Happy New Year
A Message from the CEO
Dr. Gary L. Jones

Remarks at the 38th Christmas Celebration

The YFT staff and residents gathered for the annual Christmas celebration and program which was held in the Peterson Family Chapel on December 18. Following the program a festive holiday meal was served in the dining hall and gym.

We have come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The brief comments I am about to share with you this afternoon are from my heart.

Perhaps we should celebrate the omnipotent power of God – God knew exactly what He was doing when He created the world – but also – it was He who:

- Created Jesus Christ;
- Chose Mary – a 15-year-old virgin to give birth to Jesus;
- It was God who knew that Jesus would be crucified at 33 years of age;

If you doubt God did these things – creating Jesus through immaculate conception in Mary – the only immaculate conception in the history of mankind – you do so at your own risk.

Remember some of the life changing events Jesus made happen – even predicted some of them before He performed them – and no one has ever performed these miracles – before His birth or after His crucifixion:

JESUS:

- At the Sea of Galilee in Israel – He spoke to 5,000 followers or curiosity seekers – He fed the crowd by multiplying only 5 loves of bread and 2 fish;
- He predicted to His 12 disciples that one of them would betray Him – and Judas did exactly that. Jesus predicted that another disciple would deny he knew Him, and Peter did exactly that – three times;
- He predicted His own crucifixion;

Met a crippled and impoverished man with deformed feet on a street. Jesus went up to him – touched him and declared he is healed – and then Jesus walked away. The man rose to his feet and walked after Him.

Raised Lazarus from the dead – predicting the miracle before it happened.
I recall these thoughts from the many Bible studies in my life.

I learned at age 13, when I accepted Jesus into my heart and re-directed myself to Him at age 33- that He was real – He did walk the earth – as a man – and remains so today through His spirit and His words in the bible.

Remember this: If you – each of you – who do not believe that Jesus is real – and that He can be your salvation to a new life – remember this – as Dr. David Jeremiah of Turning Point Church/Ministries in San Diego, CA recently preached to his congregation – “there is no plan B, He is the way – the only way”.

Jesus won’t force himself into your heart, you have to ask Him into your heart, and by doing so He will be in your life – forever!

In conclusion, it is no accident or coincidence that the first six letters of Christmas is CHRIST!

Merry Christmas!

God’s blessings to you and your loved ones.

Dr. Gary L. Jones
CEO

*Whatsoever you do for the least of Mine, you do for Me.*

Matthew 25:40
A Valued Community Partner

Our friends at GAM - Graphics and Marketing hosted their 10th annual “Give and Get” event which gathers wish list items for YFT kids along with gift cards for families.

We would like to thank the many GAM clients and friends who contributed gifts, and to especially express our sincerest gratitude to our esteemed YFT Trustee and GAM CEO, Nathaniel Grant! His generous and compassionate heart for the YFT mission is endless and we are eternally grateful.

HELP GAM SUPPORT YOUTH FOR TOMORROW
Children Are Our Future!

Children come to Youth For Tomorrow (YFT) who have experienced the trauma of abuse, neglect, suffer from addiction, suicide ideation, are victims of sex trafficking, and other unimaginable circumstances. YFT becomes their family, providing a loving and nurturing home, unconditional love and filling the void in their lives.

YFT is currently “HOME” for over 100 of these children who live in the 11 homes (soon to be 13 homes) on the Bristow, VA campus.

In addition, YFT has 7 regional Behavioral Health offices serving children, adults and families in Fairfax, Loudoun, Fauquier and Prince William counties providing over 35,000 counseling sessions annually.

You're invited to join gam for our annual

GIVE&GET event
OPEN HOUSE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
45999 Nokes Blvd., Suite 130, Sterling VA 20166

While you are here, you'll receive a Goody Box, take a Guided Tour of our facility and enjoy a Delicious Lunch catered by FORD'S Wicked Catering to celebrate our 47th Anniversary!

We're asking our GAM Friends to donate gifts & grocery store gift cards for the children who call Youth For Tomorrow, HOME.

For every item you donate, your name will go into a raffle for a CHANCE TO WIN a wide range of prizes.

RSVP here today!
Christmas at YFT

Santa’s elves giftwrapping. A heartfelt thank you to Advisory Board member, Justin Exner, who rallied his family and employees from Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp. for an afternoon of gift wrapping!!

Santa’s elves delivering gifts!! (l-r) Lt. Shawn Peak of the Prince William Police Department, Kyle Turner, Margot Holland and Emily Corder, YFT Development Team and Staff Volunteer, Israel Quispe-Zevallos.

Prince William Sheriff’s Office delivering Christmas gifts from the Angel Tree. These officers and staff at the Courthouse “adopted” 10 of our boys and girls!! Thank you!!

Jon Peterson and his Executive Assistant Jennifer Wilson spearheaded the Angel Tree at the Peterson Companies. Many excited boys and girls Christmas morning waking up at YFT!!
A Heartfelt THANK YOU to the Countless Christmas Angel Tree Contributors
And to the countless staff members at companies who contributed gifts to provide a memorable Christmas for our 160 boys and girls who call Youth For Tomorrow - Home!!

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Awards Recipients at Joint Boards Meeting

The Distinguished Leadership Award – Vern McHargue

YFT Board President, Vern McHargue, was presented the Distinguished Leadership Award during the December 7th Joint Boards meeting held in the Peterson Chapel on the YFT Campus. Vern was honored for his exceptional leadership serving as the President of the Board of Trustees and his devotion to the Lord’s work at YFT.

Vern has served on the Board of Trustees for almost 14 years and participates on several Board Committees; Finance, Audit and Development Committees and many of the event fundraising committees.

Congratulations, Vern!

The Distinguished Service Award – Trustee Tom Shumaker

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to YFT Trustee, Tom Shumaker, EVP for Holder Construction, at the annual Joint Boards meeting on December 7th. He was commended for his exceptionally gracious leadership and his countless professional contributions for the past 15 years serving on the Board of Trustees.

For the past 10 years, Tom has served as the Chairman for the Country Fair & Auction and as an Eagle Sponsor for the YFT Golf Classic!

Congratulations, Tom!
Awards Recipients at Joint Boards Meeting

The Nehemiah Award

The Nehemiah Award was presented to YFT Trustee, Patsy Norton for her gracious spirit, compassionate heart for children and her devotion to serving the Lord and the mission of Youth For Tomorrow.

Patsy has served several years as Co-Chair for the Sweetheart Benefit Raffle, and currently is the Co-Chair for the Heart 2 Heart Gala.

In 2002, Great American Restaurants launched a program donating 25 cents from each dessert sale to local charities. Over the past 21 years, they’ve have donated over $350,00. Wow! That is a lot of dessert!!

Congratulations, Patsy!

Volunteer of the Year – Creative2, Shawn and Stephanie McGuinn

The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Creative2 and recognized Co-Founders Shawn and Stephanie McGuinn, who have volunteered their time and professional expertise to develop and customize a new Youth For Tomorrow website!

Creative2 continues partnering with YFT to enhance our online systems and providing tech support – all pro-bono!

Thank you so very much!!

Creative2 is a web and marketing firm developing online business systems to help businesses and organizations improve their internal productivity and efficiency with innovative solutions.
Awards Recipients at Joint Boards Meeting

**The Founder’s Award**
The *Founder’s Award* was presented to Trustee Taylor Chess, honoring him for his foresight in developing a strategy which ultimately led to the Youth For Tomorrow Foundation establishing an endowment. This endowment will help sustain YFT for generations to come.

Taylor is the President for Development for the Peterson Companies and has served on the Board of Trustees for almost 15 years. Taylor has worked tirelessly in several capacities including Board President and serving as Secretary on the YFT Foundation Board.

Thank you, Taylor!!

**The Founder’s Award**
The *Founder’s Award* was also presented to Trustee Jon Peterson honoring him for his exceptional Board leadership and for working alongside Taylor Chess with the sale of property to create the YFT Foundation Endowment Fund. Jon's philanthropic commitment to the mission of YFT and the children we serve is immeasurable.

Jon and the Peterson Family provided the lead gift for building the Peterson Family Chapel on the YFT campus. Jon served as Board President and continues to sit on the Board’s Executive Committee. For the past 20 years, he has served as the Chairman for the YFT Golf Classic.

Thank you, Jon!
A YFT Resident to Entrepreneur

When we featured a former YFT resident, Jovanne Delgado, he shared his story and the impact YFT had in his life. He continues to amaze us by his determination and accomplishments!

If you missed Jovanne's story, here it is.

When Jovanne Delgado was placed at YFT, he was feeling angry and a sense of hopelessness. Growing up in the DC area, he got involved with the “wrong crowd” and found himself in legal trouble.

When he came to YFT he knew he had to change his behavior. "It was difficult coming off the streets and having a temper -- I had issues with authority figures, even if I was just challenged." Jovanne realizes that YFT was just what he needed. He mentioned specifically two staff members who made a tremendous impact on his life. "With Dr. Jones’ help, I learned self-control – he was more like family the way he communicated with me -- it made a difference. Also, Mrs. Phyllis (cafeteria) was like a Mom away from home. She would give me an extra snack when nobody knew. It just made me begin to open up to everyone here."

It’s been 20 years since Jovanne graduated from YFT and he is thriving as a Master Plumber. His dream one day is to start his own plumbing company. While it hasn’t been an easy journey, the path he has taken has been inspirational and an example of what hope and perseverance can achieve.

What a Difference a Year Makes!

Jovanne has opened his plumbing company – Elite Plumbing Services! "I’ve worked for a lot of companies for 20 years and realized I wanted to be out on my own. It was a challenge creating my own company, but with the help of Dr. Jones, Mr. von Gersdorff and Mr. Tom Holly (YFT Trustee) they really helped me get started."

“It's a small business and all going well. I do my work with pride and integrity and I make sure the job is done right!” I have experience for any job whether it is residential or commercial, I do it all.” he told us.

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Purchase your raffle tickets beginning December 1st. Only 3,000 tickets will be sold. Your chances to win are EXCELLENT!! Drawing will be held on February 10th at 10pm during the Heart 2 Heart Gala. You need not be present to win.

2024 Sweetheart Raffle Prizes

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8th Prize: Cabela’s $250 Gift Card
9th Prize: Great American Restaurants $200 Gift Card
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Raffle tickets may be purchased for one hundred dollars ($100) each.

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Raffle Reply

Drawing will be held at the Heart 2 Heart Gala, Saturday, February 10, 2024

Name: ___________________________________________ Contact name: ___________________________________________

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To purchase a raffle ticket online please go to youthfortomorrow.org/Sweetheart-Benefit-Raffle

Mail to: Youth For Tomorrow, 11835 Hazel Circle Drive, Bristow, VA 20136. Make checks payable to “Youth For Tomorrow.” For additional information, please call Julianna Herbek at 703-955-3196 or JHerbek@yftva.com

Please see the website and tickets for official rules.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Youth For Tomorrow is to provide children and families with the opportunity to focus their lives and develop the confidence, skills, intellectual ability, spiritual insight and moral integrity, based on Godly principles, resulting in positive changes to the benefit of the child, the family, the community, and the nation.

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Upcoming Events

February 10, 2024  Heart 2 Heart Gala
Co-Chairs - Cynthia Atwater, OneDigital and
Patsy Norton, Great American Restaurants
Sweetheart Benefit Raffle
Co-Chairs - Barbara Lewis The Lewis Team and
Ken Shepherd, Miller Toyota

May 16, 2024  Burgundy & Gold Banquet
Chairman - Adam Volanth, Bohler Engineering

June 4, 2024  YFT Golf Classic
Chairman – Jon Peterson, Peterson Companies

All funds raised for the Lifesavers Campaign will go directly to “Fund for the Unfunded” creating scholarships to Youth For Tomorrow so that young people can get the help they need.