

# Life STORIES



## Finishing off the Year

We've had 131 Students come through our program this year, 82 of those called our program home, participating all of the way through playoffs. We were able to provide meals, coaching, encouragement and a safe space every week for a consistent group of over 80 students. Above, you'll see the picture of the students that had flawless attendance (we buy them jerseys to reward their dedication). **Over 20% of our students are so dedicated, they never miss a week.** We're blown away by that statistic, and so grateful we get to have these young people in our lives. 131 students heard about Jesus, over 80 of them consistently while being kept off the street. **We are excited about this and what God has in store for these young people!**

Playoffs were incredible this year, giving us some amazing action. We got to watch multiple series go to game 7. Saw comebacks, upsets and very raw emotions. **After all was said and done we were happy to grant the Bridge City Chiefs and the Saskatoon Tigers the championships in their respective leagues (pictured of the back)! We also retired 11 players this year as they have now aged out of our program. Three of them had been a part of our program for over a decade which is over half of their lifetime!**

The last thing we will do this year for our program is a trip to Winnipeg to play off the winners of their league in a national championship! The Tigers get to go with a few pick-ups from other teams as we see who will take home the National Cup! **We are still looking for a bit funding to help us finish off our year and this trip!** If you feel inclined, feel free to mail us a check with the enclosed envelope or head to [Yfchl.com/donate](http://Yfchl.com/donate). Most of our students have barely crossed the Saskatchewan river, let alone driven to Winnipeg! **We're hoping to make trip a memorable end to their year, and some of their careers!**

## Thank You.

Every single penny we've made to keep ourselves going this year has come from you. **At-risk youth have been kept off the street and given a consistent community program every week because of the partnership you've provided to us.**

**Our salary is 92% covered through your generosity with a float to cover the rest up until this time next year!**

We are excited to have you on this journey with us as we continue to provide this life-giving programming to students that have no other supports in their lives. **Thank you for joining in and helping BE THE HOPE that these students need in their lives!**

*Evan  
Rebecca*

*"Thanks for making me feel so loved."  
-One of our YFCHL Players*

# Celebrating.



*Some celebrations happening during our final days of playoffs!*

We have great kids in our community. I can't gush about them enough. **Holding our awards banquet every year can be some of the greatest fun we have together.** The inside jokes and cheering that happens reminds us of the amazing times we've had over the year. **We hand out a lot of awards, and this gives us an amazing opportunity to celebrate our students.** When the words "I love you" are either never said or always tainted with expectation, these moments can really build into your character. **We get to bring healing words and affirmation to so many students that rarely hear them.** For group home/foster children, we are the consistent thing they hold on to. While to their staff they can just be "clients" to us they are family. **We get to stand behind them, encourage them, and celebrate them as we share Jesus' love with them. They are precious (also a handful), and we get to show them that.**

**One student started attending our program when he was ten and retires this year as a 20 year-old.** We saw him through all those awkward years of puberty all the way into his adult life. **Despite some terrible life situations, we saw this young man finish school, become a leader, and prize this program right till the very end of his career.** This "kid" has been a treat and will go down in our history books with the records he set in our statistics. **It was emotional looking at all of his photos through the years as he grew up and out of our program. Couldn't be more proud of this young man. He's been a treat and we're excited to see where life takes him!**

Also here's another cute baby pic!



## A Call to Prayer

Our executive director came up with an awesome idea to have a WhatsApp prayer group, and I am stealing his idea!

**Sometimes it can be hard to find hope in the midst of what we do.** The reality is that our problems and pain can be heavy and complicated.. **Without super natural hope and help, these things feel insurmountable and I will be the first to say "I give up" when depending on my own strength.**

Teaching kids life lessons is doable. Showing them some skills to get by in the world is nothing. Helping hurting families that battle consistently with abuse and addiction is a whole other concept. **You can feel hope in a student's positive life decisions until you drop them off at an unstable house at the end of the night. This is the reality. This pain is hard to heal.** Habits can change, brains plagued by FASD and abuse cannot. **It takes a miracle just to maintain space for hope in these kids' lives, let alone our own.**

I need to lean on something supernatural. **I need to believe that if God can raise people from the dead, He can bring healing to any pain.** I need supernatural help to stop myself from feeling hopeless. **This is where you come in. We need prayer. Either to give us hope, for wisdom, or complete healing in these complicated situations. We need your prayers.**

Financial partnership is obviously the way we keep the tangible things moving, but **I need a consistent group of people to help me work with the intangible. Scanning this QR code will add you to the WhatsApp prayer group that I have set up.** I'm hoping I can keep people up to date with prayer requests in real time. **If you feel inclined to join my prayer team either scan the QR code or text me with your name and I'll add you in (3062902240).**

He can heal the most broken situations. I believe that. **Will you join me in believing?**



*Our Senior Division Champions  
The Saskatoon Tigers*



*Our Junior Division Champions  
The Bridge City Chiefs*



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