

## 2021 Ministry Report

YFC Altona has had a very busy year in 2021. Like everyone else, and other ministries there have been many difficulties, but through everything God is good. In this past year we have had to make adjustments and evaluate the best way we can serve and disciple the youth of our community. This has led to more innovative and meaningful ways to connect and support teens. Especially with current public health concerns and restrictions we have seen the effects on our community. Through this adversity we have seen the hunger for purpose and meaning growing in the teens we serve. We have been blessed with the opportunity to disciple and mentor teens, sharing with them the hope and purpose that is only found in Jesus Christ. Join us in prayer that their hearts open to the Redeeming love of Jesus Christ and that the staff and volunteers at YFC Altona are given opportunities to help the youth of our community in their walk with Christ.

In May of this year we launched our new facility project. This new building will enable us to reach many more youth in our community and allow us to offer more programs. In terms of scale our current building is about 1200 sq ft, the new facility is 8600 sq ft. Needless to say this was a very large undertaking for our ministry, but we are committed to follow where God is leading us. We put out the call to our community for support in this endeavor and our community answered. With a large scale expansion like this, finances are a big hurdle to overcome. Through the generous donations from our local businesses, organizations, families, individuals and churches (and more) we have raised over \$350,000 to date! This has enabled us to make all the necessary commitments and purchases to complete phase 1 of the project. In 2022 we will focus on fundraising for phase 2 of the project and bringing the entire facility to completion. We are hopeful that we will be able to get occupancy of the new building in February 2022.

As we look forward to 2022 we recognize that there are many uncertainties and concerns in our world. We know that our hope and faith is found in Jesus Christ and we look forward to the new and exciting ways we can share about Jesus with everyone in our community. A few prayer requests for YFC Altona would be: The new facility project (safety and completion), an increase of volunteers who want to see others come to Christ, a (full or part time) female staff member, and for the youth of our community to seek Jesus. Whether they discover Jesus through a YFC program, attending a local church, or have a caring christian friend discipling them. At YFC our mission is to see every young person living fully in Christ. We are so thankful for the opportunities to work together with our local church community to see youth and their families changed forever.

We want to say thank you for all the support you show YFC Altona. Its through these strong connections that we have been able to operate the past 23 years. Through these strong connections we have been able to undertake our new facility project as well. As a church we would like to ask you to prayerfully consider continuing and possibly growing your support for YFC Altona in 2022. With our increase in facilities and programs the costs also increase, any assistance is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for YFC and the youth and their families. Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

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