

# CONNECTED

YOUTH FOR CHRIST of Northern Ohio - Newsletter

Connecting Teens To Jesus Christ And His Church

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## How Many Ways Can We Say, "Thank You!" | Steve Pausch

We can't do all this without you!!! It sounds cliché to say that we could not do this ministry without all the people who make it possible, but that statement is very true! We have been blessed with many very caring people who make sacrifices to help the young people we serve on their journey to finding Christ. We want to thank ALL of the people who in some way help this ministry in its goal of reaching youth for Christ.

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**Weekly Volunteers-** The young people we work with are blessed to have many adult leaders who are involved in their lives on a weekly basis either through ministry at our teen centers or at the Sandusky County Juvenile Justice Center. These caring, committed adults share their lives and stories while building friendships that open the door to sharing the love of Christ through that relationship.

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**Monthly Meal Makers-** We have another band of individuals and churches that take the time to provide a meal for our teens during programming time. Many years ago, we decided that a missing component in the lives of teens today was a consistent sit-down meal. We strive to recreate the family sit-down-conversation-type meal together as a focus of our ministry time at our centers. Our meal makers commit to provide a family style meal that helps us provide teens a stable environment around the table where we share food and conversation. These conversations often spark deeper discussions during the day, and always foster our relationships with the kids being served.

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**Prayer Warriors-** We have a great team of adults who pray for our staff and our teens' specific and general needs daily or weekly. This is facilitated by a prayer update sent through email weekly. If you'd like to join this team, email us at [info@northernohioyfc.com](mailto:info@northernohioyfc.com)

**Cleaning and Organizing-** Some people just enjoy helping to regularly clean and organize our spaces for ministry. We are truly blessed by these individuals who make our centers a better environment to serve teens.

**Financial Partners—** Many of you give financially so that we can spend time with teens, sharing Jesus with them. We truly couldn't do this without your support.

**Board Members-** We have very committed caring people who serve on our Board of Directors and help set direction for the ministry. These individuals are vital to this ministry as we seek to be more effective and intentional in our work with teens.

**Thank you** to all of the churches and adults who make this ministry to teens a priority in their schedule and help these teens see Jesus in those around them. **We truly couldn't do it without you!**

# Thank you!

## **Partners in Ministry | Matt Mountjoy**

As Thanksgiving rolls around, it is only appropriate that we as a ministry think about the blessings we have been given. God continues, year after year, to show His faithfulness in providing for the ministry, and He allows us to reach the youth of our community for His Kingdom. One of the biggest ways that He does this is by putting it on the hearts of various churches and groups that come alongside us and support us in various ways. We truly would not be able to do what we do without the physical support and financial support that these groups in the community bring.

While there are so many groups who do so much, there is a group that I want to share as an example who did this for us this year. We were approached by the Wadsworth Pickleball Club at the end of this summer to ask how they could help provide assistance to us. This is a group of people in the community of Wadsworth that just decided they wanted to make a positive impact on the community and reached out to us to make it happen. We were able to give them some general needs, and they really went

above and beyond. Between cash donations and gift cards they provided over \$500 in resources. They also provided various drinks that we were able to give to the kids who come to our club nights.

It was exciting that we could take their generosity and immediately put it into use. Obviously, one of our biggest needs as a ministry is financial support and the donations were able to go towards our general budget. Then on top of that, the gift cards provided direct impact to teens. We regularly use food gift cards as prizes for kids in our games, and we often have nights where if you bring a friend who is new to The Garage, both the new kids and the one who brought them receive a gift card. This might be shocking to find out, but bribery with fast food gift cards is a great way to meet new students! Because of the Wadsworth Pickleball Club's generosity we were able to have a "Gift Card Extravaganza" early in the year and hype up the night. That night, we had one of our biggest attended nights and met several new students. We still have more left over that we continue to use as prizes, and a few others that are slightly larger amounts that we are able to use as leaders to take kids out for a meal and have "appointments" where we can build on our relationships on an individual level.

So, thank you to all of the individuals and groups like The Wadsworth Pickleball Club that have blessed The Garage with their partnership and support! We truly would not be able to have the impact on the teens of this community without continued support that we receive from all of you!

## **Gratitude | Laurie Beal**

Our teen parents group was recently talking about gratitude, the importance of having it and sharing it.

The consensus amongst the young parents AND the mentors was that we ALL feel so blessed and thankful that The Garage has supporters that ensure we can have a space to meet and build relationships.

I wanted to share just a few of the things that were written down during our lesson time, by people gathered that night.

Kylie, a teen my mom writes...

" I am so thankful for Monday Teen Parents group because the love and support is amazing! Being able to get my babies the stuff they need when I'm short on stuff. Being able to get with other teen parents and relate to struggles and just building a bond with everyone has just been great. My oldest is two years old and has known the leaders since birth and he adores them all. Thank you for helping with baby stuff and food and everything else."

A young dad, Chris, wrote a list of what he was thankful for.

He included: "help, food, love, time, chance for my kids to play, commitment of staff, always kind, memories."

And from one of our mentors, " My name is Leigh, and I've been volunteering @ The Garage for almost 15 years. I'm very grateful for all the support we receive from the community from food, to gift cards, to all of the donations in the young moms room and so much more. My favorite thing about volunteering is all of the new relationships I have formed over the years and the kids we have been able to help!

Our mentor Helen wrote, in part, that she was

\*"Thankful for The Garage because it provides a supportive and safe environment for the teen parents and children."

\*"Having prayerful discussions and building our faith as a group, teen parents AND the mentors."

A HUGE thank you from all of us to all of YOU who make this ministry possible!

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