



# ANNUAL REPORT

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**YFC reaches young people everywhere working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to develop lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their Godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement.**





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# A LETTER FROM OUR LEADER

As we close another remarkable year at Central Indiana Youth for Christ (CIYFC), we are filled with immense gratitude and a renewed sense of purpose. Your unwavering support and dedication have enabled us to touch the lives of young people in our community and guide them toward a brighter future.

**This year has been transformative for CIYFC. Through our various programs and initiatives, we have had the privilege of engaging with over 1,900 youth. Our committed staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to provide mentorship, spiritual guidance, and a safe space for youth to grow and thrive.**

We have strengthened our collaboration with local schools, churches, and organizations, which has been a cornerstone of our strategic plan. These partnerships have amplified our impact, enabling us to offer more resources and opportunities to the youth we serve.

Our volunteers continue to anchor our work, with over 150 volunteers active in relationships with young people. Through consistent, one-on-one and small group support, our volunteers play a pivotal role in our youth's personal and academic success.

Our commitment to nurturing spiritual growth remains steadfast. This year, 28 youth made first-time commitments to their faith, and many more have deepened their spiritual journeys through regular Bible studies and prayer groups.

We are excited about the opportunities before us as we look to the future. Our goals for the coming year include:

- **Program Expansion:** We plan to introduce new initiatives focused on mental health and wellness, recognizing the critical importance of emotional well-being in young people's lives.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Expanding our volunteer base is essential to sustaining and growing our programs. We aim to recruit and train 50 new volunteers in 2024, equipping them with the tools they need to make a meaningful impact.
- **Brand Awareness:** We desire Central Indiana Youth for Christ to have a long-term impact on youth's lives. We don't want to be the best-kept secret; we want to share the secret with others so that more youth grow into life-changing relationships with Jesus. We desire to be active in the communities that we serve.

None of these achievements would be possible without your generosity and faith in our mission. We sincerely thank our donors, partners, volunteers, and staff. Your belief in every young person's potential fuels our passion and drives our efforts.

In closing, we are reminded of Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." As we continue to walk alongside the youth of Central Indiana, we hold steadfast to this promise, knowing that together, we are making a lasting difference.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. We look forward to another year of growth, transformation, and hope.

With heartfelt appreciation,

*Dara M. Berkhalter*

# LAST YEAR IN NUMBERS



*City Life students, like Johnathan and Bryan, are supported through intentional mentoring and encouraged to rely on the Lord in all circumstances!*

*Our ministry leaders empower our staff with steadfast support. Cynthia has been such a gift to the Crooked Creek Ministry by faithfully praying for and encouraging Krysta.*

# 100%

BOARD MEMBER GIVING

# 1,961

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED

# 133

VOLUNTEERS

# 28

NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO MADE FIRST-TIME DECISIONS TO FOLLOW JESUS

# 898

STUDENTS IN 3 STORY RELATIONSHIPS\* WITH A MINISTRY LEADER

# \$761,258.43

TOTAL PHILANTHROPY RAISED

\* 3Story® is the phrase we use to describe how we live in relationship with God and others. We use three circles to represent these stories—God’s Story, my own story, and the stories of young people. When the circles overlap, friendship grows, trust builds, and transformation happens.



# OUR PARTNERS

## BUSINESSES

AutoHaus Merkle  
 Chicagos Pizza  
 Coach's Driver's Ed  
 Cohatch  
 Fuller Center for Housing  
 Hattie's Coffeehouse  
 Huse Culinary  
 Indy Card Exchange  
 Jay Orner Billiard  
 JW Marriott  
 King Ribs  
 Kroger (multiple locations)  
 LeMaster Steel  
 Life Happy Be Healthy  
 Long's Donuts  
 Meijer  
 Noble Roman's Pizza  
 Our Place  
 Pediatric Dentistry West  
 Reynolds Farm Equipment  
 Vision Painting  
 Woods Realty Group  
 Zionsville Eye Doctor

## SCHOOLS

Avon Academy  
 Ben Davis Transition Center  
 Eastwood Middle School  
 Fishers High School  
 Fishers Middle School  
 Harris Academy  
 Indianapolis Metropolitan School  
 Matchbook Learning  
 Mooresville High School  
 Mooresville Middle School  
 Southport High School  
 Southport Middle School  
 Triton Central Middle School  
 Wayne Township Schools  
 WELL Program (ESL program)  
 Westlane Middle School  
 Zionsville High School  
 Zionsville Middle School  
 Zionsville West Middle School

## COMMUNITY ORGS

American Legion Riders  
 Hawthorne Community Center  
 Indiana School of Physician  
 Assistant  
 Studies Program  
 Mary Rigg Community Center  
 Neighborhood Card Clubs-  
 fundraising  
 Nurse Family Partnership  
 Sewing Clubs

## CHURCHES

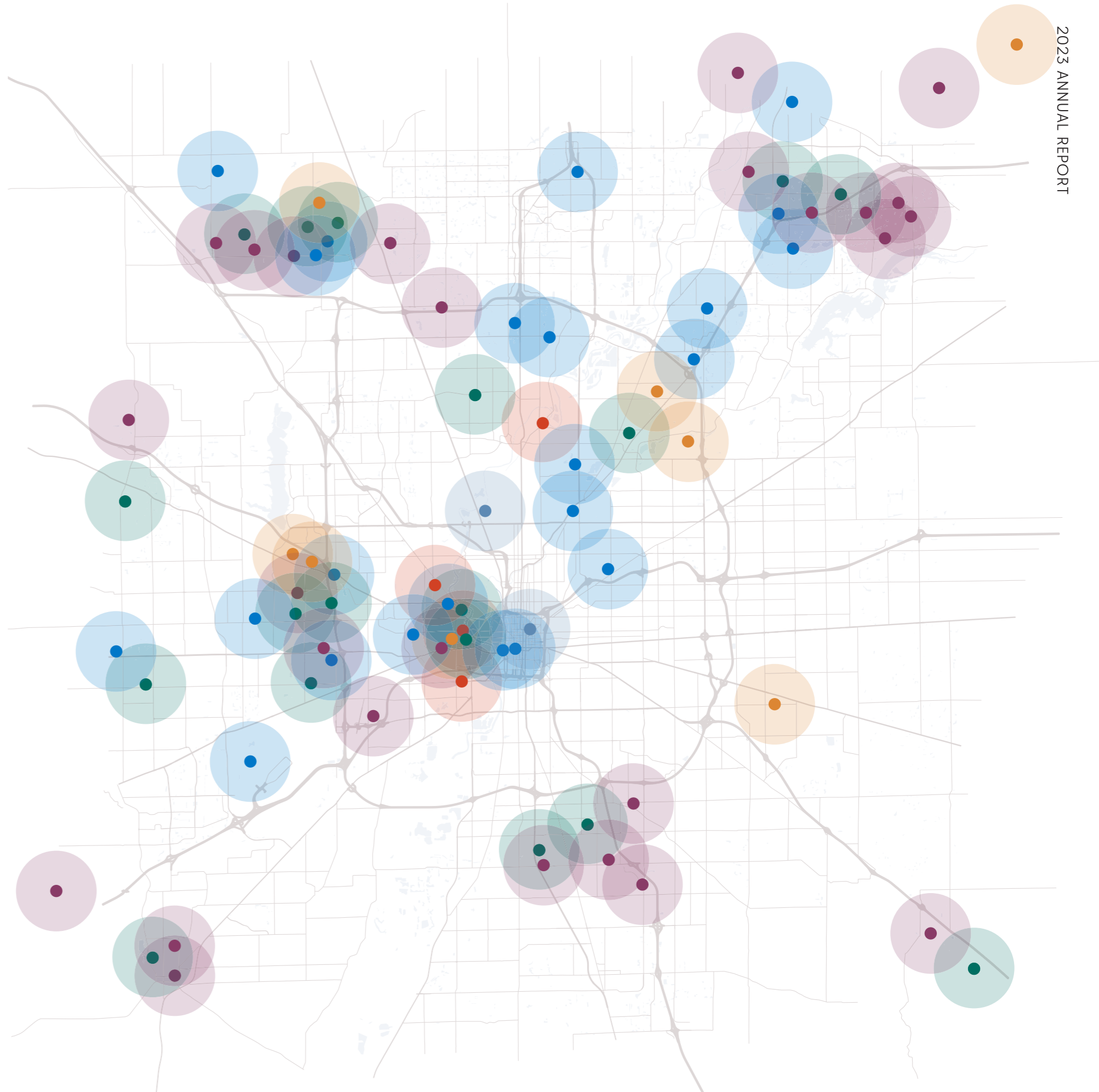
Catholic Church in Zionsville  
 Chapel Rock Christian Church  
 Clarksville Christian Church  
 College Park Christian Church  
 Connection Pointe Christian Church  
 Drexel Gardens Christian Church  
 Eagle Church  
 Fairland Christian Church  
 Faith Community Church  
 First United Methodist Church  
 Mooresville  
 Grace Church - Fishers  
 Hamilton Hills Church  
 Hazelwood Christian Church  
 Indianapolis Baptist Temple  
 New Hope Presbyterian  
 Pennington Park Church  
 Pleasant View Baptist Church  
 Prairie View Christian Church  
 Southport Presbyterian Church  
 Southview Wesleyan Church  
 Town Center Church  
 Traders Point Fishers  
 Victory in the City Church  
 West Park Christian Church  
 Westlake Church  
 Zionsville Fellowship  
 Zionsville Presbyterian Church

## NONPROFITS & PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS

Courageous Healing  
 Dept. Child Services - west branch  
 Diversion Indy  
 Haughville Public Library  
 Indiana Women's Prison  
 Project Will  
 United Front  
 Young Life  
 Zionsville Girls Scouts Club

## FOUNDATIONS

Christian Theological Seminary  
 Indianapolis Foundation,  
 City of Indianapolis  
 Mosaic (IU Health Foundation)



# SIX PILLARS OF OUR STRATEGIC PLAN



No. 01

## MINISTRY

GROW AND INNOVATE

No. 02

## VOLUNTEERS

EMPOWER AND RECRUIT

No. 03

## OPERATIONS

STREAMLINE AND SUSTAIN

No. 04

## PEOPLE

DEVELOP AND INVEST

No. 05

## BRAND

CULTIVATE AND SHARE

No. 06

## DONORS

INSPIRE AND MOBILIZE



# CULTURAL VALUES



*Graduating our seniors can be bittersweet. This Fishers High School Class of 2024 helped rebuild Campus Life post-COVID and has mentored newcomers well. We can't wait to see what they accomplish next!*



**CHRIST CENTERED INTEGRITY**

**BIBLICAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

MATTHEW 18

**WHOLE-PERSON DEVELOPMENT**

SPIRITUAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND PERSONAL

**STEWARDSHIP OF ALL RESOURCES**

TIME, MONEY, PEOPLE

**CLARITY IN EXPECTATIONS**

CLEAR IS KIND

**SOLUTION-FOCUSED**

PROACTIVE VS. REACTIVE

**INNOVATIVE**

FREEDOM TO DREAM, TRY, AND FAIL

**TRUST**

ASSUME BEST INTENTIONS OF OTHERS

**FUN**

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD



# A STORY OF IMPACT



Claire's journey with Fishers Campus Life began during her sophomore year when she was disconnected from faith and cynical about life, including Christianity. Through the support and guidance of our staff, like Dan, ministry leaders, and Jesus she experienced a transformation.

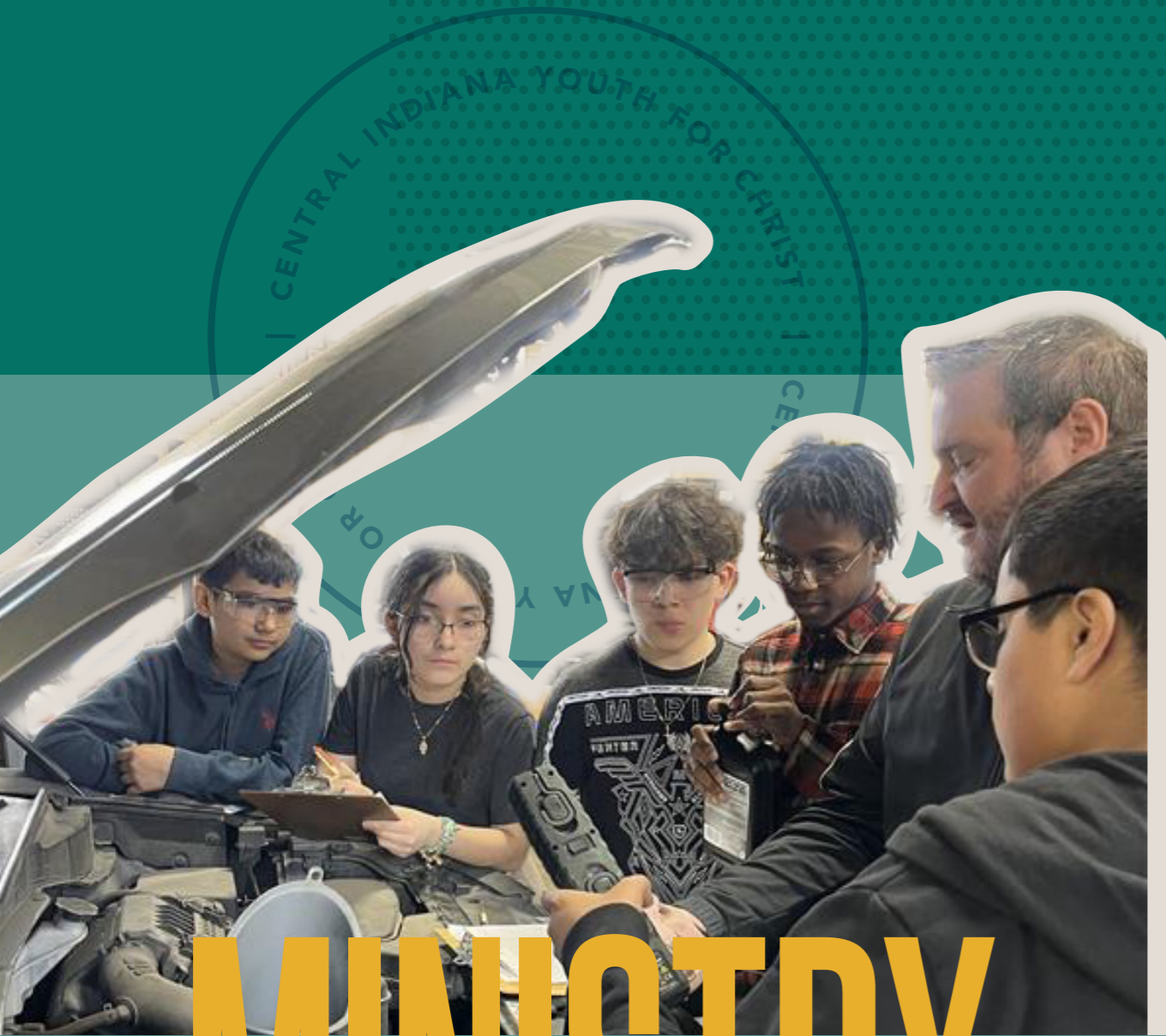
Just recently Dan received a heartfelt text from Claire expressing her gratitude for Campus Life's role in her faith journey. She wrote, "Hey, Dan! I'm getting baptized today and just wanted to express my gratitude for all that you and Campus Life have done for my faith! Thank you for creating a space where people can see the light of Jesus and for fostering such an amazing culture!"

**Dan attended Claire's baptism, and today, she serves on the Fishers CORE (Student Leadership) team, eager to help others know Jesus.**

**Claire's story is one of many and reminds us of the importance of CIYFC's mission to guide young people toward the hope that Jesus offers.**

We look forward to witnessing more transformations like Claire's as we continue our efforts.





# MINISTRY BUDGET

FOR 2024-2025  
FISCAL YEAR

## COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Includes of City Life,  
Parent Life, and Juvenile  
Justice Ministry.

**GOAL \$590,000**

These programs specifically focus on the underserved urban neighborhoods of central Indiana, supporting young people through comprehensive programming encompassing financial literacy, civic engagement, education success, basic health and safety, and spiritual and moral literacy within a relational context.

## CAMPUS LIFE MINISTRIES

Includes: Fishers,  
 Mooresville, Southport,  
 Triton-Central,  
 and Zionsville.

**GOAL \$410,000**

Campus Life leaders build relationships with young people to introduce them to Christ. We seek to cultivate great moments of connection and community for young people. Through a holistic approach Campus Life helps students as they wrestle with critical issues. Leaders help young people realize a Christ-centered life that provides balance mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially.

## AREAS OF GREATEST NEED

**GOAL \$1,200,000**

Having a robust general budget allows us to direct resources towards our most pressing needs. This helps the organization move toward long-term sustainability ensuring we can weather uncertainties and adapt quickly in an ever-changing ministry landscape.

Platinum  
Transparency  
2024

Candid.



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