

December 15, 2017

As I reflect on the past year, there have been many awesome ministry opportunities where numerous students have come to a life-changing faith as a result of hearing and responding to the love of Christ through Young Life Carroll County. Kids have grown in their faith and are reaching out to their friends... and lives will never be the same. What's thrilling is that they'll have a life foundation to build on once they graduate. It's awesome to hear from many alumni who are still pursuing their faith.



CCYL at Lake Champion- Summer 2017

Just this week, I had the opportunity to talk with a girl who graduated last year after being involved with Young Life in Carroll County while in high school. She shared how she has pursued Christians at her college and those involved in Young Life. She contrasted that with many college students who make wrong choices. I was so glad to hear that she was going to a weekly worship/Bible study time and is starting leadership training with Young Life. Her faith started through Young Life and has impacted decisions she's making in college that are more life-giving to her.

Earlier this semester, a parent messaged me how her son was struggling at first adjusting to college, but then went on a Young Life College weekend, connected with other Young Lifers and is now socially and spiritually connected with new friends at school. It has been a game changer for him. She was so thankful for his time in Young Life in Carroll County and how that enabled him to have the desire to connect in college. There are dozens of alumni who have become leaders in Carroll County and beyond. Your prayers and support impact the lives of kids here as well as the lives they will impact later. It's huge!



Capernaum Prom- June 2017

As I have sat on my front porch this semester watching the headlights of the many cars coming down our lane to Young Life Club, I recognize the miracle it is that every week our leaders and mentors have the opportunity to share Christ with hundreds of high schoolers, middle schoolers, teen moms and kids and young adults with special needs who otherwise would never get the chance.

We are so thankful for your support and your gifts of your time, talents, and your treasures that make the ministry possible. Our vision is to raise enough leaders and staff so that we can have a Young Life or WyldLife club at every middle and high school in Carroll County and that every Carroll County teen mom and teenager with special needs will have the opportunity to grow in a relationship with Christ through our YoungLives or Capernaum ministries. Pledged new giving at our celebration banquet last month was \$1300 per month with \$31,527 in one-time gifts. However with an annual budget of \$246,300 and goal of at least \$54K in new giving for the banquet, we fell short of what is needed. Your gifts enable us to continue the ministry and grow in the areas where God is calling us to grow. **We are hoping to raise \$20,000 in year-end gifts** to help us get closer to making our 2017-18 budget and to grow our ministries deeper and wider in 2018. As with all giving to Young Life for students in Carroll County, donations are tax deductible.



All-Area YL Club- Spring 2017

For His Glory,

Joe Belinko, CCYL Missions Specialist

Yes, I want to help change the lives of Carroll County youth:

- Enclosed is my year-end tax deductible gift of:
 - \$2500
 - \$1000
 - \$500
 - \$250
 - \$100
 - \$50
 - Other \$ _____
- I will give online via EFT (by 12/29 @ 5pm) or Credit Card (by 12/31) at giving.younglife.org/carrollcounty
- I authorize donation via Visa/MC/AE/Discover credit card: CC# _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____
- I am enclosing a check made payable to "Carroll County Young Life, MD32": Check # _____

Name (on Card): _____ Email: _____

Mail to: **Young Life Carroll County**
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Westminster, MD 21157

Thank you for your gift! You will receive a receipt from YL's central office in Colorado.