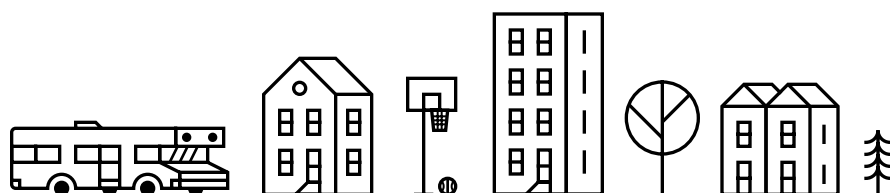




2018

Impact Report

GOING DEEPER



Letter from Scott.

Over the past year, in preparation for an intensive strategic discernment process, Youth Unlimited has been working towards clarity and focus in many aspects of our life as a youth-serving agency. Included in this was an exercise to name the ‘bedrock’ principles of how we do what we do here at YU.



The second (of three) principles reads:

“Recognizing that wholistic transformation takes time, trust and modelling, our programs should strive towards developing meaningful, long-term relationships with youth.”

This principle is the heart of this year’s 2018 Impact Report. Wholistic transformation, as expressed through the 5 Gauges of Transformation (see page 6), is nurtured in the context of relationships characterized by depth and longevity. My heart swells with gratitude when I consider our selfless team of staff and volunteers who engage in these relationships—often for 5, 10, or even 15 years with the same vulnerable young people.

Long-term, meaningful relationships with young people require steadfast presence, authentic and vulnerable trust, and compassionate patience. As we experience a transforming God who offers these things to us, we are equipped and empowered to offer the same to young people throughout the GTA. These young people who often lost without a purpose, or trying to figure out who they are, or lacking uplifting relationships in their lives.

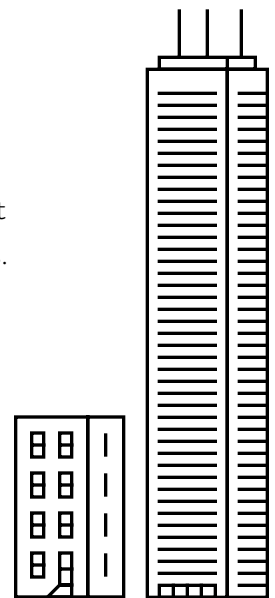
Over time, by the grace and reality of God’s Spirit at work in the lives of young people, we see the gift of a transformed young life transforming others in their family, community, and beyond.

The same principle of steadfast presence, trust, and modelling is true of you, our cherished partners in this work. Whether that partnership is in prayer, service, encouragement, or finances, I hope this Impact Report is an encouragement to the part you are playing in transforming youth and their communities.

May meaningful relationships abound,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Moore".

SCOTT MOORE
Executive Director



Youth Unlimited 2018 At A Glance.

67

ACTIVE
INITIATIVES



1,448

REGULAR
YOUTH

37

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH



19

SPECIALIZED
INITIATIVES



8

TRAINING
& EQUIPPING



3

MARKETPLACE
INITIATIVES



NEWMARKET

NEWMARKET

1 15 Regular Youth
3 17 Regular Youth

STOUFFVILLE

STOUFFVILLE

1 12 Regular Youth
0 0 Regular Youth

DURHAM

1 0 Regular Youth

KING CITY

RICHMOND HILL

MAPLE

MARKHAM

PICKERING

VAUGHAN

NORTH YORK

6 378 Regular Youth

JANE-FINCH

12 272 Regular Youth
1 14 Regular Youth

FINCH

NORTH YORK

SCARBOROUGH

SCARBOROUGH

8 228 Regular Youth
1 20 Regular Youth
3 212 Regular Youth

BRAMPTON

2 62 Regular Youth
1 8 Regular Youth

BRAMPTON

ETOBICOKE

ETOBICOKE

6 248 Regular Youth

TORONTO

DOWNTOWN

7 66 Regular Youth

CITY WIDE

8 42 Regular Youth
5 0 Regular Youth

NEW INITIATIVES.

STOUFFVILLE COUNSELLING

Stouffville • Specialized Initiatives

RAHAB TEMPORARY HOUSING SERVICE

City Wide • Specialized Initiatives

3,470
SUPPORTERS

391
VOLUNTEERS
REGULAR & EVENT

170
TOTAL PARTNERSHIPS
INCLUDING CHURCHES &
OTHER LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

*THE VARYING NUMBERS OF REGULAR YOUTH REFLECT THE REALITY THAT OUR INITIATIVES SERVE YOUTH IN A VARIETY OF WAYS, RESPONDING TO THEIR UNIQUE CHALLENGES AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

Here at Youth Unlimited, we believe it is primarily through meaningful, long-term relationships that wholistic transformation can be both cultivated and observed in the youth we serve.



As young people move from first **encountering** YU (having a limited, or singular touchpoint with YU programs and initiatives) to becoming **regularly involved** (repeated, sustained involvement), our staff and volunteers then seek to nurture **meaningful**,

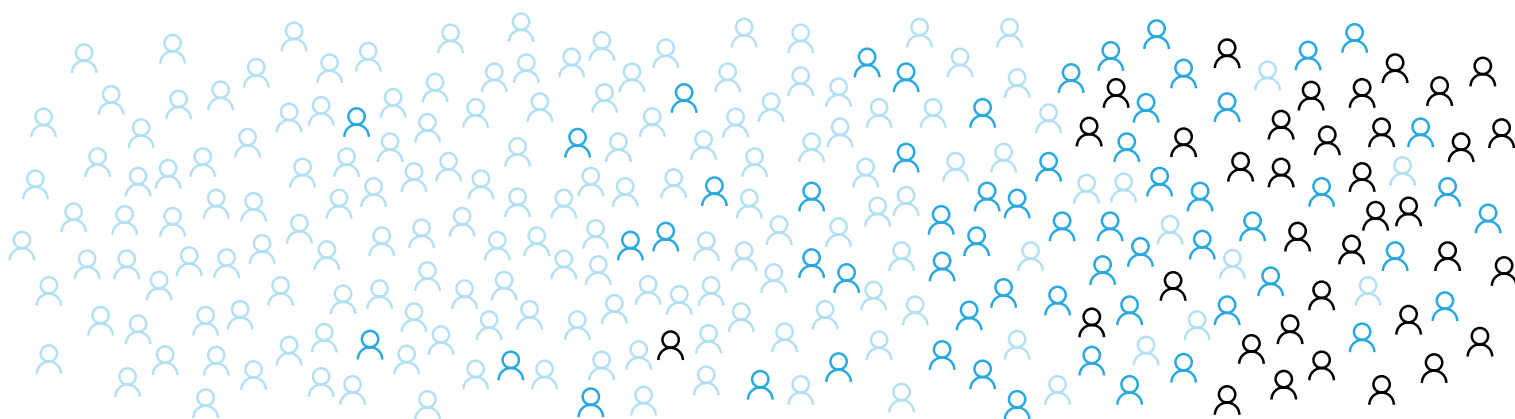
ongoing relationships with these youth in the pursuit of seeing whole life change. While all three stages of impact are important to us, it is in deep, meaningful relationships where we desire to be most active.



This past year, we worked intentionally with our staff to better identify these youth within their programming and were excited to see that of our 4,126 total youth served, **22% of them are engaged in meaningful relationships** with our staff and volunteers.



DEEPEN THE IMPACT.



4,126

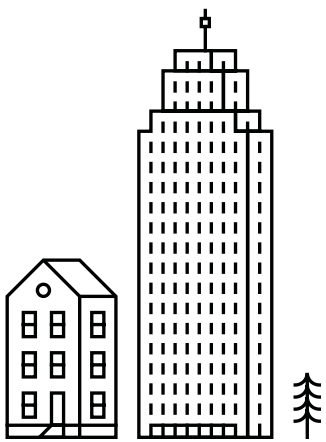
TOTAL YOUTH
REACHED

1,448

REGULARLY
ATTENDING

901

ENGAGED IN MEANINGFUL
RELATIONSHIP



Exploring New Frontiers Across The GTA.

Our **Frontiers Team**, which acts as a launching ground for new initiatives and a support hub for staff operating in areas without their own team, serves 25% of our total engaged youth.

Many of the staff members on this team come alongside youth through a wide variety of initiatives meant to engage them in the midst of their neighbourhood contexts and their unique personal journeys.

After a successful community needs assessment, our **South Central Etobicoke Team** is seeing great success in forging these sort of relationships with young people who are interested in moving into various leadership roles in their community, often in partnership with local churches. They have even started an initiative designed to identify these potential young leaders and invest in their future development.

In **Victoria Village**, our staff member (Sam Mo) has had the opportunity to work alongside young people coming from a variety of faith backgrounds and create a safe space to engage in meaningful conversations with them. This has been especially important as many of these youth enter post-secondary education.

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Even if they don't want to listen to you, they learn to trust you and hopefully see you're in their corner.

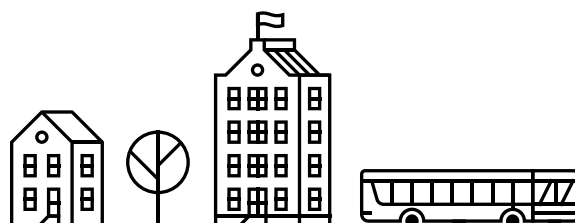
DAVE BURRIDGE
Bridletowne Outreach Worker

This past year, our **Bridletowne** Outreach Worker (Dave Burrige) supported 10 different youth as they journeyed through the criminal justice system in some capacity. Through a unique combination of drop-ins, prison visits, and bringing young people out of the city to his farm, Dave has established himself as a caring and trusted adult in their lives.

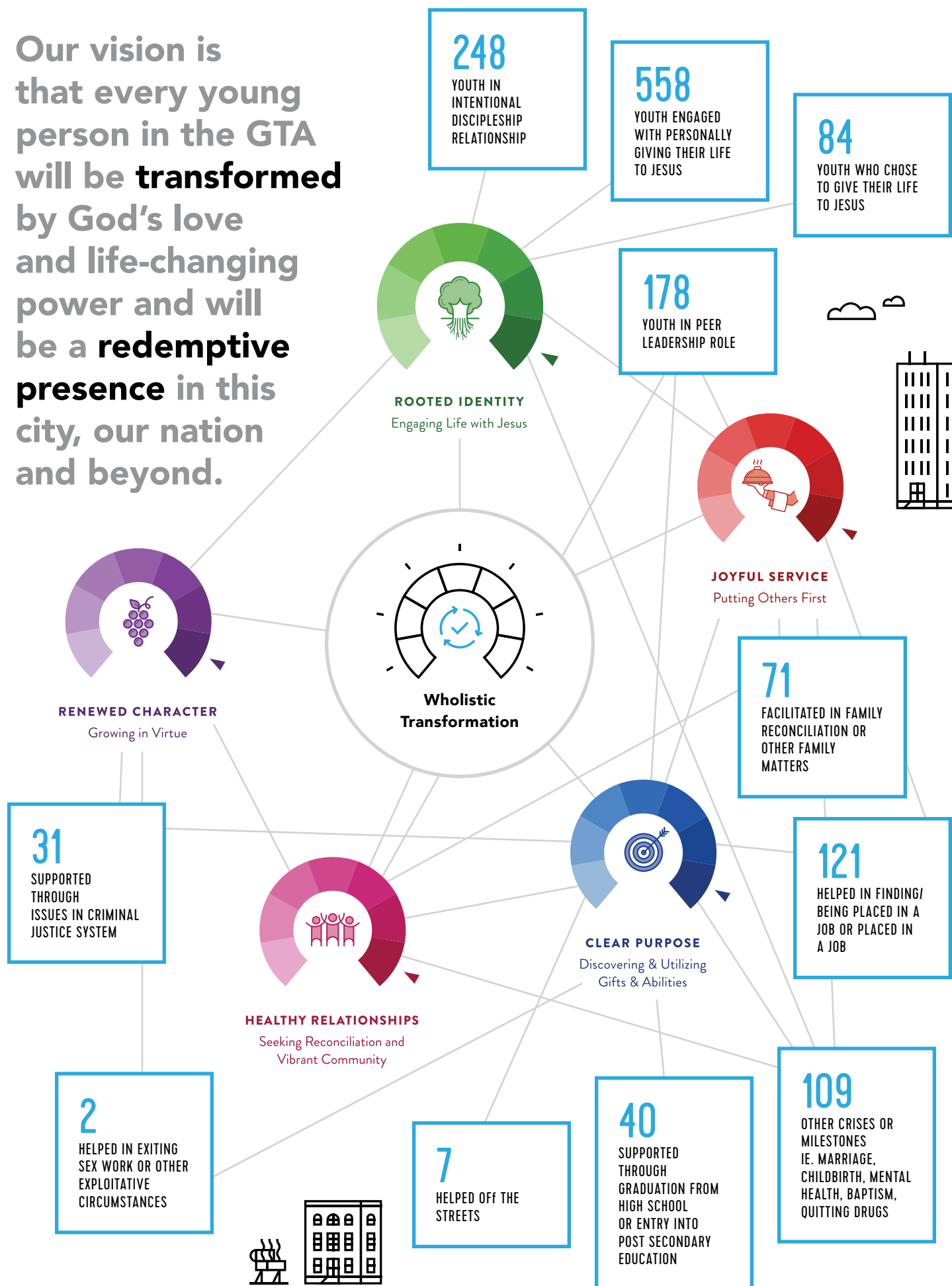


Of our 901 engaged youth, 219 of them are not currently a part of our structured programs or initiatives.* The value of these relationships that transcend programs cannot be understated.

*MANY OF THESE YOUTH EITHER WERE PREVIOUSLY A PART OF PROGRAMS IN THE PAST OR HAVE NOT YET COMMITTED TO GETTING INVOLVED, BUT HAVE A MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH A STAFF MEMBER OR VOLUNTEER.



Our vision is that every young person in the GTA will be **transformed** by God's love and life-changing power and will be a **redemptive presence** in this city, our nation and beyond.



Rahab is Deepening Their Impact Through A Temporary Housing Initiative.

This past year, a longtime dream of our Rahab program became reality when they were able to open a temporary housing facility for young women who were wanting to recover from personal crises for a short time.

The aim of this initiative is to provide a temporary safe and stress-free environment where women can recover from addiction or find a place of refuge as they seek to get settled elsewhere. Our Rahab Team has seen the value of a residence like this for years, knowing that such a safe, quiet space is vital to help young women who desire

change, but whose own homes are too filled with chaos to find it.

One woman who stayed there for several weeks was able to stabilize in the midst of a mental health breakdown until her condition improved and she began taking her medication again and was able to move back home. A month afterwards she was on a path towards positive life change, including considering going back to school and finding

stable employment.

Since April, when the residence opened, 3 young women have stayed there for 4-6 weeks at a time, two of which found a permanent housing solution afterward.

This home also opens up an exciting point of collaboration with other Youth Unlimited programs who may also need a temporary, safe residence for the vulnerable young people they serve.

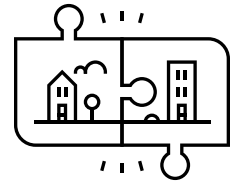
Rahab Ministry is a ministry of compassion geared towards empowering women and children in the sex trade to be liberated and restored. Learn how you can support our Rahab Team at rahab.yugta.ca

“ Across the board, we see the housing crisis has affected many young people. While this residence is not a solution for the housing crisis, it gives our youth a place of refuge for a short period of time while everything else in their lives is falling apart.

JOANNA YEE
Rahab Team Leader



Vision Partners.



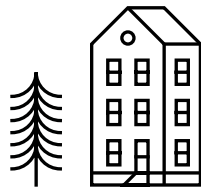
Becoming a vision partner is a new, integrated way of exploring what it means to get involved with our work in the GTA. Our desire is to see partnership as a mutual friendship.

Learn more at
yugta.ca/vision

► EDUCATE YOURSELF

We have a variety of ways that we are training and equipping youth workers, parents, teachers, and other community leaders to better reach this next generation of young people.

Attend an event, read up on our free resources, or even bring a speaker or workshop to your church/school.



► SUPPORT FINANCIALLY

There are many ways to support the work we're doing; whether that be by partnering through monthly donations, hosting a fundraising dinner for us, or making a longlasting impact with our legacy giving opportunity.

Your generous financial support is what enables us to do the work that we're doing and see our vision of transforming our city become a reality.

► GET INVOLVED

While this may not be a possibility for all of our financial supporters, coming and volunteering is a great way to meet our staff and some of the young people with whom we work.

We have all sorts of recurring or one-off volunteer opportunities.



Youth Unlimited.

For over 70 years, Youth Unlimited (Toronto YFC) has been passionate about seeing young people attain their full-life potential.

Our more than 65 programs and initiatives, 70 staff and 400 volunteers primarily serve community youth ages 10 to 25 in the Greater Toronto Area.

Today we are working in neighbourhoods all over the Greater Toronto Area with youth coming from diverse backgrounds and facing unique challenges. Our hope is that by cultivating relationships with caring adults who will mentor and cheer them on, they will be able to bring about positive change to our city - both now and in the future.



**We believe in transformed youth,
transforming our city.**