



A NEW HOME, A NEW ERA

WHAT'S NEW AT
YOUTHFRONT

CAMP BY THE
NUMBERS

GRANDPARENTS
LEND A HAND



We Have a New Home

SURELY THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE...

We are so blessed to be in the same location with our new headquarters building as we have been since the 1950s. We are grateful to move beyond our 75th Anniversary on a strong growth trajectory in a facility that will enhance youth ministry in the 21st century.

While our previous headquarters fit perfectly for youth ministry in the decades of the 1960s, '70s and '80s, we live in a new cultural context. Technology, smart phones, and social media are shaping the youth culture. While we have always been anchored to Jesus Christ throughout the history of our ministry organization, we have always had to do the faithful work of contextualizing our methodologies and ministry practice to best communicate and proclaim the Gospel to young people. We are so excited to have a place that enhances our work and allows us to continue to be in the midst of national and international leadership for youth ministry.

Among the amazing features in our beautiful new headquarters facility is our prayer chapel where we meet daily for prayer, reflection and creative work. This space will enhance our mission greatly, as Youthfront leads the way nationally in a holistic approach to youth and leadership development along with spiritual growth through character and virtue formation.

Our hearts are filled with joy and appreciation for our huge family of supporters and donors who pray for us and generously give to honor God and invest in the lives of tens of thousands of young people. Thank you for making this possible.



Mike King

NEW AT YOUTHFRONT

Youth conference attendees enjoy dinner with Youthfront

Youthfront hosted a group of youth workers for dinner at its new headquarters building during the United Methodist Church's national youth conference held in Kansas City in July. More than 20 youth workers from across the country joined Youthfront's leadership team for Kansas City BBQ and a conversation about the future of youth ministry.

Youthfront earns recognition for giving transparency

We're pleased to share with our donors and volunteers that Youthfront has earned the Excellence in Giving Transparency Certificate by sharing Youthfront's impact data with Nonprofit Analytics. The Transparency certification distinguishes a new breed of nonprofits committed to a higher standard of open and accountable relationships with donors, and is a recognition given to nonprofit organizations for fair and honest operation and use of resources.

Staff updates at Youthfront

We are excited to share some staff updates at Youthfront. **Casey Kapple** joined Youthfront this year as the Program Coordinator of Missional Journeys and Campus Clubs. Casey brings 21 years of full-time youth ministry experience. Additionally, **Haley Stafford** has transitioned to a new position as Director of Camp Administration. Haley began working at Youthfront as the Camp LaCygne Teen Staff director and now oversees all camp administration.

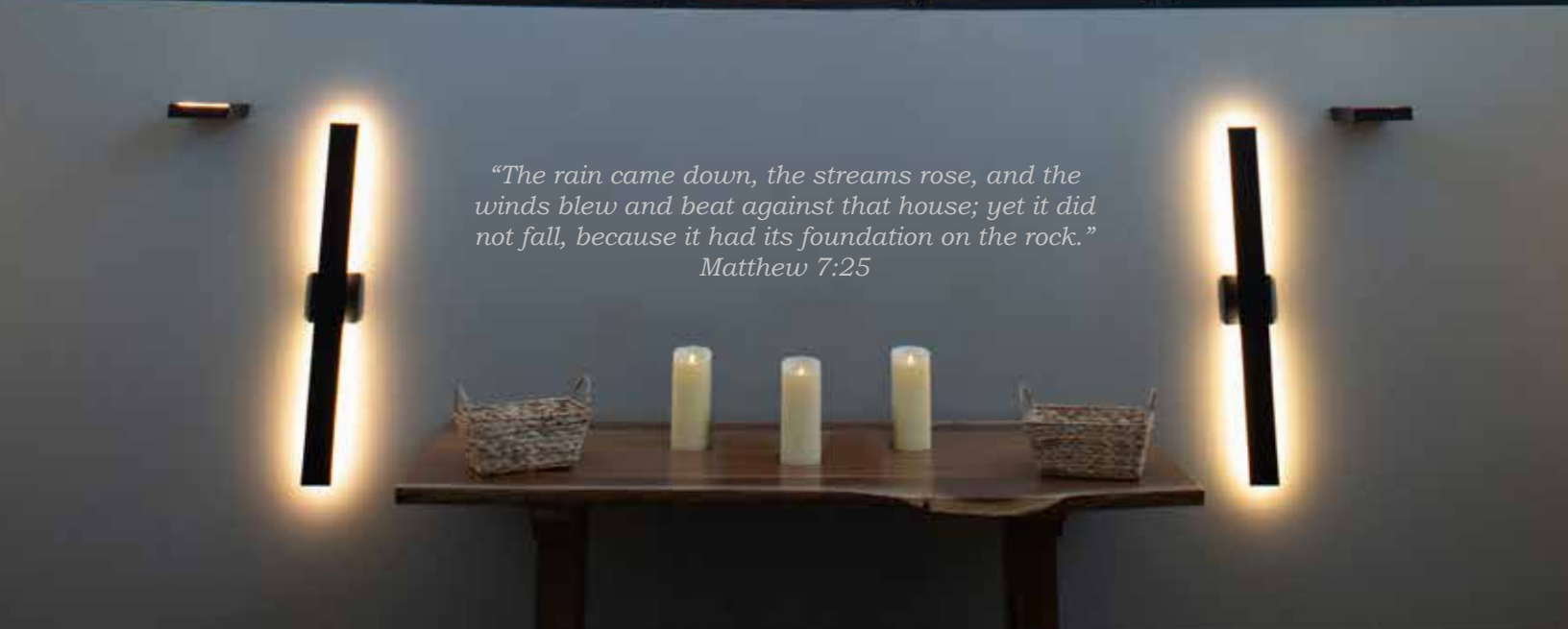
Dinner fit for Royals fans

A dinner fit for Royals fans was auctioned off at Youthfront's 75th Imagine gala last fall to raise funds for Youthfront's ministry. KC Royals Hall of Fame 50-year broadcaster Denny Matthews and Bill Tammeus, former Kansas City Star faith editor and baseball enthusiast, were guests of honor and host to the sports-themed dinner at the Tammeus home. Youthfront donor and friend John Cowan, president of Harvest Graphics, was the high bidder on the dinner at the auction, giving him and his guests the pleasure of an evening swapping stories, winning prizes in baseball trivia and sharing a love of the game. Join Youthfront on October 24 for our annual fundraising gala with more fun auction opportunities like this! (See page 7 for more info.)





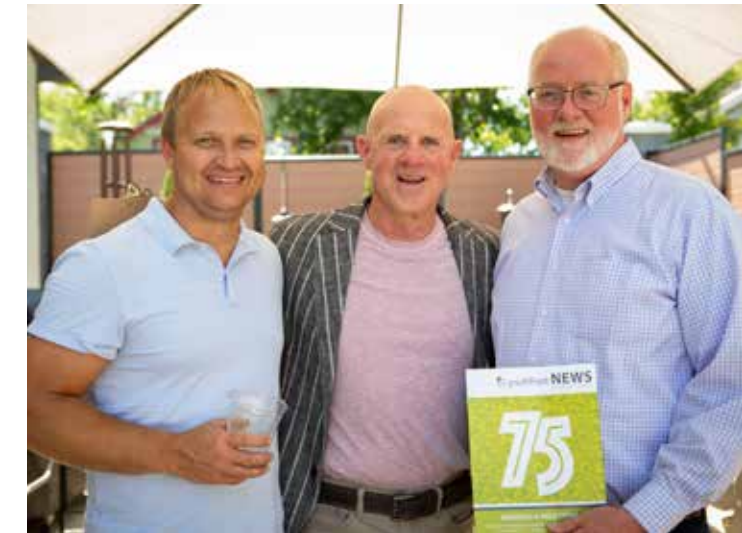
A New Home,



*"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."
Matthew 7:25*



Left: Youthfront President and CEO Mike King joins board members, donors, city leaders and project partners in the official ribbon-cut to open the building. Right: Youthfront Director of Justice Initiatives Kurt Rietema, Mike King, and David Alvey, Mayor of Wyandotte County Unified Government/KCK, celebrate on the back patio.

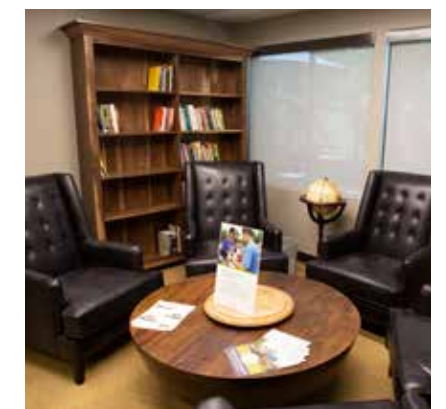


A New Era

With a snip of a red ribbon, Youthfront opened a new chapter in its more than 75 year history in June 2019. A formal ribbon-cutting and a building blessing ushered in a new era with the opening of Youthfront's headquarters facility at 4600 Rainbow Boulevard.

President and CEO Mike King was joined by elected officials, Youthfront Board and Advisory Council members, donors, ministry and neighborhood partners and staff in opening the new facility, which houses onsite staff and offers unique spaces designed for reflection, education and training. The building's signature element is its prayer chapel.

Youthfront's prior space had been designed for the kind of youth ministry that was happening in the '60s, '70s and '80s. The new headquarters features technological and creative space to support youth ministry in the emerging culture. Youthfront develops content and resources for youth ministry and is known for its youth worker training expertise. The new space offers both large and intimate spaces for conferences, trainings, study, program development, reflection and curriculum creation. The building was also designed with creative workspaces in mind, with multiple options for staff and guests who want to either work in small groups or creatively in quiet.





338 bunk beds

Camp by the Numbers

Have you ever wondered what it takes to pull off a summer of camp? We could tell you about the months of planning, the weeks of cleaning and setup, or the countless prayers offered up for campers and staff. Believe us, there is a lot of preparation that takes place. But for a fun behind-the-scenes view, we thought we'd let some of the numbers speak for themselves.

- 1,584 Nerf Rival rounds ready for Nerf Wars
- 296 life jackets for the Splash Park
- 530 gallons of ice cream at the Snack Shops
- 338 bunk beds prepped in cabins
- 11 Splash Park inflatables aired up
- 330,000 gallons of water in pools
- 750 plates ready for camp meals
- 40 grass carp stocked to keep lakes clean
- 8,850 pounds of rice for Something to Eat
- 1,728 cans of shaving cream brought for fun
- 4,550 Camper journals printed
- countless** praises knowing thousands of kids would encounter Jesus this summer



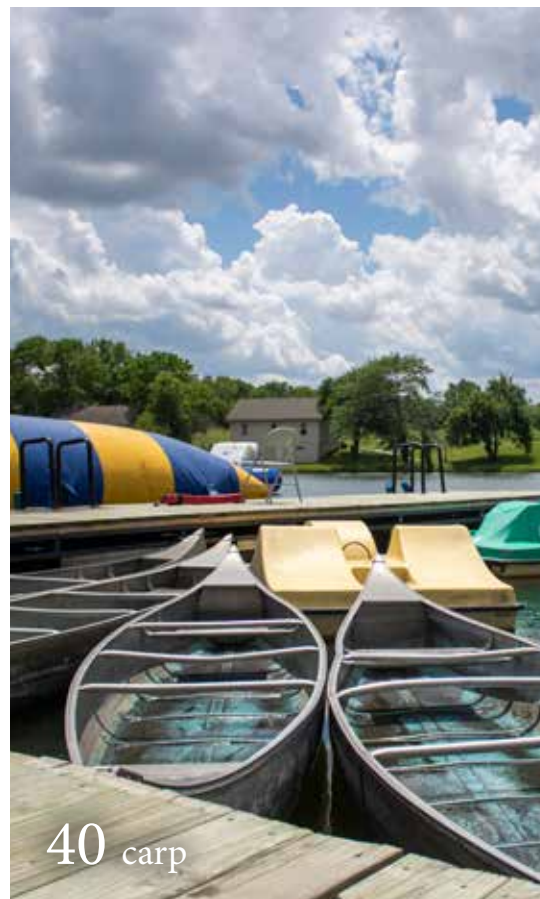
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Youthfront's BIG NIGHT Out

As our friends and supporters,
you are invited to join us for

Youthfront's Big Night Out
Annual Gala Fundraiser

10.24.19

GRAND STREET CAFE
at the Country Club Plaza

Gala Chairs are Camp Parents
Jay and Cathryn Linney

*Tickets will go on sale September 1st.
Individual tickets are \$75 and Tables of 10 are \$750.
You can support Youthfront by attending the gala,
sponsoring the event or donating items to our auction.
Contact Michelle (mclark@youthfront.com) for more info.*



a { grand } time

YOUTHFRONT GRANDPARENTS HELP AT CAMP

What makes a service project even more fun and meaningful? A service project you can do with your grandparents!

This summer, day campers and middle/high school campers packed meals for the hungry through Youthfront's Something to Eat™ program as part of their camp experience. Grandparents of campers were invited to join, and more than 50 grandparents have visited camp to join in the project. In addition to working alongside their campers, grandparents were treated to a tour of camp in action. Thank you to our grandparent helpers!

Stay connected with Youthfront's grandparent events and activities by joining the Facebook group or emailing Ed Garlich at egarlich@youthfront.com.



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"I've seen God through seeing these little kids come in here, especially the other week. We had a few girls who came in and they didn't really know Jesus. They just had the time of their life and [realized] 'Jesus loves me'. I got to see their faces light up and remind them that Jesus loves you no matter what happens."

Hailey Jacobson

Day Camp Small Group Leader

"Youthfront has so many great programs and it's just been really fruitful to see all these different aspects of camp coming together... it's just been an amazing opportunity to be able to work with these campers and pour into their lives."

Maya Hites

Day Camp Small Group Leader



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