

YOUTH UNLIMITED

## ~ HEY THERE!

My name is Diana Kim and this summer I had the opportunity to be Youth Unlimited's 'Communications Intern' - in other words, the best summer job ever!

I'm starting grade 12 this fall and I really wanted to do something fulfilling this summer; and I can definitely say that this was



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a truly amazing experience. My main responsibility was to visit some of YU's summer initiatives all over the GTA and to take photos and gather stories for communication projects (such as this one). This issue is a a little glimpse into what I experienced this summer and where I saw God at work.

Brampton Knightsbridge KINS Camp

This was one of my first visits and it was a great introduction to YU's summer programming. The staff shared with me how they seemed to see God's blessings everyday, even in little surprising ways. They also told me how every day more new kids were showing up to come to the camp. It was great to hear such good news from them!

This initiative in Brawpton is in partnership with a local church and ran a day camp in July for neighbourhood kids.





#### Willowdale Soccer League

This visit was almost cut short because it started raining only a few minutes after I started taking photos. I thought that would be it. However, the kids kept playing and laughing and having a good time despite the rain. It was a great reminder to find joy in all situations, regardless of whether they go as hoped.

(I did get to go back and visit ou their final BBQ evening and take some team photos)

# WILLOWDALE, OUTREACH



### Learn-2-Ride Bike Camp (Joy Ride Day Trip)

While I was there, one of the interns shared despite this not being the summer she had but felt like God wanted her to take this job to trust that God had better things in store

The Willowdale Outreach Team engages youth in the Willowdale community through a variety of initiatives designed to build confidence and skills. Learn more at willowdaleoutreach. yusta.ca

### Seeds of Hope Day Camp (Jane-Finch)

When I visited Seeds of Hope there were two girls who would follow me wherever I went wanting to take my camera and take their own photos. At first this was bothering me because I felt like I needed

to do my job. As the day went on, I relaxed and began to enjoy the time I was spending with them. We ended up having a great time and I got to feel way more connected to the kids that the camp was serving than just being there and taking photos.

seeds of Hope is a summer day camp for kids ages 6 to 15 years living in the Jane-Finch area. To learn more about Seeds of Hope or other Jane-Finch initiatives, visit jane-finch.yugta.ca



This visit was my most impactful experience of the summer. I had no idea the kind of poverty that existed so close to where I live.

Getting to go out in the RV with the LP Team

and seeing them care for and build meaningful relationships with young people living on the street really opened my eyes and heart to what showing love really looks like.

LIGHT Patrol is an outreach uninistry that works with youth experiencing homelessness in Toronto. Get involved at lightpatrol.ca



### 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.

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