the students like him that we have the chance to share the hope of Jesus with on a regular basis!

DEAF TEEN QUEST

Deaf Teen Quest is a ministry of Youth For Christ that is designed specifically to build Christ-centered, life-changing relationships with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in the Cleveland area. Teams of caring Christian adults enter the world of Deaf teenagers with "fun, friendship, fellowship and faith." YFC Deaf Teen Quest provides a healthy peer group environment with Christian role models to help Deaf teens develop a mature faith that makes a difference in the world.

Deaf Teen Quest is Greater Cleveland YFC's NEWEST ministry! We reach students all over the metro Cleveland area, many of whom have never been able to converse with someone fluent in sign language (ASL).

Deaf Teen Quest Programs:

- Bi-monthly large group outreaches
- In-school mentoring leadership groups
- Macrame Mentoring groups for Deaf teen girls
- Deaf Church youth group
- Individual Mentoring
- Deaf Teen Quest Camp

In 2021-2022, we had:

- 1 full-time staff
- 15 Deaf and Hard of Hearing students on roster
- 13 of those students in Christ Sharing relationships
- 6 ASL-fluent volunteers

Victories for 2021-2022!

- Hired 1 new full-time Director
- Launched monthly clubs
- Launched weekly school-based small groups
- Took 6 Deaf and Hard of Hearing students to Deaf Teen Quest Camp
- 8 students in Discipleship
- 1 student accept Christ



DEAF TEEN QUEST



Vision for 2022-2023

With \$30,000 in new funds, we will be able to:

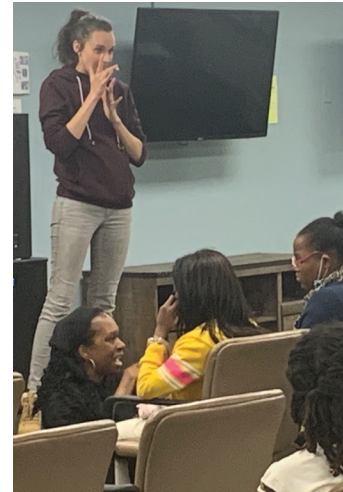
- Hire 1 part-time ministry assistant
- Engage 5 new ASL-fluent volunteers
- Reach 15+ new students

Eleta represents a first in Deaf Teen Quest history at a national level...she is the first Deaf AND Blind student to be a part of the ministry. The only way to communicate with Eleta is through tactile sign (ASL using hand-to-hand contact). This has presented an extra level of complication for our staff in knowing how to communicate the Gospel to Eleta. So, our staff started simply. Once sharing the story of the Bible with Eleta, our staff would weekly have this line of questioning with her:

"Trees. Who made trees?"
Eleta signed back "I don't know"
"God. Who made flowers?"
"I don't know"
"God. Who made Eleta?"
"God"
"Who loves Eleta?"
"God"

This conversation inspired Deaf Teen Quest staff to begin creating a deaf/blind catechism that Eleta can memorize knowing that the Holy Spirit will move through basic truth. Deaf Teen Quest meetings have allowed them to give Eleta a community that cares for her and the opportunity to meet Jesus on her level, in her language, wrapped in love.

From her first Deaf Teen Quest event in September 2021, Eleta has not missed one single DTQ or Deaf youth group event with Paul and Heather. Recently, Eleta communicated in her own way that she has decided to surrender her life to Christ, begin a relationship with Jesus, and learn more about Him!



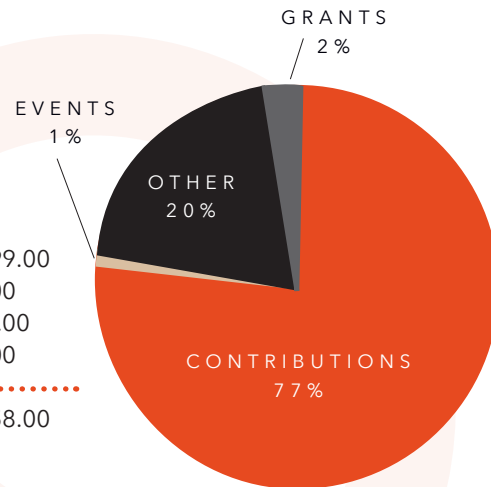
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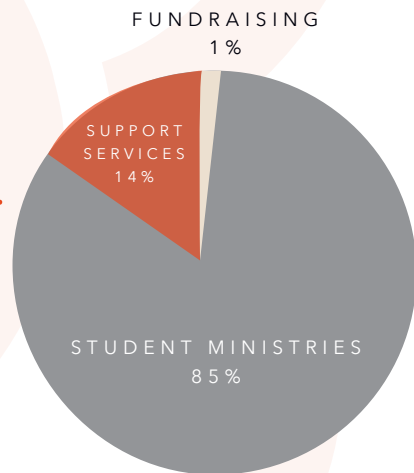
INCOME

Contributions (77%)	\$1,947,699.00
Events (1%)	\$21,446.00
Other (20%)	\$503,042.00
Grants (2%)	\$59,471.00
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Total	\$2,531,658.00



EXPENSES

Student Ministries (85%)	\$1,846,141.00
Support Services (14%)	\$306,201.00
Fundraising (1%)	\$21,446.00
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Total	\$2,173,788.00



INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS

\$357,870.00



YFC USA is proud to be recognized as a 4-star charity by Charity Navigator, America's premier independent charity evaluator.

Gifts Anyone Can Afford!

Have you ever wanted to help fund the movement of Greater Cleveland Youth For Christ, but thought you couldn't afford to give? There is GOOD NEWS! There are ways you CAN give today while preserving your assets for retirement and providing for your family. Creative Giving is a way for you to combine your personal, financial and estate planning by making planned, lifetime, charitable gifts. Some examples of creative giving are:

- Gifts of Real Estate
- Gifts of Retirement Assets
- Gifts of Stocks/Bonds
- Gifts of Insurance

Understanding Creative Giving Benefits:

Planned giving provides many benefits. There are ways to increase your income now or in the future and save you money on taxes. With a planned gift, you can also create your legacy while furthering the mission of Greater Cleveland YFC.

Bequest

A future gift to help Greater Cleveland Youth For Christ. A bequest is one of the easiest ways for you to make a planned gift.

Charitable Remainder Trust

You transfer cash or property to a trust that pays income for your life or a term of years. The remainder goes to Greater Cleveland YFC.

Retirement Assets

You leave all or part of your retirement assets to Cleveland YFC when you pass away. Your children save on income tax.

Gift Annuity

An agreement through which you make a gift of cash or property and we agree to pay you fixed payments for the rest of your life.

Life Estate Reserved

You make a gift of your home or farm to Greater Cleveland YFC charity and retain the right to use the property for your lifetime.

Bargain Sale

Greater Cleveland YFC purchases your property for less than fair market value or accepts a gift of your mortgaged property.

These forms of giving can be complex without an advisor and administrator. Greater Cleveland YFC partners with the Cleveland based 'In His Steps Foundation' to help you administer these giving programs.

For More Information, contact YFC at (216) 252-9881.

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EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM



JEFF THOMPSON
Executive Director
34



BRIAN WALLS
Community
Engagement Director
28



CINDY KAHLER
Operations Director
4



KEVIN MINERD
Finance Director
8



ASHLEY TENGLER
Ministry Director
6

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



TIFFANY CAMPBELL
Executive Assistant
1



JAMIE KINNETT
Information Systems Specialist
4



TERRI SEVINSKY
Payroll and Benefits Coordinator
22



LIZ WU
Volunteer Coordinator
*Hired October 2022



MICHELLE JAWORSKI
Events & Administrative Coordinator
3



RENITA NOHEJL
Hospitality Coordinator
6

CAMPUS LIFE PRIVATE SCHOOLS TEAM



JEN MUSCENTI
Campus Life Core Ministry Director, Private Schools
8



MICHAEL SKIZENTA
Campus Life Private Schools Field Staff
3



HALEY GAINES
Campus Life Private Schools Field Staff
2

DEAF TEEN QUEST TEAM



PAUL BARNES
Deaf Teen Quest Core Ministry Director
2

CAMPUS LIFE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEAM



MICHAEL WOLFE
Campus Life Core
Ministry Director,
Public Schools
7



DEAN CARLO
Campus Life Chardon
Site Director
23



NICK MAROULIS
Campus Life Brooklyn
Site Director
16



NORMAN LEONARD
Campus Life Garfield
Heights Site Director
3



JENNY WEBB
Campus Life Nordonia
Site Director
2



JOANNE MAROULIS
Campus Life Parma Site Director
2



KEISHA ROSADO
Campus Life Independence Site Director
*Hired October 2022

CITY LIFE TEAM



JONNY FINE
City Life Core Ministry Director
16



ERIN DOMER
City Life Westside Area Director
9



DAHLIA BARRETO
City Life Field Staff
1



NATHAN FINE
City Life Field Staff
1



ROB NORTON
City Life Field Staff
*Hired July 2022



ELIJAH PARRISH
City Life Field Staff
*Hired December 2022

JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM



PEGI POWE
Juvenile Justice Core
Ministry Director
10



MICHAEL 'CAP' MCCOY
Juvenile Justice
Ministry Evangelism
Director
10



RAY VALLEE JR.
Juvenile Justice
Ministry Indian River
Site Director
3



ANDRE SMITH
Juvenile Justice Ministry
Quincy Site Director
11



JOSIE VALLEY
Juvenile Justice Ministry
Administrative Assistant/ Heritage
Christian Academy Private
Schools Site Director
Hired July 2022

VISION FOR EXPANSION

In Order to Sustain and Grow The Ministry,
We Are Seeking Partners to Stabilize The
Current Goal and Invest in Expansion.

2027 Goal:
\$3.1M

Needed for
Growth 2027

\$400k

2023 Goal:
\$2.7M

2023
Expansion

\$500k

*New Support
Needed*

2022 Goal:
\$2.2M

Committed
Support
Goal Reached

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Become a Prayer Partner
- Become a Volunteer Ministry Leader
- Become a Financial Partner
- Attend a See the Story Event to learn more about one of our Core Ministries
- Provide Student Meals, Clothing, Gift Cards, or Scholarships



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