



"Sowing the seeds for tomorrow"
Matthew 13:3-8

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Urban Youth Ministry

AN UPDATE FOR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF
URBAN YOUTH MINISTRY

Urban Youth Ministries
A Division of Wayside Cross Ministries

Join us for our
FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Come down for a night of good times,
great music & fellowship.
April 12, 6 P.M.

Located: Village Bible Church
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There will be no charge for dinner, a free-will offering will be taken



Real Stories...Real Hope

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FRIENDSHIP DINNER FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013

Featuring Music by:

The Colorado Cowboys for Jesus

Emcee:

Mark Elfstrand

Help Urban Youth Ministries find new partners in ministry by inviting them to our annual Friendship Dinner.

Email pwood@waysidecross.org
or call Phil Wood at 630.892.4239

There is no cost for the dinner.

A free-will offering will be received during the evening.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

According to the U.S. census bureau, over 80% of Americans now live in an urban setting. The shift started about 100 years ago when in 1920, for the first time ever, over one-half of Americans were identified as living in a city. Now it has surpassed 80%, but the toll it has taken on our families and youth is not so easily measured.

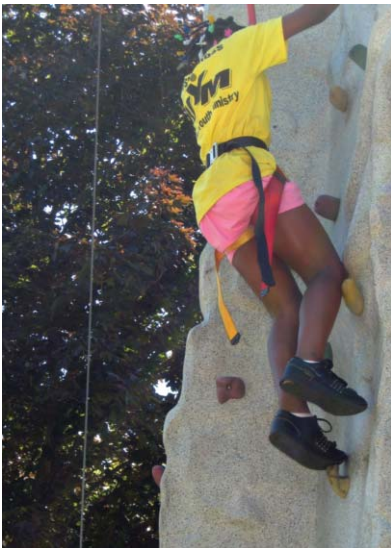
Urban Youth Ministry (UYM) is not only committed to molding young lives in these settings, but also mending them. Seeking the American Dream, many immigrants moved here only to find a nightmare for their families. Even small children are facing the devastating impact of drug and alcohol abuse, both at home and in the community. We want to see harmful generational cycles broken and lives transformed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. UYM, along with local churches and other organizations, is going into the public schools, parks, and community to offer free programs that not only train the children, but also offer resources to the home.

Thank you for your help in “sowing the seeds for tomorrow,” as we also reap the harvest in young lives today.

Blessings,

Phil
Phil Wood

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UYM offers educational, recreational, athletic, and spiritual programs for at-risk youth in the Aurora area. Partnering with neighborhood churches, schools, community organizations and groups, UYM provides activities that offer alternatives that provide hope to the community’s youth.

UYM Programs include:

- Summer Day Camp
- R.E.A.D. program tutoring
- Christian mentoring, tutoring
- Aurora Neighborhood Baseball League (ANBL)
- Holiday gift programs
- Collaboration with Aurora Communities in Schools (CIS) and Aurora Township

SUMMER CAMP

Wayside Cross’ UYM provides Summertime Day Camp giving needy children the opportunity for eight weeks of summer fun, which includes Bible teaching, scripture memory, singing, crafts, recreation, swimming, field trips, and a host of other activities.



Kids are offered healthy, enriching and structured alternatives to gang and drug involvement.

R.E.A.D.

R.E.A.D. is a program that brings together tutors and needy students, at local elementary schools, four days a week to focus on improving the child's academic skills in a one on one setting. Tutors are encouraged to develop meaningful relationships with their students, becoming role models to the kids.



Kids are offered opportunities and avenues to realize their full God-given potential through educational, recreational, and spiritual programs thus empowering them to become tomorrow's urban leaders.



MENTORING/TUTORING

UYM seeks to meet the needs of youth by providing caring Christian adult mentors to be role models and engage youth in learning and enriching experiences, geared towards positive growth. These youth vary greatly in age, as they participate in UYM programming (e.g., sports, summer camp, and afterschool programming) for elementary, middle, and high school students.

OTHER COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

have been entered into with local Aurora organizations Communities in Schools (CIS) and Aurora Township to provide afterschool tutoring for children in Aurora schools along with holiday gift and clothing outreach.



Kids engage in positive interaction among youth of various races and culture.



Kids have opportunities to interact with positive adult and youth role models, imparting Christian moral values.



SPORTS

The Aurora Neighborhood Baseball League (ANBL), initiated in 1994, is now a ten team league!

Coach/mentors are recruited from local churches and community leaders who also chaperone outings for the youth.



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