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April/May 2023 Newsletter

Adventure Programs-July 11-14 -Girls, July 29-August 1-Boys, August 8-11-Girls
Contact: Dorothy Davidson or the office 432-0594 for registration and details.
Chicken BBQ-June 11 and July 2 (Across from Red Apple in Unadilla-10am until gone)
Teen Center-Thursdays 6-8pm
Friday Night Youth Group-Community Gospel Church-7:00pm
Anchor-Sunday Evenings-5:00pm
Unatego Campus Life-Unadilla Elementary School-Tuesdays-6:30-8:30pm
SOCCER Tournament-TEEN CENTER-May 27th

MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY

\$50 + \$50 = \$100

Your Gift + Matching = Twice the Impact

I have entered into a new dimension. All of my kids are out of the house and the greatest blessing is when they come home and want to actually spend time with me! They are often not specifically invited, such as for a special occasion, but they come just to see me. They don't have to spend time with me, they actually want to! It's a beautiful feeling!

The same experience and feelings happen when YFC teens who have aged out of our ministries, contact me. Recently, a girl called and was excited to talk about her engagement. She contacted me right after her family and I considered that a privilege. The next time she came home she visited and was so excited to show me her engagement ring.

Following that exciting news I received a care package and a lovely letter from two sisters who had moved to Montana. They thanked me for the many horse-riding and life lessons that I had given them. They were so grateful for all of the knowledge that they obtained while participating in the horse riding ministry in Laurens. It was wonderful to hear that they currently own horses at their new home and are working at a horse farm.

A third past participant in the Show Team program uses texting to communicate with me about her life in Kansas as a mom and as a horse owner. She also mentioned that in the past she had the opportunity to organize horse shows in her community.

As you can see from the examples above, the heart of YFC is making lasting relationships with the teens who participate in our programs and walking alongside them through their life journey. It doesn't end when they graduate from high school. We continue to be able to mentor them spiritually as they mature, through the common connection of our horse ministry.

Last year the Show Team included about 40 teens and this year I believe we may have more participants. We have hired Cara Gielskie and Susan Gielskie for the summer months and this will enable us to continue the Show Team ministry for the large group of teens that are interested in this type of program.

This matching fund letter finds our chapter well behind for our budget needs. We would really appreciate your support this year as we try to make up the deficit that we are experiencing. We hear of revival in other parts of the country and are hoping and praying we would experience revival in central NY. We need to definitely be ready for teens who are longing to know more about Jesus. All of our ministries continue to reach out to teens and provide teens with that opportunity.

Please pray along with me that we will see a summer of amazing harvest for God. We pray that many teens will decide to follow the Lord all the days of their lives and that they will become disciples of the Most Holy One.

As we approach the end of our fiscal year on June 30th, we are seeking donations to help meet our **“Matching Gift Campaign” goal of \$10,000.00**. This is an opportunity to double your “new gift” or double any amount given over and above your regular commitment. The board and leadership will **match those new gifts up to \$10,000.00**. Donations must be **postmarked by June 24th**. **Please indicate in the memo line that the gift is for the “Matching Gift Campaign”**. Thank you for partnering with YFC as we reach out to teens this summer and for your continued prayer and financial support throughout the year.

Lovingly, as a servant of Christ, Dorothy

Joker Run/Walk-April 1, 2023

Thank you to all 35 participants!

Thank you to the volunteers and spectators!

Thank you to the business sponsors!



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