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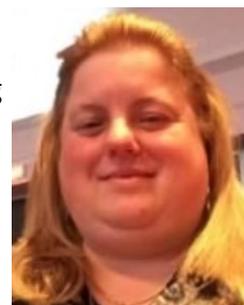
CITYYOUTH officially relaunched September 2018, with 11 youth attending the first meeting. Thank you to 100+ Women Who Care Regina for selecting CityKidz as the receiving charity in September.

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VOLUNTEER STORY—KATHY LOWRY

I have been volunteering at CityKidz since 2014. I volunteer because I have a great understanding for the kids and the community they come from. Becoming a part of their life and story fills your heart with joy, at least mine. I come from a similar upbringing with a single mother back in the 70-80's. So I can relate to these kids and their struggles. I just want to be there for them.



Part of my volunteer role is Home Visits. There is a family on my route who have just tragically lost their Dad in February. Each week we stop by to say hi and we always have such a good visit with them. They have kept their spirits up and love getting hugs, especially the young girl. It is good to see the middle boy return this fall as a Junior Youth and volunteer on Saturday.

Like Kathy would you love to impact the lives of our children and youth....there are many opportunities available.

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Message from Donna West, Branch Manager

As I look out the window typing this latest report, I can see that summer is coming to an end. But on the plus side, we are entering my favorite time of year...most years. As a child, Fall meant returning to school, and yes you can call me a geek, but I always looked forward to getting back to the books and learning something new, but also getting new clothes, shoes and school supplies. It also meant my birthday was just around the corner....now that I'm getting older I may not be as excited to remember that, but yes Fall is still my favorite time of year. I love watching the leaves change colors, falling on the ground, the sound they make when you walk on them...I still find crunchy leaves to walk on just to hear that sound crunching under my feet, and yes I am one that does not like the heat and the Fall weather can be just the perfect temperature...most times.



In spite of the extreme heat, which I do not enjoy, I did have a great summer this year and enjoyed some new opportunities. I was invited by two different camps to help out this summer. Katepwa Lake Camp invited me to their staff training session and had me do a presentation on working with inner city kids. This was a great afternoon spent with the camp staff and helping them be able to do their job more successfully this summer. Each time I was at KLC, to do camper pick up or drop off, the staff were eager to meet me and share how that training assisted them and helped to connect to the children.

In August I was invited to the Strasbourg Bible Camp/Healing Hearts Inner City Camp as keynote speaker. It seems every time I begin to get comfortable in my role, God expands the boundary of my comfort box. Although it is not much different than standing in front of 80 children Saturday afternoon, there was still some apprehension and then of course the lies and warfare from the enemy asking me what I thought I was doing. I have never had such an amazing experience speaking and sharing with children. The age group at this camp was very similar to the age group at CityKidz, ages 7-12. Every chapel session, I had the full attention of the children., In each of my lessons I had included some down time – time when you need to stop to get the attention of the children back to you, time to move one or two children that won't quit bugging those around him, time to deal with bullying – this was not the case at all. As at CityKidz I had a very hands-on, audience participation program, the kids were eagerly participating and asking questions. The Thursday evening, we held an altar call for the children and I was amazed – but I don't know why, God is always faithful – in the hearts of the boys and girls as they came up to the altar for prayer. So many times in the past, I would watch children come to the altar only because they were following their friends and did not want to be left out. This was not the case, child after child would come up with tears rolling down their face asking for forgiveness, praying to know Jesus more, wanting to know what is next for them. For almost an hour one child would come and then another. Friday morning I then shared how I was one that walked away from my dream when I was their age. I shared how faithful God was to me and how I realized that it was not God that walked away from me, but I walked away from God. I continued to share, how God showed me He was always with me when I finally made the decision to come back and how he always knew the plans for me...Jeremiah 29:11. God always planned for me to be a teacher, I just took a very long road in fulfilling that path.

Thanks to Harvest City Church and the Global Focus Impact Conference, I enjoyed three days at the Banbury Bed and Breakfast in Wolseley. This was a great time to unwind, reflect on the new season and get some rest after an extremely busy summer.



SUMMER TO REMEMBER HILIGHTS

I want to start off by saying a huge thank you to Michelle Williams and the Cheryl Williams foundation for her efforts in the spring fundraising campaign to help raise more funds to send children to camp. This year we had 52 campers receive the gift of Summer Camp. This is a great opportunity to learn leadership skills, self-esteem and grow in your spiritual walk. For many of these children this is their first time to be able to experience life at camp. We sent one girl to EYES camp for the very first time this year. We also had 20 spots fully funded by Katepwa Lake Camp, we had campers at Circle Square, Dallas Valley Day Camps—Living Hope Church & Harvest City Church, Kings Corner VBS. Here are a few examples of children building their self-esteem, confidence, and learning to do better.

Braiden had a life changing experience at camp. As a young boy that has been struggling with behavior issues at school and finding his identity he learned that God is the only Father he needs. There are a few males that continue to appear and disappear in Braiden's life, including his biological dad. At Strasbourg Camp, the theme was about God's Plan and how each one of the campers are a part of that plan. On the Thursday evening chapel, there was an altar call for prayer. Braiden sat in his chair for about five minutes and then came to the altar with tears rolling down his cheek and wanting prayer. As we prayed with Braiden, I shared with him that God wants to be his Father and that God will be a Father that never leaves him. Braiden stood there nodding his head, and then just gave me a great big hug. Over the next couple weeks during home visits, I could notice a visible change in Braiden. At our first Saturday in September many of the volunteers commented on the change they had seen in Braiden since June and how he was so calm during the program.



Andre has been attending Katepwa Lake Camp for four years. This year as the campers were on their way to camp, there was one boy that had never been to camp before was a bit apprehensive, during the ride Andre was very respectful and told him not to worry, camp is a blast and all the councillors and camp staff are really friendly, they will ensure you have a good time. On the way home from camp the boys were sharing there experiences and Andre said I can't wait until next year when I can be a Leader In Training, not just a camper. They boys were sharing that their favorite part of camp was the overnight camp out.

"Maddie" had never been to camp and was concerned about being away from her younger siblings. She spent a week at Girls Camp at Camp Monahan. When I went to pick her up, she came up to me gave me a hug and asked if she would be able to come back next year. On the ride home she shared how it will be nice to see her family when she got home, but she was glad to be away for a week and able to enjoy herself. For "Maddie" her week at camp allowed her to be a kid and have fun.



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SUMMER TO REMEMBER CONTINUED

“Danny & Marie” attended the Dallas Valley Day camp at Harvest City. At the beginning of the week the siblings were always fighting in the car, being disrespectful to the other campers and not wanting to listen. At one point “Marie” told me that she doesn’t know how to behave and is always bad. I corrected her and told her she is good and that she just needs to stop and listen to what the person is telling her. By the end of the week it was a different story. “Danny & Marie” were taking turns sharing about their day at camp and laughing and having fun with the other campers. On Friday when I dropped them off “Danny” gave me a hug and thanked my for letting him go to camp.

Patience was selected to go to camp on short notice to fill a spot that Katepwa Lake Camp had available. I’m not sure who was more apprehensive about this trip, Mom or Patience. But Patience decided she would give it a try. She attended one of the mini camps (three days). When we dropped her off she was still not sure if she wanted to stay. I told her if she got homesick we would come out and pick her up early. Well I never did get a call. Patience had said she never had so much fun. Her favorite part of camp was the beach party they had.



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We would also like to take this time to welcome our newest investor....Inland Steel Products, Saskatoon



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