

## Youth Centre – feedback, by anonymous! Dec 2022

### Background:

As a father of my 14 year old son, there is much to think about – such as economy, accommodation, work, wife etc... “life” as most people would put it.

We grew up in this society with our parent/son relationship, but always thought that something was missing...

My son is disabled, but we have managed to overcome the difficulties that this accessibility comes with. The toughest challenge has always been to provide our son with the joy of life – at the same time as providing him with necessary things to live life... which is hard – though it always seems that there is not enough time to cope with:

- Work
- Home
- Food
- Homework
- Bills and taxes
- Vehicles
- Etc

The extra effort that comes with puberty – does not relieve us from all this pressure as parents, but we have a responsibility to get our kids up and running, so that they also can endure this world we live in... see the happiness in it.

After we registered at the **Youth Centre** – it was such a relief! Believe me!

I can come home, after work, look over and fix regularly stuff at home, cook dinner with no stress... so I see this service as a service provided by the society. Even the homework for school was yet a task that was lifted of our shoulders – though most of the teenagers found a way to gather and do homework together at the **Youth Centre**.

We have got so much quality time after we registered at the youth centre, because our daily family “*not so fun – but must do*” tasks got taken care of. On weekends we join the **Youth Centre** together and I get the chance to meet other parents too.

### Summary:

1. Since the Youth Centre started here in our city – the “criminality” has gone down enormously
  - a. Though the teenagers have things to do now, and does not search for adrenaline pumping stuff, because they were all restless with nothing to do.
2. The Camping, nature stuff is something that we enjoy a lot... I don’t think that we have missed one occasion, so far.
3. My son is very happy with his new friend at the **Youth Centre**, and all the services that they provide there.
  - a. It is almost like he wants to be there, more than at home (but I love to see him this happy – which is the whole point).
4. Finally, but not last... if we get this opportunity from the society – to raise our kids to “fit in” (not only with all the “must-do-boring-stuff”, but with “living happy” with a balance between musts and just be happy) – then we should all take advantage from this, to build a promising future for our kids