



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 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 at volunteer@coyfc.org.



City Life staff and volunteers connect with urban teens to share God's truth and to equip them with the tools to experience real life change. These young people often feel overlooked. It's our passion to make them feel seen, heard and valued. As leaders, we help them realize their worth and actively listen, learn from them, and help them uncover God's story of hope in their lives through Club meetings, retreats, Bible studies and service opportunities.



City Life East

Ministry Site Leader:

Joel Fether (jfether@coyfc.org)

Location:

1480 Zettler Road
Columbus, Ohio 43227

Volunteer Needs:

Relational volunteers; drivers; set-up for meetings; provide food for meetings

City Life West

Ministry Site Leader:

Steve Knotts (sknotts@coyfc.org)

Location:

40 Chicago Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43220

Volunteer Needs:

Relational volunteers; provide food for meetings; in-school small group leader; mentors; after-school tutors



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.

Ministry Site Leader: Ann Haines (ahaines@coyfc.org)

Location: 40 Chicago Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43220

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



Campus Life gives students a place to investigate the most important questions, build genuine friendships and have fun. 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. Also, students can engage in spiritual or non-spiritual mentorships with leaders who show genuine care and concern for their wellbeing and their future. And there's always lots of food and fun.

Gahanna Campus Life

Ministry Site Leader: Marc Johnson (mjohnson@coyfc.org)

Location: 254 Agler Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Volunteer Needs: relational volunteers, mentors, drivers



Johnstown Campus Life

Ministry Site Leader: Sam Zeid (szeid@coyfc.org)

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

Volunteer Needs: relational volunteers, mentors, drivers

Dublin Campus Life

Ministry Site Leader: Derek Evans (devans@coyfc.org)

Location: New Hope Church
739 West Powell Road, Powell, Ohio 43065

Volunteer Needs: relational volunteers



Northland Campus Life

Ministry Site Leader: Arthur Kiwala (akiwala@coyfc.org)

Location: Northland High School

Volunteer Needs: relational volunteers

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. We have a residential campus for girls 12-18, and serve youth in the community throughout Ohio.

Ministry Site Leader: Jen Taber (jtaber@gracehavenohio.org)

Volunteer Needs: House moms; school tutors; mentors; facilities



Parent Life seeks to connect 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 become lifelong followers of Christ. We do this through Club meetings where teens learn valuable parenting and life skills, discuss topics directly relevant to their unique situations and engage with loving adults.

Ministry Site Leader: Stefanie Wicks (swicks@coyfc.org)

Volunteer Needs: Club volunteers; child-care workers; mentors

Location: City Life Center, 40 Chicago Ave., 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.

Ministry Site Leader: Jamie Jiang (jjiang@coyfc.org)

Volunteer Needs: Relational volunteers who know ASL; drivers; hospitality



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.

Ministry Site Leader: Steve Telfer (stelfer@coyfc.org)

Locations:

Franklin County Juvenile Intervention Center - Columbus

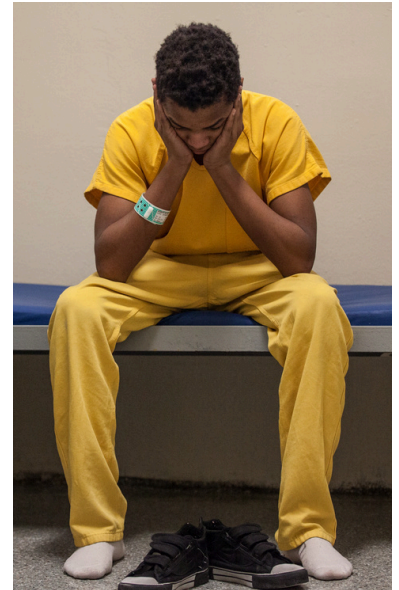
Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center - Lancaster

Central Ohio Youth Center - Marysville

Perry Multi-County Juvenile Facility - New Lexington

South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center - Chillicothe

Volunteer Needs: chaplains; mentors; note writers



Young people in underserved areas often struggle to learn relevant job and life skills. The Equip Skills Center was established to meet the need. Our team of volunteers teach skills in auto mechanics at no charge to any youth who desires them. The instruction is technical, but the relational time with our volunteers yields invaluable lessons as well.

Ministry Site Leader: Monika Hahn (mhahn@coyfc.org)

Locations:

- City Life Center, 40 Chicago Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43222
- 620 Oakland Park Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43214

Volunteer Needs: class instructors; transportation to class



Administration and Development

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

Contact: Danielle Larison (dlarison@coyfc.org)

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 and Gracehaven. 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 every volunteer candidate to fill out an application form, theology survey and complete a FBI/BCI background check.



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