

Why Not Youth Centres

A Why Not City Missions Initiative

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Fall Stories

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Winter is Coming!



The winter season is a challenge for many of our youth. Homelessness and lack of resources leave some youth hungry, cold, and even sick.

We give out more food and clothing in winter than any other time of the year, and can always use your help with resources.

Re-Source Thrift Shop



Wow! Are we ever thankful for the hard work of all of the amazing volunteers at the re-Source Thrift Shop. Great work, team!

Check out the great bargains at: 320 North Park Street (North Park and Fairview). 10AM – 5PM Monday – Friday, 10AM – 3PM Saturday. Call 226-250-0123.

Some proceeds go to Why Not!

Coldest Night of the Year



It's almost that time of year again! Coldest Night of the Year is one of our favourite fundraisers! We are excited to be partnering with Out Of The Cold once again on this winter walkathon on February 21st!

Online registration will be open very soon at brrrrr.org. Walks are 2km, 5km, or 10km. Last year, we raised \$21,797. How much can we raise in 2015?



Creating a Safe Place

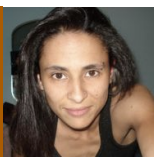
It's their space. We work hard to keep it sacred.

Our youth centres aren't just rooms where activities happen. They're hubs for kinship and comradery; silliness and heart-to-hearts; for love and belonging.

We often hear the youth calling each other family, regardless of biological closeness. It's great! Why Not youth all need something. Our teams of mentors try to meet those needs. We help them to notice their successes and feel pride in them. We talk them through crisis and show them how much we value their uniqueness.

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Volunteer of the Month: Tereca Klubinski



We have had the privilege of having Tereca as a volunteer for YEARS! Whenever she can, she helps out. Her passion for helping high schoolers to get their volunteer hours through Why Not meal programs has been so cool to see!

Tereca's passion for youth has provided them with leadership and culinary opportunities they otherwise would not have. Great job, Tereca!

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The type of mentorship we practice is youth-centred, responsive, and effective.

The youth get to come in and see pictures of themselves up on the walls. Their artwork decorates the walls, and they get to show their new friends around. The best is when they remind each other of the rules. We always smile when we hear a rough 'n' tough teen yell, "STOP SWEARING!"

Like we said: it's a sacred place for them.

It speaks to our hearts when youth come in to show us their test scores, grad dresses, and artwork. We get to meet their new significant others and celebrate their successes.

Our goal really is to make this place feel like home for all youth. When many of them don't have consistent homes to go to, that's a pretty big deal.



Horse-back Riding

On Sunday, November 16th, the youth got the chance to go horse-back riding at Pleasant Creek Stables in Brantford!

We are so thankful to Tammy MacGrandles for providing the youth with this opportunity free of cost! They had a great time, and loved the chance to interact with the gorgeous Clydesdales.

The youth love interacting with animals. The therapeutic value of these activities cannot be underestimated.

Also, a special thank you goes out to the downtown Brantford Boston Pizza for hosting our energetic group for dinner! The Boston Pizza team has really been a great partner.

Christmas Planter Fundraiser!

Our St. George location is excited to be getting creative for Christmas! Gorgeous Christmas planters are being sold for just:

\$25!

Funds raised go directly to the St. George youth centre, which meets every Friday night from 7-10pm at the St. George Arena. Call Wayne at 905 973 3605 or Barb at 519 757 6679 or email wbroorda@whynotyouthcentres.com to place your order!



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