

Why Not Youth Centres

A Why Not City Missions Initiative

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Summer Stories

Why Not City Missions / Youth Centres

Fundraiser Dinner



Every year, we love to take the opportunity to bring all of our community stakeholders and supporters together so we can share about the great things your kindness has enabled us to do for our youth!

If you are interested in attending, please email or call us. RSVPs are required!



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!

Have you been in to check out all of the great bargains? You'll definitely get a bang for your buck. Plus, some proceeds go to Why Not!

320 North Park Street (North Park and Fairview). 10AM – 5PM Monday – Friday, 10AM – 3PM Saturday. Call 226-250-0123.

Back to School Time!



School is an undeniably pivotal life aspect for young people, yet, for many, it can be exceedingly difficult to thrive there.

Many of our youth have basic needs for the school year that are beyond their reach, including computers for school work, backpacks, pens, USB sticks, and footwear.

If you would like to donate school-related goods for our youth, please let us know!

Fit For A Queen

Sometimes you need to create a good memory in order to inspire a good idea.

We really love our youth. In everything we do, our goal is to help youth to understand that they are worth being loved, that they deserve to be cherished, and that real love is unconditional and selfless.

Fit For A Queen was just a girls' night out, but at the core of it was so much more. We want to build esteem and self-appreciation in our girls. We want them to get that they are beautiful to the core as they are.

When The Queen's Closet, a formal clothing shop in downtown Brantford, offered to donate some dresses to Why Not, the event

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Are you interested in becoming a mentor?



We could explain, but this quote says it best:

"I thought I was going to be helping the youth but it was really a two way street. I made some great friends here and learned so much about those our society shuns and myself. If there is one thing, above all, I can take away from this it is to never underestimate someone because of their clothes, attitude, circumstance or criminal record. Everybody is valuable and everyone can make a difference. So thanks to all you wonderful people." *-Nate, our summer student*



Turkey Point Adventures

We love taking the youth out on adventures! This summer, we were able to take 15 kids to the beach not once, but twice!

It's always fun to take them out of their comfort zones and provide them with new experiences. Some of the young people who came along have only been to a beach a couple of times in their entire lives.

They had a blast, chucking dead catfish at each other (we know – ew), building sand castles, and eating yummy subs, thanks to Subway (King George Road).

Thank you for the support you give that allows us to enrich the lives of these young people!

Fit For A Queen (Continued...)

was born. It wasn't long before the opportunity to let girls feel fancy (and provide them with formal clothing for events like graduations, proms, and weddings) spiraled into an event meant to build them up!

The girls were given mysterious invitations and were taken out for a series of surprises. With dresses from The Queen's Closet, shoes from Al's Shoes, and makeup from Shopper's Drug Mart (West Brant), the girls made their way outside where Duncan and his stretch limo awaited them (compliments of Knight Limousine). Gus & Guido's supplied a delicious dinner, and then the girls got to see two back-to-back plays at the Brantford Arts Block!

During dinner at the Blue Dog, Charlie, our beloved executive director, walked in with a rose for each of the beautiful girls, thanks to Nicol Florists and STG Strength and Fitness.

One of the girls said it was the best night of her life. They all left with huge smiles on their faces. All we can do is hope that they get it: that they are amazing.

25 Lets Youth Thrive

A dream shared by many organizations is financial sustainability. The reality is that it's more fun to support action-packed events and things that touch peoples' hearts. Another reality is that we need things like ink cartridges, bookkeepers, and electricity. It's not exciting.

That's where 25 Lets Youth Thrive comes in. It's a method for regular people to support Why Not youth in the most basic of necessities. By donating \$25 a month (or an amount of your choice), you can help us to do what we do best:

Motivate; Engage; Empower; and Teach

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