



Liberty For Youth Annual Report

2022-2023



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Who We Are

Founded in 2003, Liberty For Youth is a non-profit, charitable organization that focuses on prevention and intervention for at-risk youth. We give support to youth who are in poverty; those who are on probation; youth who are involved with gangs, guns, and drugs, as well as those who are trapped in negative environments.

Our regular clientele is at-risk youth aged 12-25 and alumni members beyond the age of 25, who are currently involved or likely to be involved in criminal activity and live in the Ontario Golden Horseshoe area. These youths are characterized by low education, poor health, and unsafe environments.



We affirm positive patterns of behaviour while creating opportunities for youth to assist in community development programs. We also help create productive interaction with parents, teachers, and community leaders.

Leadership Message

"Empowering today's youth ignites tomorrow's extraordinary leaders. Let's nurture their dreams, broaden their horizons, and illuminate their path towards a brighter future."

-From our Executive Director

2022-2023 marks another successful and exciting year for Liberty For Youth. We have grown in almost every aspect as an organization and as I look back, I am proud of the accomplishments of our youth and filled with gratitude for the support that made this possible.

In the past year, we expanded our Bright Choices, Prodigal Sonz, and Character Development programs beyond the services provided pre-pandemic and launched two new programs, 'LEAD' and 'LeadingWell' at our 7Rs location.

Based on the recommendations of our Youth Council in 2021, our three-year Covid Recovery Strategy was launched in 2022. The council had identified three areas where youth are facing inequalities because of the pandemic: Education, Employment, and Mental Health. To raise funds to support our programming as we expanded to serve these three areas, the three-year Recovery Run For Youth was launched in April 2022.

We are also excited to announce that we completed the construction of an outdoor basketball court at our 7Rs Ranch location in Brantford in April. This has been possible due to a generous donation from the Trillium Foundation and the support of Effort Trust. The new court helped us run new and exciting programming for youth through 2022 summer.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all our sponsors, supporters, and partners who enabled us to serve our youth as they transitioned out of the pandemic. We are excited to share with you all the youth successes that were possible through your support!

-Frederick Dryden, Founder & Executive Director
Liberty For Youth



Our Mission

Liberty For Youth develops safe MENTORING relationships with youth at risk of crime - helping them to build CHARACTER and create positive lifestyles filled with OPPORTUNITY and personal success.



Our Vision

Liberty For Youth aims to be a Canadian leader in transforming the lives of at-risk youth; offering programming to break a negative generational cycle of personal defeat and redirecting youth to a pathway of personal success.

As a result of our work, a new cycle of hope for at-risk youth will translate to healthier families and communities as well as reduced social costs related to negative behavior.

Our Values

LOVE

Unconditional acceptance creates the ideal environment for growth

FAITH

That belief and commitment to truth will result in personal growth

HOPE

With personal growth comes real opportunity for change

RESTORATION

Being restored happens internally before it can be experienced externally

PATIENCE

Journeying with others is worth the long-term investment



2022 Program Highlights

OVER 120 ENROLLED YOUTH

Participants enrolled in programming between April 1, 2022 to March 31st, 2023.



\$6,000 AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS

A big thank you to the Reeve Family for helping the youth reach their academic goals.



2022 Program Highlights

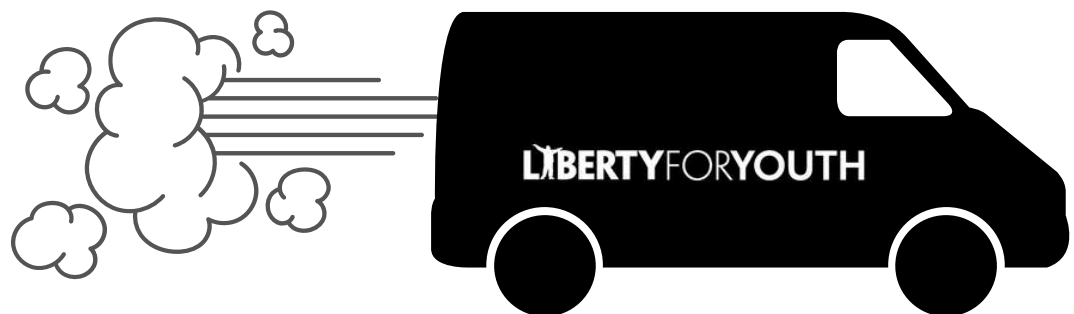
5,200 HOME PICKUPS



IN OUR 5 VANS, WE TRAVELED A TOTAL OF 75,370 KM!



That's like driving across Canada 10 times!



2022 Program Highlights

**\$10,690 IN SUPPORT
TO YOUTH CRISIS**



When challenges arose, we readily extended our assistance, whether it was contributing to rent, providing transportation, or supplying essential goods – our support was unwavering.



**MORE THAN 5,000
PROGRAMING
HOURS**



**OVER 100 DIGITAL
CONNECTIONS
DAILY**



2022 Program Highlights

+3,000 MEALS



THAT'S 8 MEALS A DAY, YEAR-ROUND!



+80 MISSION VISITS



TRADE-UP ACHIEVED A 100% GRADUATION AND EMPLOYMENT RATE



Revenue 2022 | \$1,188,597

We are excited to announce that we have secured a generous pledge of \$169,644 dedicated to renovating our Youth Centre. These designated funds will play a vital role in enhancing the safety and accessibility of our facility for everyone. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to AIM Recycling for their incredible generosity.

9% Other | \$106,973

19% Grants | \$229,516

20% Fundraising | \$246,901

52% Donations | \$628,128



Expenses 2022 | \$1,018,953

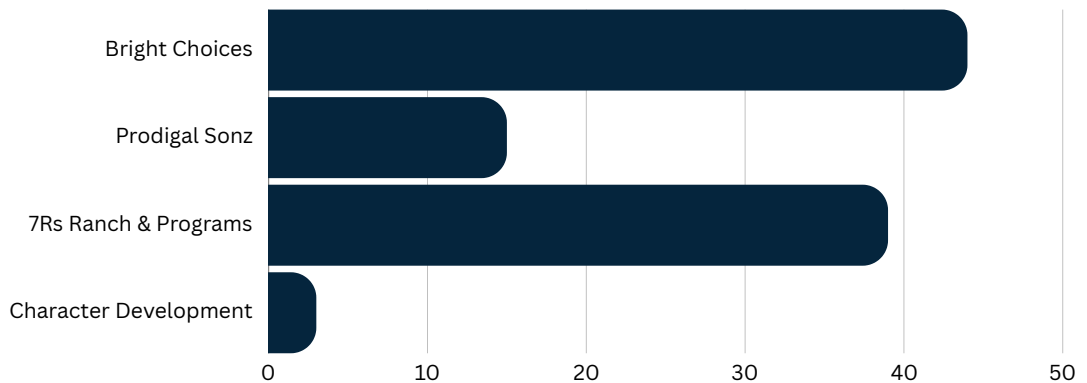
3% Recovery Run | \$31,881

8% Events | \$78,184

15% Amortization & Interest | \$149,303

33% General Operations | \$331,814

41% Program Expenses | \$427,771



Program Expenses (%)



Our New Court!

Thanks to The Ontario Trillium Foundation - Resilient Communities Fund, we completed the construction of our basketball court at the 7Rs Ranch. The construction was completed in March 2022. This expands our Prodigal Sonz program. It also gives youth an outdoor basketball location, providing a respite from the isolation, confinement, and small spaces experienced during the lockdowns and restrictions.

We are so grateful to offer this space to the youth!



JUN

18TH ANNUAL LIBERTY & JUSTICE BASKETBALL EVENT



APR

RECOVERY RUN FOR YOUTH



AUG

12TH ANNUAL EAGLE RIDE MOTORCYCLE EVENT



NOV

POWER OF A CHANGED LIFE GALA



DEC

LIBERTY FOR YOUTH'S CHRISTMAS DINNER



FEB

DONOR & VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



2022-23 EVENTS

Our Board

Milad Assaf
Board Chair

George Van Kampen
Vice-Chair

Martin Russell
Treasurer

Theresa Mildenberger
Secretary

Dr. O Kolawole
Strategic Planning
Director

Brent Monkley
Program Director

Sgt. Robert Lejeune
Program Assessment
& Evaluation Director

Josie Robertson
Fund Development &
Facility Director

Deanna Smith
Events Director

Frederick Dryden
Executive
Director

Our Staff

Frederick Dryden
Executive
Director

Tanya Dryden
Organizational
Development

Melanie Godin
Executive
Assistant

Rosa Marie McCarthy
Finance Officer &
Property Manager

Regina Jattin
Finance Assistant

Zachary Carvell
Prodigal Sonz
Program Facilitator

Jonas Tenazi
Prodigal Sonz
Program Facilitator

Abubakar Kayiranga
Bright Choices
Program Facilitator

Robert Joncas
7Rs Ranch
Maintenance

Jenny James
7Rs Ranch Barn
Assistant

Emilee Cahill
7Rs Ranch Barn
Assistant

Jason Dryden
Prodigal Sonz
Assistant

Marcel Van Heist
Tutor

Heather Frankiw
Bright Choices
Program Facilitator

Madelaine Huffman
Event Coordinator

Capital Campaign Members

Ron Foxcroft
Honourary Chair

Corey Cooper
Campaign Member

Morgan Kernohan
Campaign Chair

Sharon Clark
Campaign Member

Sharon Toreja-Benito
Campaign Member

Steve Parker
Campaign Member

Justin Taravski
Campaign Member

Steven MacDonald
Campaign Member

Mark Daly
Campaign Member

Ken Benito
Campaign Member

Youth Council Members

Sariska Belony
Education Focus

Yaw Owusu Jr.
Youth Employment
Focus





























Madelaine Huffman
Youth Mental Health
Focus

Jacob Jensen
Poverty Focus

Arnie Armstrong
Indigenous Culture &
People Focus

David Akintola
Youth Incarceration Focus

Our Amazing Program Sponsors

<p>BRIGHT CHOICES</p>	         
<p>CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT</p>	     
<p>LEAD</p>	 
<p>LEADING-WELL</p>	 
<p>PRODIGAL SONZ</p>	       

Our Valued Donors & Supporters

AIM Recycling
Blazing the Agency
Budget Bins
Canadian Heritage Warplane Museum
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CCK Kitchens
CHML Y108 Children's Fund
City Kidz
City of Hamilton
Dawn Patrol
Desjardins Insurance
Dunnville Youth Impact Centre
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Giant Tiger
Green Horizons
Hamilton Police Service
HOPA Ports
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Jerry & Tena Groen
John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport

Katherine & Richard Fennema
Kelly's Cycle Centre
Mercanti Management
New Nature Landscaping
Old Navy
Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada
P.X. Dermody Funeral Home
Rotary International – Ancaster
Rotary International - Burlington Central
Rotary International – Mississauga
Runner's Den
S+C Partners
Stephen Brown – Indusite Realty
Stephen Dunn – State Farm Insurance
Terry Finch - IMACRO
Turning Point Church
WCPD Foundation

A Big Thank You To You All!

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**"IT TAKES A
VILLAGE TO
RAISE A CHILD."**



LIBERTYFOR YOUTH

**WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT
WITHOUT YOU!**