

SUMMER RAISE

2025



WHERE
THE
HEART
IS



Help us welcome back 800 kids and youth
to another summer of peace, love and belonging.

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Unlimited™**
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Each year, more than 800 youth in Toronto eagerly wait for summer in the city. They count down the days to be welcomed back to the Youth Unlimited day camps, sports leagues, drop-ins and outreach initiatives they love.

This feeling of “coming home” each summer is what we hope to foster for our youth through our programs. When they encounter a welcoming community, a place of peace, healthy role models, and the love and acceptance of Jesus, our young people feel seen and known. This, we believe, is foundational to children and youth reaching their full-life potential.

Once again, we are inviting your continued support to help make the summer we envision for 800+ youth a reality. Every dollar contributed to our Summer Raise campaign allows us to welcome back young people from across our city to programs they’ve come to love with leaders they trust. Regardless of what their school year has looked like, we hope they can look forward with great anticipation to a summer **where the heart is.**

With thanks,



Scott Moore
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There's no place like

Lucas began attending YU's Hoop to Hope program in grade 5 because it was a fun place to play basketball with his friends. What kept him coming back year after year were the deep relationships he formed with the staff. Now a high school graduate, Lucas has served on the Jane-Finch summer staff team, and even joined our YU internship program!

For the last two summers, Lucas worked alongside Scott Veals, where he saw the opportunity to help change the lives of Downsview youth by making daily connections on the basketball court and fostering meaningful relationships while helping lead overnight trips to Camp Widjiitwin. One of his favourite camp memories is spending time with youth in a wooded area full of hammocks. “That’s where they can freely ask important questions and have conversations that matter,” shared Lucas.

He enjoys helping youth learn about Jesus in a way they might never have heard before. At the end of the summer, it is Lucas’ hope that they will come away knowing that Jesus is merciful and gracious, and that they can always come to Him.



LUCAS



■ Lucas working at Downsview Sports Drop-In

Make yourself at .

For many youth in Scarborough, DOXA Day Camps are a home away from home for the summer months. Hannah is one of them! We sat down with Hannah to learn more about her experience.



How long have you been involved with DOXA Day Camps?

I began attending as a camper in grade 8 and volunteered the following summer. Last year, I was employed to work for DOXA as a camp counselor. When I first came to DOXA, I immediately felt welcomed. I keep coming back to DOXA camps because I have friends and mentors there who accept me no matter what.

What is your favourite part of camp?

My favourite part is probably the praise time. The campers and counselors have a lot of fun - we get out of breath and lose our voices because of all the jumping and singing we do!

Do you have a memory from your summers that stands out to you?

Two years ago, as a volunteer, I helped a counselor care for her group of campers. I didn't think that I was doing much to help. On the last day of camp, the counselor came up to me and said,

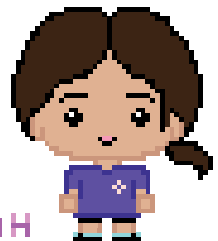


■ Hannah working at DOXA

“Hannah, thank you. You helped me so much.” Then she gave me a hug. That was really memorable for me because she noticed and acknowledged what I did to help. That made me feel seen.

How has being involved with DOXA impacted your faith journey?

I've experienced God's love through the people at DOXA. For the staff and volunteers, being a Christian isn't just believing in Jesus, but also devoting their life to Him. The staff at DOXA live out their faith, and now I've been trying to do the same in my everyday life.



HANNAH

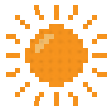
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Would you join us in welcoming back 800+ youth across the GTA for another **much-anticipated** summer?



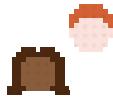
"It has been an absolute joy for our family to support the work of Youth Unlimited. We're always so encouraged by the impact YU programs have had in the Etobicoke community and have witnessed firsthand how the presence of committed staff and volunteers has impacted the growth and development of youth across the city. Knowing the lasting impact of being poured into as youth ourselves, it has been our heart's desire as a family to see youth continue to thrive in a solid community, pointing them to the heart and love of Jesus."

ESTHER & NATHAN KIM



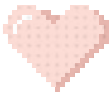
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FOR SUMMER 2025



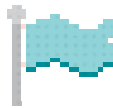
800

YOUTH
SERVED



9,057

HOURS OF
MENTORSHIP
& STAFF CARE



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PROGRAM
LOCATIONS

Here's how your donation can make this summer of **transformation** possible:

\$117 welcomes back 1 youth for a month of *belonging*

\$234 invites 1 youth to a summer *where the heart is*

\$1,904 supports a *week* of programming costs for 1 summer ministry

\$7,615 covers a *month* of programming costs for 1 summer ministry



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