

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

SPRING 2017



Urban Youth Ministry

AN UPDATE FOR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF URBAN YOUTH MINISTRY

▼ ONCE A UYM PARTICIPANT, VOLUNTEER AND/OR STAFF MEMBER, ALWAYS AN ENDURING HEART FOR UYM!

Jess (the bride) is a longtime volunteer turned staff at UYM. She was married this past October and invited UYM students, volunteers and fellow staff members to her wedding. This picture and those in it represents 10 years of commitment to UYM as a participant, volunteer and/or staff member.



◀ FRIDAY CHAMPS KIDS EARN "CHAMP" DOLLARS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR

They are seen here shopping at our mobile store.

▼ HOMEWORK TIME AT AURORA PUBLIC LIBRARY



▼ TIME WITH JESUS

Daily time with Jesus through daily devotions is the central theme during Bible study this year at Thursday CHAMPS.



▲ ENRIQUE AGUIRRE: FROM UYM PARTICIPANT TO STAFF MEMBER

One of our goals at UYM is to start kids in our bible based programs in first grade and transition them to volunteer work in middle school, and then add them on as staff during their junior and senior year.

real stories...real hope



UYM KIDS OPEN THEIR BIBLES EVERY DAY DURING ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS!

▼ GOD PROVIDES US WITH JUST THE 'RIGHT' VOLUNTEER EVERY SCHOOL YEAR

This year we have Jake Weisz, a Yorkville High School Senior. Jake called us in the fall looking to work with kids as a volunteer. Jake loves the Lord and was excited to join us every Thursday and Friday after school to share his faith with UYM kids. In addition, he also mentors three of our high school boys every Monday and Wednesday leading them in a Bible study too! Jake is an incredible blessing to us all!



▼ AURORA THEATRE'S GENEROSITY BRINGS SMILES TO UYM KIDS UNDER THE SEA

The **Paramount Theatre** donated 50 tickets to UYM for their blockbuster show "The Little Mermaid". The smiles on the faces of our 1st-12th graders didn't stop during the entire show.



▼ BOOK CLUB NEW THIS YEAR

In January, we started a book club with our middle and high school students. They are currently reading "Wonders" by R.J. Palacio. This is a story of a young boy with facial deformities and the discrimination he endures at school; the outcome is a beautiful transformation of love by his classmates after getting to know him.



▼ THEY WARM OUR HEARTS EVERY YEAR

Once again, **Nicor Advanced Energy** and **Pivotal Home Solutions** donated 125 new coats to UYM kids and \$1000 for our programs.



► CHAMPS KIDS GAIN WORK EXPERIENCE

Our Thursday middle and high school CHAMPS' kids experienced what it would be like to work at Luigi's Pizza. They enjoyed the fruits of their labor with, of course, pizza, and then celebrated by throwing a birthday party for Jesus.



◀ FOR OVER 25 YEARS, MYRON FRYE HAS BEEN BLESSING US WITH A FUN FILLED CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BRADY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

► ST. OLAF CHURCH PROVIDES LOCATION FOR WINTER CAMP... AGAIN!

Winter Camp attendance went from 26 participants in 2015 to 47 participants this year. We used the candy cane to share the gospel with the kids, built snowmen, played indoor games and human Tic Tac Toe!



WHAT'S IN A CANDY CANE?

LETTER 'J' = FOR JESUS

SHAPE = OF A SHEPARD'S STAFF

COLOR RED = HIS BLOOD SHED FOR US

COLOR WHITE = HE WASHED OUR SINS AWAY AND MADE US WHITE AS SNOW

STRIPES = BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED

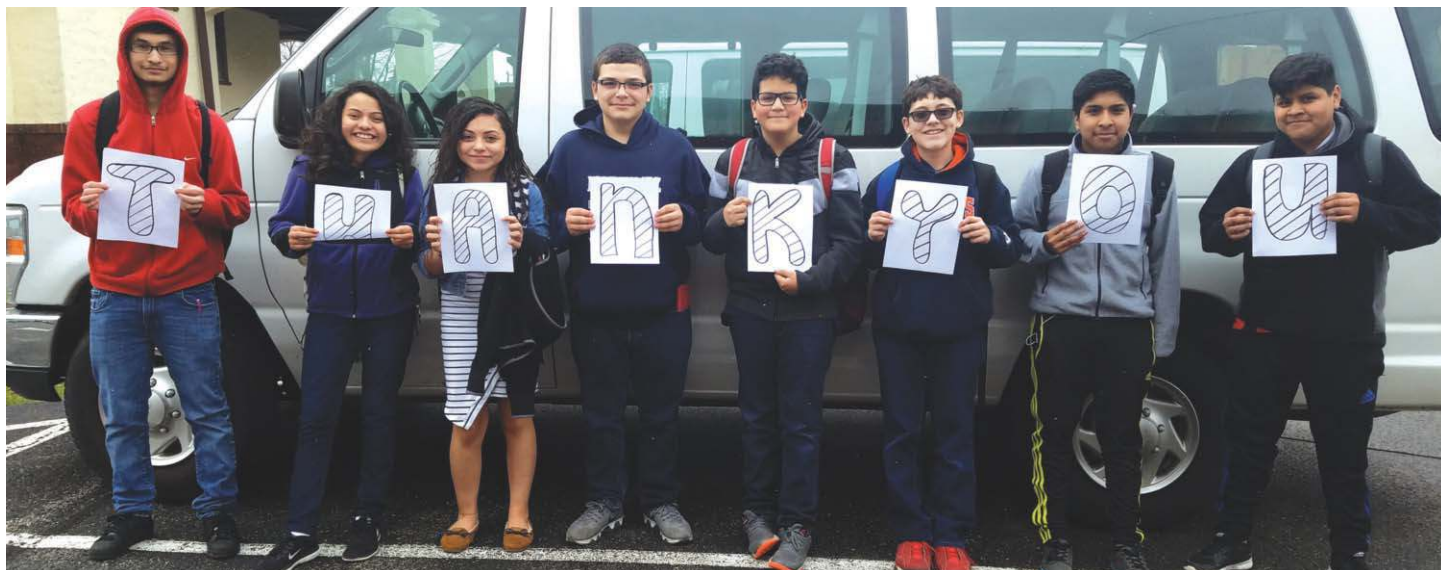
CANDY = HIS LOVE GROWS SWEETER EACH DAY



Grace Daily

WE ASKED YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR "SPARE CHANGE" DRIVE FOR A GENTLY USED VAN AND YOU DELIVERED!

Because of your generosity, kids who were not regularly attending UYM after school programs because of transportation issues are now attending every week! The van will also help during summer camp to transport kids to special programs, something we could not do last year because we had no vehicle. Thank you for "sparing" us your change! We are grateful for every penny!



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

2017 ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Benefitting Urban Youth Ministry
A division of Wayside Cross Ministries

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

Doors open at 5:30 pm
Dinner promptly at 6pm

Belle Salle Banquets
1920 East New York Street, Aurora IL 60502

Special Guest Speaker: **PASTOR MICHAEL HURN**



Outreach Associate and Sports Pastor
at Christ Community Church, St. Charles

Former teacher, coach, professional sports teams
chaplain, leader, and frequent guest speaker

Make reservations today!
Host a table and invite your friends!

For information or to RSVP:
email smadawick@waysidecross.org or call (630) 723-3412

Please RSVP by March 30, 2017
There is no charge for dinner. A "free will" offering
will be received during the evening



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