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Youth Unlimited's Jane and Finch Outreach Benjamin Osei's 2011 Annual Report

I am very pleased to give this report of my work with YU in Jane and Finch during the year 2011.

We enjoyed the grace and faithfulness of God throughout the year. The funding for salary, programs and training were met 100%. Thank you very much for your partnership which allowed us to accomplish goals throughout the year.

Straight Talk

This youth discussion group was held weekly in partnership with Across Boundaries till June. We had a break during the summer. All the grade 12 students in this program proceeded to university and colleges in the fall. Unfortunately, it became difficult for me to continue the program in the fall as I could not get a stable staff support from Across Boundaries – I'm still trying to resolve this situation.

Hoop 2 Hope Boys Basketball

We were very pleased for your support which enabled us to run this program throughout the year. In January we had a Rite of Passage ceremony for eight boys who turned 13 years in 2010. This was a ceremony to initiate them as teenagers as they continue their journey to manhood.

We also had the privilege of taking twelve of the boys ages seventeen and eighteen on a five day trip to Atlanta Georgia in March where they visited Morehouse College, the CNN and Martin Luther King Center. This was a good exposure and inspirational for all the boys.

During the March break, we took 40 of the younger boys to the Air Canada Centre to watch the Raptors game followed by a post-game outreach led by Rev. Wendell Gibbs.

Elite Soccer Program

The soccer program continued to grow throughout the year. In January, Scott Veals, another Youth Unlimited team member, joined the program and brought along his contact of young boys in the area who are 14 years and below. This not only increased the number of youth participants but it also afforded us the opportunity to reach out to youth from diverse backgrounds.

Alex Addo and Daniel Coley continued throughout the year as volunteer coaches. We were grateful to host the program indoors at St Jane Frances Catholic School during the winter months. In the summer the youth participated in tournaments around the city at no cost to them.

Seeds of Hope Summer Camp

Once again, we had a very successful summer camp program in 2011. Thanks to GMP Securities LP who faithfully provided the funding not only to hire a camp coordinator but also to cover all the expenses of the daily operation of the camp as well as the day trips and over night camping. We were also grateful to Jericho Foundation for providing us with some of the funding for our trip to Camp Kwasind.

Through the good office of our MP for York West, Hon. Judy Sgro, we received the Federal HRSDC grants to hire five students as counselors for the camp. In addition, the Toronto Catholic District School Board Focus on Youth program placed three High School students with us as camp counselors. They also provided us a free space at St. Jane Frances Catholic School as the site for the camp.

Furthermore, the Salvation Army Yorkwoods Church provided us with their children's worker who worked alongside us throughout the summer camp.

Due to the increased number of staff, we were able to admit sixty children to the day camp.

As in the past, the Facing Your Future group from Grand Rapids, USA and the Hope Fellowship CRC youth group from Courtice Ontario came to lend support to the camp in July – their impact is great and truly appreciated.

Financial Support

In addition to individuals who faithfully supported us during the year, the following organizations, companies and churches contributed towards the outreach:

Across Boundaries, Toronto ON

CrossPoint Christian Reformed Church, Brampton ON

Covenant Chapel RCCG, Toronto ON

First Baptist Church, Toronto ON

Friendship Community Church, Toronto ON

GMP Securities LP, Toronto ON

Heritage Fellowship Church, Brampton ON

Hope Fellowship Christian Reformed Church, Courtice ON

Jericho Foundation, Uxbridge ON

Lisle Memorial Baptist Church, Toronto ON

Peoples Church, Toronto ON

Shiloh Baptist Church, Toronto ON

Turkstra Modular Builders, Beamsville ON

United Vision Of Truth, Toronto ON

Sincerely,



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