



YouthHope

SEPTEMBER 2025

REACHING MORE KIDS THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

We are serving more at-risk children and teens by focusing our current capacities, amplifying outreach and serving now in Davenport!

YouthHope is blessed and healthy, and the board has tasked me with growing our organization! We are continuing programs for junior high students, and as we hire more staff in Davenport, we will be able to serve ages K-12 in Iowa.

At YouthHope, we encourage, equip, and empower at-risk kids and teens by investing in kids through skill development. Every week, I teach leadership classes, while financial literacy is also taught through the Summit Buck economy.

Transportation is a vital part of our growth as a ministry. Through this, we can passionately and persistently pursue Jesus together and invite others to experience His goodness and faithfulness.

I am amazed daily with the people God has brought to our ministry for such a time as this! God's faithfulness and goodness is apparent through and through, and we praise Him for using us to reach kids, teens, and our community for His Kingdom.

Will you join us this year as we pursue more kids? Please commit to partnering with us throughout the year in prayer support! Thank you for being part of bringing youth HOPE!

With deep appreciation,
Esther Joy King
Executive Director

INTENTIONAL MENTORING

Three kids we have worked with for several years are living through a tough season and face homelessness and serious food insecurity daily. These kids (and many like them) are desperate for security and consistency.

One day as they were being dropped off at the motel they currently stay at, one of the boys said:

"thank you for really caring about us."

During times of life upheaval, kids NEED trusted adults to give wisdom and bring their real-world problems to. The oldest brother feels it is his duty to defend and protect his siblings. He disclosed to our Camp Director, Devin Jones, that he has a bb handgun (that looks very real) to protect them. Devin explained that this gun could lead to significant violence and that "Logan" should turn it in.

"Logan" turned over the gun and chose to put his trust in God's protection for them. He surrendered his fears and accepted that God will use their current circumstances for His good.

YouthHope staff work intentionally to give these kids connection, direction and accountability, prayer covering, help with homework, and a chance to have *safe* fun. It breaks our hearts to walk alongside families during these tough seasons. We get to help be a piece of their support system and show them they are deeply loved, seen throughout these tough seasons, and share that God has a plan and hope for their futures.

-Devin Jones, Camp Director

We passionately and persistently pursue at-risk kids and teens through authentic relationships to lead them to Jesus.

JOIN US IN PRAYER

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 YOUTH

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

PRAY FOR OUR TEAM

Lord, please give courage, wisdom, protection, vision, and discernment for our team. Help us establish your strategies to reach youth for your Kingdom. We ask for peace, passion, energy, rest, focus, clarity, and unity. Use us, Lord!

PRAY FOR PROTECTION

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

PRAY FOR PROVISION

Jehovah Jireh, we thank you for your faithfulness! Thank you for all the resources, connections and provisions you have for us! Please meet our every need this year.

PRAY FOR MINISTRY

Yahweh, we thank you for your love, forgiveness, and redemption! Saturate all 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 prayer guide! We ask for all these things in the name of Jesus Christ! Amen.

Overview of the Year Ahead

OUTREACH



Serving Our Community

- Food Pantry
- M.O.V.E. mentoring
- Art Clubs
- United for Schools
- Community events
- Fall party
- Home Visits

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 place to meet spiritual, physical, emotional, educational, and vocational needs.

Throughout the school year, 424+ kids and teens will attend our programs, hearing the Gospel and receiving much needed care and support.



CAMP SUMMIT

Lives Changed for Eternity

Heart Transformation happens at camp during:

- Weekend Retreats
- School Breaks
- Summer Camps
- Work Days
- Camp Open House

Thank you to all our camp sponsors who provided a life-changing experience at Camp this summer!



How to Get Involved



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Program Support

- Serve Meals
- Van Driver/Rider
- Helping Hands
- Program Set Up

Frontline Help

- Small Group Leader
- Mentor
- Speaker
- Discipleship

Behind the Scenes

- Admin/Data Entry
- Facilities
- Special Projects
- Planning Committees

You will make a tremendous impact!

EVERY volunteers helps our mission to bring youth HOPE!

Call: 309-762-4577 or Email: Volunteer@youthhopeqc.org to get started!



DONATE FOOD FOR HOLIDAY BASKETS

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| • Tomato Paste | • Corn | • Boxed Stuffing |
| • Green Beans | • Pumpkin | • Cornbread/Biscuit Mix |
| • Sweet Potatoes | • Soup | • Macaroni & Cheese |
| • Cranberry Sauce | • Dish Soap | • Laundry Detergent |

or Sponsor a Family Holiday Basket for \$55

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



SPONSOR A KID FOR PROGRAM

For **\$200/month**, will you help meet this need and sponsor a kid for program this year?



SCAN TO SPONSOR



STAY CONNECTED AND SIGN-UP FOR OUR EMAIL LIST

We have many exciting events, opportunities, and ways to get involved here at YouthHope. Sign up for our email list and don't miss out!

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| • Prayer Requests | • Event Announcements |
| • Special Updates | • Webinars and Trainings |

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN-UP
youthhopeqc.org**

JOIN US IN PRAYER EVERY DAY AT 8:15AM AND 2PM

Thank You for Your Special Gifts to Bring HOPE!

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YouthHope Admin Team

HONORARIUM GIFTS...

Eric Mumma

Debbie Cooper

UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

**11
OCT.**

BENEFIT CONCERT

Come enjoy a night of worship and support two ministries, One Eighty and YouthHope and our unique Kingdom partnership! Purchase your benefit concert tickets using the QR code or call us!



**18
OCT.**

REACH THE NEXT GENERATION TRAINING & OUTREACH

Join YouthHope staff and Ministry leader John Tosch (serving since 1970) for a free training, lunch, and family outreach at our Fall Party! Put your new skills into action—reaching kids for Christ! Register with QR Code:



**15
NOV.**

CAMP SUMMIT BIRTHDAY PARTY

Celebrate the 25th year at Camp Summit at this Open House! We will be sharing stories of lives changed and transformed at camp since 2001! Come for dinner, take a tour, enjoy camp treats, and hear testimonies! Save the date! More details to come.

**12
DEC.**

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE & CRE8 SHOWCASE

Attend our Christmas CRE8 Studios Showcase and see what the kids have been creating! Join us for this joyful event with festive treats and fellowship! Meet the staff, students and families at YouthHope! Mark your calendars and join us from 6pm-7:30pm.

**7
FEB.**

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Test your knowledge, enjoy laughter, and have a fun night out at our Annual Trivia Night! All funds raised directly support YouthHope programs! Reserve your spot early - we will sell out!

