



YouthHope

September 2026

A Letter From Our Director

GOD IS AT WORK IN THE QUAD CITIES!

As I stepped into the role of Executive Director two years ago, I knew we were entering a season of opportunity—but I don't think any of us could have anticipated just how quickly God would move. The blessing of the Lord has been great, and we are seeing Him work powerfully throughout the Quad Cities and, most importantly, in the lives of at-risk kids and teens.

One of the greatest blessings this year has been the opportunity to reach the kids of Davenport more deeply. And one story that beautifully illustrates what God is doing through YouthHope is the story of Joann.

Joann first connected with YouthHope through our Davenport Youth Center after coming to us from SMART Middle School. She came with a hunger to learn, grow, and be part of something meaningful. Through her involvement at the Center, she registered for Camp Summit.

That's where YouthHope's ministry came full circle.

Joann encountered Jesus at Camp Summit, gave her life to Him, and was baptized through a local church at Lake Summit. What started at a Davenport school led to relationship at our Davenport Youth Center, which opened the door to our summer camp, which connected her to the local church.

This story is YouthHope at our best. Three streams of ministry—Community Outreach, Youth Centers, and Camp Summit—interconnected to build relationships, introduce kids to Jesus, and help youth take their next steps in a life of faith.

Joann's story is just one of the many example of what God is doing through YouthHope!

God is at work in the Quad Cities. He is pursuing kids and teens. He is opening doors. He is changing lives. And we have the incredible privilege of joining Him in that work.

Thank you for praying, giving, serving, and believing in what God is doing through YouthHope. Come join us in it!

Esther Joy King
Executive Director

Volunteers Make a HUGE Impact

We are grateful to start the school year with the United Way Day of Caring! 100+ Volunteers cleaned ALL our locations, scrubbed vans, and set us up for a powerful year of ministry!



Pray With Us

PRAY FOR GOD'S PRESENCE

We ask for and invite God's presence to dwell and reign at our Youth Centers, Camp Summit, and everywhere we go.

PRAY FOR OUR TEAM

Lord, please give us courage, wisdom, protection, vision, and discernment. Provide the strategic vision to reach youth for your Kingdom. We ask for peace, passion, energy, rest, focus, clarity, and unity. Use us, Lord!

PRAY FOR PROTECTION

We ask for a hedge of protection around all of YouthHope. Please protect our students, volunteers, partners, supporters, and staff. Guard our hearts, our efforts, programs, facilities and vehicles.

PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH

Heavenly Father, protect the kids and teens! Lord, guide them, make clear your path before them. Prepare a way for them to know the fullness of your love and hope!

PRAY FOR PROVISION

Jehovah Jireh, we thank you for your open hand and your faithful provision! Please meet our every need, be our source, and provide finances to reach more kids this year!

PRAY FOR MINISTRY

Yahweh, we thank you for your love, faithfulness, forgiveness, and redemption! Saturate our lives! Your kingdom come, and your will be done in and through all of us!

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Dear Lord, we thank you for unity in Christ! Please bless, protect, and prosper every person who sees this! We ask for all these things in the name of Jesus Christ,

AMEN!

PRAYER IS FOUNDATIONAL

Join us in prayer every day at
8:15am and 2pm!

OUTREACH

Continuing To Serve Our
Community Through...

- Food Pantry
- M.O.V.E. Mentoring
- United for Schools
- Community Events
- Fall Party
- Home Visits
- Food Baskets

**WE ARE AMPLIFYING OUR
OUTREACH EFFORTS AND
PROGRAMS TO CONNECT WITH
MORE KIDS AND FAMILIES!**



YOUTH CENTERS

A SAFE PLACE FOR YOUTH

- All Youth Center Programs include a meal and transportation to program and home.
- Encouraging and enriching activities.
- Equipping through Biblical teaching.
- Empowering kids and teens to be responsible, respectful, and relationship-oriented through positive mentorship.
- A safe place to meet spiritual, physical, emotional, educational, and vocational needs.

CAMP SUMMIT

LIVES CHANGED FOR ETERNITY

Heart Transformation happens at camp during:

- Summer Camps
- Rental Group Activities
- Weekend Retreats on School Breaks

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CAMP SPONSORS WHO PROVIDED
A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE AT CAMP THIS SUMMER!



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We are Grateful for you!

WAYS TO PARTNER THIS SCHOOL YEAR

BECOME A M.O.V.E MENTOR!

M.O.V.E. connects 3rd and 4th grade boys with Christian men who encourage, guide, model, and teach what it means to be a Man of Valor and Excellence.

**Volunteer Once A Month
During Lunch Time!**

We have a waitlist of kids and we need mentors to make a life-changing impact!

Please Contact Eric Mumma to sign up!
emumma@youthhopeqc.org 309-762-4577

Email: volunteer@youthhopeqc.org or Call 309-762-4577 to get plugged in!

Fall PARTY

FEATURING "THE WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN"

OCTOBER 17, 2026

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
GAMES, PRIZE TABLE, FOOD
SERVICE, AND FACE PAINTING!**

Sign-Up Using this QR Code
or email us:
volunteer@youthhopeqc.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

YOUTH CENTER PROGRAMS:

DRIVERS, GREETERS, MEAL SERVERS,
GAMES & GROUP LEADERS

BEHIND THE SCENES:

FOOD PANTRY SERVICE, ADMIN & DATA,
MAILING CREW, & SPECIAL EVENT PREP

SPECIAL SKILLS:

LAWN CARE/SNOW REMOVAL,
MECHANICAL WORK, CREATIVE ARTS

SPONSOR A

Christmas
BLESSING BOX

"Adopt" a YouthHope student this
coming Christmas Season!

Sign Up Using this QR Code
or email for more info:
hcarr@youthhopeqc.org



DONATE FOOD FOR HOLIDAY BASKETS!

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| • Tomato Paste | • Corn | • Boxed Stuffing |
| • Green Beans | • Pumpkin | • Cornbread/Biscuit Mix |
| • Sweet Potatoes | • Soup | • Dish & Laundry Detergent |
| • Cranberry Sauce | • Gravy Packets | • Grocery Store Gift Cards |

or Sponsor a Family Holiday Basket for \$75

Please deliver to YouthHope Office - 3928 12th Ave., Moline
Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm | Items Needed by November 18

Thank You For Helping Bring Youth HOPE!

Thank You for Making an Eternal Impact!

GIFT MADE IN HONOR...

Kevin Perrine
Phyllis Mills

GIFTS MADE IN MEMORIAL...

Kevin Babbitt
Nanelle Norcross

Melinda Cewe
Vance DeBruine

Rose Cherry
Roselyn Schmeltzer

Dorothy Meyer
Debra Stokes

Roderick Davis
Gerald & Joanne Alvin
Joaquin & Rose Marie Espejo
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Steven & Kathryn Thompson

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Men of Faith

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Upcoming Events

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
& SAVE THE DATE!**

Trivia Night
February 6, 2027

Annual Gala
April 29, 2027

