



PARTNER WITH CENTRAL OHIO YOUTH FOR CHRIST

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



“We Get to See God Transform Lives!” YFC Volunteer

More than 1,000 teens engage with a YFC ministry during the course of a year...teens from all walks of life and locations:

- Urban and suburban areas
- Teens in detention centers
- Teens who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Teens who have been exploited and trafficked for sex

They are often confused, anxious and lonely. They need caring adults to come alongside them and model the love of Jesus. You can play a crucial role in their lives by volunteering your time and talents. Many opportunities exist to serve these teens throughout Central Ohio:



RELATIONAL

Spend 1-5 hours a week with a teen in various settings:

- Detention Center Chaplain
- Mentor a young person individually or in a group setting
- Transport students
- Tutor a youth or a Teen Mom
- House Mom for Gracehaven

PROGRAM

Play a key role in helping students feel seen, heard and valued. Weekly and monthly opportunities available:

- Teach a class for students
- Hospitality for club meetings
- Hospitality/activities for JJM youth
- Help with outreach events

SUPPORT

Though behind-the-scenes these roles are still vital to the mission. These can be weekly, monthly or once in a while:

- Facilities
- Cleaning
- Landscaping
- Construction
- Administration
- Prayer



What's the Next Step?

The rest of this catalog details YFC's expansive ministry outreach. As you look through these volunteer listings, please pray that God will direct you to an opportunity where you can thrive and truly impact teens in tough places for the Kingdom. If interested in learning more, contact our Volunteer Engagement Team to get started (last page).

CITY LIFE EAST

Ministry Site Leader: Joel Fether jfether@coyfc.org

Location: 1480 Zettler Road, Columbus, Ohio 43227

Connecting teenagers with caring adults and communicating the life-changing message of Jesus Christ is a passion of Youth for Christ and the City Life effort on the East side of Columbus. City Life East serves high school youth through weekly club meetings, Bible studies, service trips, retreats and more.

Volunteer Needs: Relational volunteers; drivers; set-up crew for meetings; provide food for meetings



CITY LIFE WEST (Spiritual Programming)

Ministry Site Leader: Steve Knotts sknotts@coyfc.org

Location: 40 Chicago Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43220

City Life West provides a community of positive peers and adult mentors who help teens in Franklinton ask the difficult questions about life, and help them explore how a relationship with Christ fits in. Club meetings for both junior high and high school students help teens learn about God and get their questions answered. In addition, teens are invited to participate in service opportunities, retreats, leadership training, individual mentoring and group Bible studies.

Volunteer Needs: Relational volunteers; drivers; provide food for meetings; in-school small group leader; mentors; after-school tutor



CITY LIFE CENTER (Sports & Educational Programming)

Ministry Site Leader: Annie Partlow apartlow@coyfc.org

Location: 40 Chicago Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43220

The City Life Center is a place where teens come to belong...a place where they can have fun and learn new skills while being part of a community of peers and trustworthy adults. The Center is open after school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We have classes and activities including open gym, music production, auto mechanics and photography. We also need volunteers available to help with homework, mentoring groups and bible studies for both middle and high school students.

Volunteer Needs: Tutors; mentors; class instructors in pottery, screen printing, cooking, auto mechanics, photography and music



GAHANNA CAMPUS LIFE

Ministry Site Leader: Marc Johnson mjohnson@coyfc.org

Location: 254 Agler Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Campus Life Gahanna gives students a place to investigate the most important questions, build friendships and have fun. Our staff and volunteers provide a healthy peer group environment with Christian role models to help students explore issues of faith in a non-threatening way.

Volunteer Needs: Relational volunteers; drivers; mentors



DUBLIN CAMPUS LIFE

Ministry Site Leader: Derek Evans devans@coyfc.org

Location: Meadow Park Church of God, 2425 Bethel Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220



Dublin Campus Life is a Bible Club focused on unpacking what God says about Himself in the Word. Along the way we have a lot of fun, including activities like basketball, dodge ball, and even Pokemon Go! It's a great place to find authentic friendships and investigate Christianity without the need for prior knowledge or experience.

Volunteer Needs: Relational volunteers

JOHNSTOWN CAMPUS LIFE

Ministry Site Leader: Alex Francis afrancis@coyfc.org

Location: Campus Life Center, 292 S. Main St., Johnstown, Ohio 43031

Johnstown Campus Life meets to explore what the Bible has to say about who we are, and who God is. We meet weekly to discuss matters that are important to students, ranging from morality to leadership to character. At Campus Life, students can make friends and learn how to relate in healthy and appropriate ways. Also, students can engage in spiritual or non-spiritual mentorships with leaders who will show genuine care and concern for their wellbeing and future. Campus Life also prioritizes awesome food and fun.

Volunteer Needs: Relational volunteers



GRACEHAVEN

Minister Leader: Jen Taber
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Child sex-trafficking has been called a world of “psychological shackles.” The trauma runs deep. The effects can last for years. But there is hope and healing. Gracehaven was founded to care for these young survivors, and to help prevent others from ever falling victim to the life. Gracehaven works on the front lines, employing a comprehensive strategy that includes Residential Care, Prevention Education and Awareness, Community Case Management, and Community Collaboration. And we serve clients from all over Ohio, with offices in Columbus, Toledo, Cleveland and Southeast Ohio. We are always looking for partners to join us in this mission!



Volunteer Needs: House moms; school tutors; facilities



PARENT LIFE

Ministry Site Leader: Stefanie Wicks swicks@coyfc.org
Location: 40 Chicago Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43222

Parent Life seeks to connect with expectant and parenting teens and their children through intentional relationships with caring adults and community partners. Our aim is to empower teens to thrive in every aspect of life and to encourage them to further their education, move toward independent living and become lifelong followers of Christ. We accomplish this through meetings where teens learn valuable parenting and life skills, discuss topics directly relevant to their unique situations and engage with loving and nurturing adults.

Volunteer Needs: Mentors; hospitality; child-care workers

DEAF TEEN QUEST

Ministry Site Leader: Jamie Jiang jjiang@coyfc.org
Location: 40 Chicago Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43222

Deaf Teen Quest staff and volunteers enter the world of Deaf and Hard of Hearing teens and build life-giving relationships with them. DTQ provides a healthy peer group environment with Christian role models. Through Club meetings, individual mentoring and lots of fun activities, we help Deaf teens learn about Jesus and develop a mature faith that makes a positive difference in the world.

Volunteer Needs: Relational volunteers, hospitality, drivers



JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRIES

Ministry Site Leader: Steve Telfer
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Young people in the juvenile justice system often feel overlooked. JJM Chaplains come alongside these incarcerated youth to help them find answers, guidance, hope and comfort through one-to-one spiritual counseling sessions and small interactive chapel services. We have chaplains in five area Juvenile Detention Centers. Our Bridgebuilder program also helps connect teens who have been released with mentors and positive peer groups.

Volunteer Needs: Chaplain; after-care worker



EQUIP SKILLS CENTER

Ministry Site Leader: Monika Hahn mhahn@coyfc.org

Two Locations:

620 Oakland Park Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43214

40 Chicago Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43222

Young people in underserved areas struggle to learn relevant job and life skills. They may have the desire, but often not the opportunity. The Equip Skills Center was established to meet this need. Our team of volunteers teach skills in auto mechanics at no charge to any youth who desires to learn. The instruction is technical, but the relational time with our volunteers yields invaluable lessons as well.

Volunteer Needs: class instructors; transportation to and from class; pizza delivery



ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Contact: Danielle Larison dlarison@coyfc.org

Location: P.O. Box 14804, Columbus, Ohio 43214

We need assistance in our administrative office and with various events we facilitate throughout the year.

Volunteer Needs: Office tasks; help with mailings; event administration and facilitation



Contact Us to Learn More!



We'd love to speak with you about serving with Central Ohio Youth for Christ. Since we are an evangelical, faith-based organization, we want to make sure our ministry is a good fit for you and us. We ask volunteer candidates to fill out an application form, theology survey and complete a FBI/BCI background check. Contact Luke to get started:

Contact: Luke Miller lmiller@coyfc.org



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Ready to start?

Scan QR code for access to the application forms.