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# A Message from the CEO

Dr. Gary L. Jones



A note of deep gratitude to our Trustees and Directors who continue to provide insightful and enlightened leadership, and a sincere “thank you” to our thousands of gracious and generous donors who are always there for our children and mission.

While this time of year is typically associated with moments of rest, family vacations, and relaxation in our favorite “get-a-way” places, Youth For Tomorrow remains at “full throttle”!

We praise the Lord as we closed our fiscal year on June 30th with a balanced budget – our 28th over the past 29 years.

Thanks to your steadfast support, we have been able to meet the increasing needs of the community in both our residential and behavioral health services. Together with the Lord’s grace, we are making a lasting, positive impact on the lives of many across our communities.

From our inception, our mission has been to provide children and families with *“the opportunity to focus their lives and develop confidence, skills, intellectual abilities, spiritual insight, and moral integrity based on Godly principles, leading positive changes that benefit the child, the family, the community, and the nation.”*

*Thank you for joining us in this honorable endeavor.*

And today, we can look back at what the Lord has done in the lives of many:

- 9,112 boys and girls have been served on our Bristow Campus since 1986.
  - With 296 children served to date in 2025.
- 33,607 individual clients have been served at our Behavioral Health Regional Offices, requiring 266,046 sessions since the program’s inception in 2012.

- To date, we have welcomed over 700 new clients, and our therapists have conducted over 20,000 sessions in 2025.

These results are more than numbers — they represent lives transformed, impacting not only the individual but their family and friends around them.

And, this is just the beginning as we enter a new chapter of service:

- We opened our **EIGHTH** Regional Office – the first outside the Northern Virginia area – in Richmond!
  - A special thanks to Governor Glenn Youngkin and Secretary of Health and Human Resources Janet Kelly for attending our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and for their gracious remarks about Youth For Tomorrow!
- We are on track to provide more Therapeutic Day Treatment services in the public-school systems of Prince William, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Rappahannock.
- We continue to serve more Foster Care children from across the Commonwealth, and our Residential Services are consistently sought.

Your ongoing support — whether through donations, advocacy, or simply spreading the word — greatly encourages us, and with the Lord’s grace, keeps us in “full throttle”!

On behalf of our entire staff, thank you! None of this would be possible without your belief and confidence in our work and mission.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Gary L. Jones  
CEO

***Whatsoever you do for the least of Mine,  
you do for Me.*** – Matthew 25:40



## Everyone Needs a Hug Sometimes

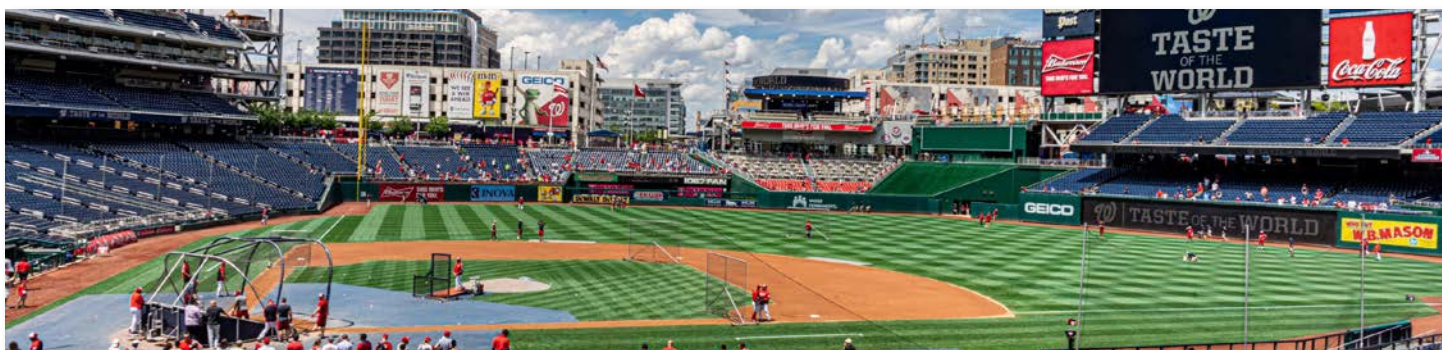
As our Wednesday Chapel service concluded and residents began leaving the Peterson Family Chapel, a heartwarming moment unfolded as one of our young boys dashed to embrace YFT Evangelist Joyce Coates.

This tender hug perfectly captured the Christ-like love that Ms. Coates shares with every child at YFT. Rarely does a resident meet with Ms. Coates without hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and affectionately calling her “Grandma” thereafter.



Ms. Joyce Coates receives a big hug from one of our boys.

## YFT teams up with the Nationals for “Faith Day 2025”



Youth For Tomorrow is thankful that the Washington Nationals designated YFT as the Special Beneficiary of Faith Day at Nationals Park on Saturday, August 16, 2025, when the Nats host the Philadelphia Phillies at 4:05 p.m.

Special ticket packages are available, with part of the proceeds benefiting YFT. There will be a pregame activation in the center field concourse, YFT participation during the game, and a special post-game presentation.

If you want to join the fun, Scan the QR code or check out the link below to register for Faith Day 2025!

**For more information:**

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Faithday2>



## YFT's Class of 2025 – Kylie's Graduation Remarks



*Good morning,*

*"My name is Kylie, and I want to share some important lessons I've learned.*

*Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "I am who I am today because of the choices I made yesterday."*

*Do you remember being asked what you wanted to be when you grew up in middle school? I remember looking at the paper and thinking about all the things I wanted to be—a nurse or even a scientist. I had so many choices when I was young.*

*However, I made some wrong choices. I chose to sneak out (sorry, Mom and Dad) instead of doing my homework. I chose to skip class and do things that led me to make poor decisions. Those choices left me with fewer options, and I will tell you, I did not like that.*

*I wish I could say that one day I woke up and decided to get better, but that would be a lie. Instead, I just got better at hiding the damage my poor choices caused.*

*The choice I am making now is not to talk about my achievements or goals, but to thank the people who didn't judge me for my bad choices, and who led me to who I could become.*

*My parents chose to adopt a little girl who needed a good home; they sacrificed for years to help me succeed. My brothers chose to love me even when I wasn't easy to live with—and trust me, I wasn't. I will never know all the effort they put into my growth, but I do know that my mom is one of the strongest people I know and has done so much for me. Without her, I wouldn't be standing here in this cap and gown, so thank you, Mom, for helping me understand the power of choice.*

*Next to my mom is my dad, who always encourages me to make the right decisions. I don't always succeed, but he reminds me that I have the option to choose. When I wanted to give up, he told me I could, but it's a choice*



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*I'd have to live with. He always says that it's easy to give up and stop trying, but the hard things are worth it in the end.*

*Both of my parents wanted me to make good choices and get an education to improve my future. Since I'm standing here today, I believe I've made a few good choices.*

*You were right, Dad. It's worth it in the end, and WE made it.*

*Not only did we make it, but the adults in my life—teachers, staff, and therapists—also crossed the finish line with me.*

- *Thank you to the teachers for not only teaching me the curriculum, but also real-world life lessons.*
- *Thank you to my therapist for picking up the phone at 11 o'clock at night or sitting on the floor listening to me vent about life's stresses.*
- *Thank you to my House Coordinator, who made me cry some days and laugh others, but always had my back and ensured I was safe and making good choices.*
- *Thank you to the nurses who put my health first daily, and chose to get to know me, rather than judge me based on paperwork.*

*I thank God for each of you who has been part of my journey at Youth For Tomorrow.*

*I've acknowledged the adults in my life, and that I wouldn't be here without them. But I'd also like to recognize another group that has greatly influenced my mindset—thank you to the girls in the Chelsea House! Each of you holds a special place in my heart, and I will forever cherish the bond we share as a family.*

*I challenge all of you, not just my housemates, but all residents, to think about the choices you have made. If you could go back and change them, would you? I used to say I would, but today I stand here reflecting on everyone I've met, and I wouldn't change a thing. Despite all I've lost over the years, I have also gained so much.*

*I hope someday you look back on your life and the choices you've made and feel proud of who you've become. Because I chose not to dwell on my past mistakes, I can look forward to the new choices I will make and the person God intends for me to be.*

*I am ready to close this chapter of my life and embrace the next. I can pursue studying to become a therapist, venture into the science field, and discover new things. The options are limitless. As I begin this new journey, I can confidently say that with God's grace, I will continue my education and earn a college degree.*

*Today, I understand that the choices I make now will shape who I am tomorrow.*

*In conclusion, endless opportunities await us all. Make good decisions and believe in yourself."*



## Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for YFT's 8th Behavioral Health Office in Richmond



On June 10th, we were honored to have Governor Glenn Youngkin and Secretary for Health and Human Resources, Janet Kelly, attend and provide remarks at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for our eighth behavioral health office opening in Richmond this week.

*"I think it's really important to understand the mission of this organization, to help children and families develop confidence, skills, intellectual abilities, spiritual insights, and moral integrity based on Godly principles, leading to positive change for individuals and communities. That is one sound mission. There are so many Virginians who either need a little help, or may need a lot of help ... It's unbelievable to see what they have done. And, more importantly, they continue to find ways to expand and serve our communities,"* remarked Governor Youngkin.

Secretary Janet Kelly praised YFT's commitment to helping those who need it the most. *"We are so glad to have the Youth For Tomorrow healing "magic" in the Richmond region. Youth For Tomorrow and its frontline professionals do that hard work of healing. You encounter*



The Governor and Secretary toured the new Richmond office led by Vice President for Behavioral Health, Carl Street.



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*Virginians at some of their lowest moments. You guide them through the appropriate therapies and interventions. And, before they know it, they are stronger. You lend hope; you bring healing. You honor the humanity of every Virginian who walks through these doors."*

CEO Dr. Gary Jones spoke of the growing need for behavioral health services. *"The opening of Youth For Tomorrow's 8th outpatient regional office for Behavioral Health Services is a testimony to our Board of Trustees and their philanthropy, supporting our stellar Behavioral Health Program. Over the past 11 months of our fiscal year, we have served over 7,000 children and adults across our seven regional offices in Northern Virginia. Governor, it has been a privilege to partner with you and your notable initiative - Right Help, Right Now – to help mend broken families and heal the minds and souls of the thousands of lives your leadership has touched."*







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## Commanders Defensive Back, Mike Sainristil Visits YFT



May 31st was a special Saturday for many of our boys and staff as we welcomed Washington Commanders Defensive Back, Mike Sainristil, and his fiancée, Seliana, to YFT to engage our boys in a fun game of kickball.

A few months ago, Mike's representative contacted us to inquire how he could become involved in YFT's mission. Mike and Seliana visited YFT and toured the facility in April. Afterwards, they expressed an interest in holding a field day or a wellness/health event for our boys and girls. They met Pastor Fuller as they are also interested in speaking at a Chapel service.

Due to the rain, the boys played a fun and very competitive kickball game with Mike in the gym. Following the game, they took a much-needed break and enjoyed pizza from Paisano's.

Afterwards, our boys had the opportunity to ask Mike questions in a 30-minute Q&A session. The questions kept coming, resulting in instant chemistry and the boys asking multiple times if he would return!

When Mike was asked how he deals with the challenges of playing in the NFL, he said, "No matter how tough the challenge or how simple the challenge, I know that God will get me through it".



Mike also brought gifts!! He gave each of the boys a special Washington Commanders bucket hat! Our boys then presented Mike with a football that each had signed.

We thank Mike and Seli for their recent visit and the inspiring words they shared with our kids. We look forward to having them return – hopefully before the football season begins!



## The 36th Annual Burgundy & Gold



It was truly an unforgettable evening, filled with so many memorable moments.

The Washington Commanders Marching Band “kicked off” the evening festivities, marching into the Ritz-Carlton ballroom with Hail to the Commanders!



Adam Volanth, YFT Trustee and Bohler President & CEO, served as event Chairman for his 6th year and welcomed guests, *“The 36th annual Burgundy & Gold is a significant fundraising event for YFT. While a Washington Football legacy will take center stage later this evening, YFT’s legacy of changing lives would*

*not have been possible without the many donors, friends, and community partners who thoughtfully and generously support our children and programs.”*

Another highlight of the evening was the powerful and inspiring testimony of Anita Thomas, a former YFT resident who is now a valued staff member. (If you would like to read Anita’s testimony, it appears on page 12 of this newsletter.)

Commander Head Coach Dan Quinn’s remarks and presentation of the Quarterback Club of Washington Player of the Year Award to his star Quarterback, Jayden Daniels, added to the evening’s memorable moments! The Quarterback Club Award was founded in 1969 and was first presented to Sam Huff of the Washington Redskins. It was “gifted” to YFT by its Founder in 2015.

The Head Athletic Trainer, Al Bellamy, honored Commander’s Safety, Jeremy Reaves, with the Ed Block Courage Award. A player from each NFL team, chosen by their teammates, is recognized as a role model of inspiration, sportsmanship, and courage.





# The 36th Annual Burgundy & Gold



Topping off this special evening was the main event – a special “Legacy Night” presentation with Coach Gibbs and his three Super Bowl-winning Quarterbacks—Joe Theismann, Doug Williams, and Mark Rypien—which made the night even more memorable.

Stories and laughter flowed, delighting the sellout crowd. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to everyone who attended and contributed to this fundraising event’s resounding success.

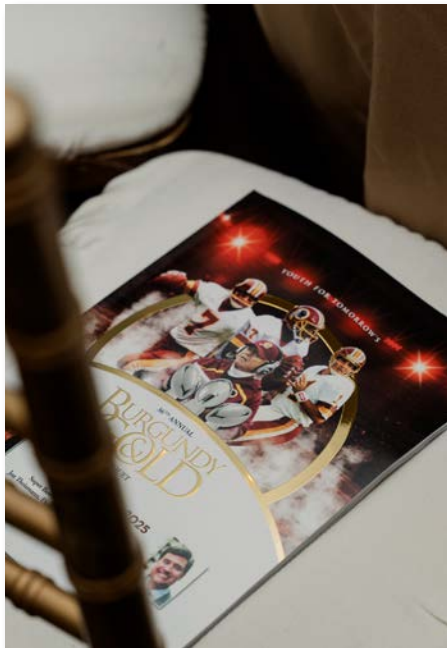
A special thanks to the Washington Commander’s Team President, Mark Clouse, and the large group of team Coaches and Players who attended, along with several Redskins greats, Mark Moseley, Dexter Manley, Ricky Ervins, Brian Carpenter, Ken Harvey, Raleigh McKenzie and Mike Nelms.

It was a night of honoring the Redskins from the past, the Commanders of the present, and our Burgundy and Gold Forever!





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## Former YFT Resident Testimony at the Burgundy & Gold



*Good evening!*

*My name is Anita Thomas, and it is an honor to stand before you tonight, not only as a former resident of Youth For Tomorrow, but as a transformed woman... a mother... a scholar... and a vessel of the very hope that once saved me.*

*I first spoke at this VERY event back in 2010, as a young girl weighed down by pain, trauma, and the grip of addiction. But tonight, it is different. Tonight, I speak not from the weight of my past, but from the strength of my present ... and the vision of my future. I've been an employee at Youth For Tomorrow for over five years now—the same place that once gave me a home and a new beginning.*

*I recently graduated from Old Dominion University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a 3.5 GPA—an achievement that took me over a decade to complete while balancing school, motherhood, and full-time work. This fall, I begin my graduate program in Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University.*

*At ODU, I earned recognition on the Dean's Perfect Scholar List for multiple semesters. I actively work in two research labs located at ODU and VCU. I've*

*presented research at several academic conferences, including one for which I received the Undergraduate Diversifying Clinical Psychology Award.*

*But titles and accomplishments don't capture my whole story. I am more grounded today than I have ever been. I am rooted in my identity, balanced in my emotions, and STEADY in my purpose. I approach life's obstacles with wisdom earned from hard lessons and a heart that refuses to close.*

*There wasn't one single event that led me to YFT, it was the weight of everything I had been carrying inside. Years of trauma, dysfunction, and misguided attempts to cope...until the impact of it all began to show up in ways that couldn't be ignored. I was a child in crisis — emotionally, physically, and spiritually— and my life had begun to unravel.*

*By the time I was fourteen, the impacts of instability and early exposure to addiction had already taken root in my life. In my search for connection — especially with my father — I found myself drawn into unhealthy and self-destructive behavior patterns that only deepened my pain.*

*As things spiraled further, my mother was doing everything she could to raise three children alone, but the weight of our reality became too heavy. I was expelled from Prince William County Public Schools, facing criminal charges, and placed on probation. I had already fallen a year behind in school.*



YFT Admission Photo in 2009

*And then, our circumstances worsened — we lost our home, and we entered a homeless shelter... doing our best to make it through each day. My life was filled with fear and uncertainty at that moment.*



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Anita at her YFT Graduation

*But then, it also marked the start of something new. It led me to a place where healing could begin, and my life would truly start again.*

*Youth For Tomorrow didn't just house me — they held me. It poured into me academically, emotionally, and spiritually.*

*The teachers, residential staff, my therapist all helped shape the girl I was into the woman I have eventually become.*

*I want to thank Mrs. Jean Jones for seeing my potential before I could see it myself.*

*And to Dr. Jones ... the man all of you know as the CEO, and the leader at YFT — but to many of us who entered YFT as lonely, depressed and, in many cases as traumatized children, we thank you for being a true father figure to us .... you reparented so many of us ... hundreds of us actually, with a father's love, discipline, and integrity.*

*One of the most healing moments of my life happened last May, when I walked across that stage and received my college degree. I looked out into the audience and saw my mother and my children smiling back at me. I saw in their faces a legacy.*

*As a first-generation graduate, I felt the fulfillment of my mother's deepest hopes ... and the beginning of something brighter for my children.*

*Motherhood has been a full-circle experience. Every day, I get to give my children the very things my mother worked so hard to provide: safety, care, and unconditional love.*

*My children are my joy ... my strength ... and living proof that generational healing is possible.*

*Today, I mentor youth at YFT. In their eyes, I see my past — and in my presence, I PRAY they see their future. I pull from my toolkit of lived experience, lessons, and testimony ... to help guide them through their own storms.*

*Faith has been my compass, not just something I believe, but something I walk in.*

*Even now, I face the common struggles of adulthood ... raising children ... balancing responsibilities ... managing stress ... and coping with the highs and lows that life brings. But even when my faith is weary, I LEAN into God. I move forward, one step at a time, knowing I am never walking alone.*

*I am pursuing my LCSW and, eventually, my Ph.D. because I believe in healing, not only for individuals but for entire communities and systems. I am called to do the work because children deserve more than just survival. They deserve protection, healing, and the freedom to dream, to thrive.*

*Through it all, I give thanks to Jesus Christ. My Savior, who stood beside me in my darkest moments, now walks with me in the light ... and every step I take is for the youth still searching for their way out of the darkness.*

*Thank you for believing in Youth For Tomorrow. Thank you for believing in our children. And thank you for allowing my story to remind you that what you pour into others ... multiplies.*

*Again, my sincerest gratitude to Coach Gibbs, Dr. Jones, and to each of you. I hope you have a wonderful evening."*

## The 29th Annual YFT Golf Classic



We couldn't have asked for better weather as our golfers teed off for our 29th Annual Golf Classic, held June 3rd at the beautiful Westfields Golf Club in Clifton!

Thanks to the outstanding leadership of YFT Trustee and Golf Classic Chairman Jon Peterson, the tournament was once again a huge success. His dedication and passion for our children and YFT's mission ensure this event remains a sell-out year after year, with loyal sponsors returning each year.

The day was filled with excitement from start to finish—bright sunshine, clear blue skies, and 75 degrees—all the ingredients for a picture-perfect day on the links!

Tony and Ford's Wicked Catering (Fish Shack) served breakfast burritos and BBQ at the "turn".

Skylar Bell and our good friends at Chuy's Tex-Mex delighted golfers with their famous nacho bar on the course at hole #3. They then fired up their grill, serving their popular sizzling fajitas for the evening's awards dinner. The golfers then headed to their shiny, hand-washed vehicles in the parking lot.

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to Chairman Jon Peterson and his proficient Executive Assistant, Karen Dennison, Golf Pro Jason Paul, and the team at Westfield's Golf Club, as well as the generous sponsors and the corps of dedicated volunteers from the Peterson Companies.



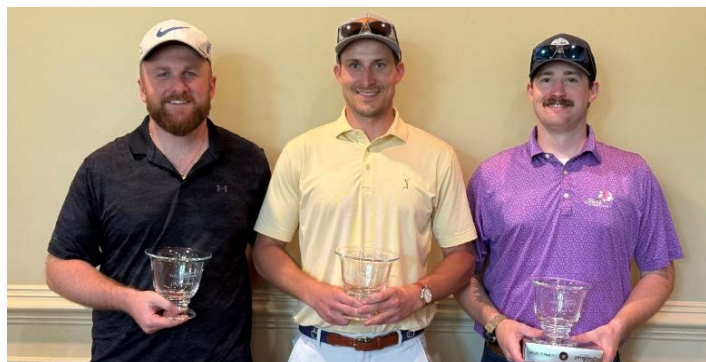
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There is nothing as All-American as a Country Fair—a celebration of community, family, friendships and lots of fun for everyone of all ages!  
This year will be our **40th Annual Country Fair & Auctions** which will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 on the YFT Campus.

Please consider how you would like to be involved and contact Love Jones, Sr. Vice President for Development and Public Relations, at  
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Youth For Tomorrow was founded in 1986 by Joe Gibbs and other community leaders.

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August 16, 2025

National's Faith Day

October 4, 2025

40th Annual Country Fair & Auctions

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November 17, 2025

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