



A Year in Review 2018

Giving Thanks For Our Many Blessings at YFT

Message from Love D. Jones, Vice President,
Community Relations and Special Events

The end of another year is always a time of reflection for us – a time to take stock of where we have been and a time to give thanks for the blessings which God has bestowed on us. It is by His design and His grace that we are here today. We pray for His grace and wisdom each day.

This year the blessings have been exceptional, and are possible as a result of the Lord's grace -- the tireless and faithful leadership of Joe Gibbs and Dr. Gary Jones, our dedicated Board of Trustees and Advisors, thousands of generous and faithful donors supporting the mission and the energetic and deeply committed volunteers – hundreds of them. We give thanks to you – to each of you.



The Christmas Season at Youth For Tomorrow

Help Feeding Families



In 2017, our kids helped fill bags with food and a stuffed animal to be delivered to families in need which were identified by our TDT Staff, Principals and Counselors in the 34 schools we serve in Prince William and Fairfax County.



YFT Director of Therapeutic Day Treatment, Lawrence Hubb (left) and Zack Parker (far right) delivered food and stuffed animals to Chris Yung Elementary School in Bristow for a few children and their families. Pictured from left – Lawrence Hubb, Director of TDT, Kathy Notyce, Principal at Chris Yung Elementary, Liz Vohar, School Counselor and Zack Parker, Campus Operations at YFT.

The Christmas Season at Youth For Tomorrow Angel Trees



YFT Co-Founder and Trustee, Bruce Eberle of Eberle Communications and his staff have participated in the YFT Angel Tree for countless years.



The Peterson Companies has generously participated in the Angel Tree Project for countless years led by Trustee Jon Peterson and his Head Elf, Advisory Board member, Vivinia Villavicencio.

The Christmas Season at Youth For Tomorrow

Angel Trees



(Above) Nathaniel Grant and our friends at GAM – Graphics and Marketing hosted a Holiday Open House and asked their guests to consider bringing a Christmas gift from the YFT wish list. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!!

(Right) Under the leadership of Board of Advisors member, Audrey Shay, the Keller William Realty office in Falls Church participated in the Angel Tree Project.

(Right) Russell and Katie Wiser along with Dallas Hutchinson hosted a Christmas Presents and Clothing Drive to benefit YFT. They reached out to their many friends and co-workers who generously contributed to their request. Dallas Hutchinson (pictured right) and his Dad, Richard Hutchinson (inside the truck with YFT Pastor Denny Glusko) delivered gifts including clothing, gift cards and a jogging stroller for our kids. Thank you all so very much!!



A Message from the CEO

Dr. Gary L. Jones

A 30-Year Anniversary Present

Not long ago I received an email from a friend of many years telling me that she may have met one of our earliest YFT graduates, a boy named John Arnold whom she remembered played the guitar while in residence at YFT. She learned that a John Arnold, a graduate of Shenandoah Conservatory and an Associate Professor at Moravian University, was to present a guitar concert in Winchester, VA.

Heather Humphries, my friend noted above, who wrote the YFT newsletter from the very beginning until her "retirement" in 2012, had a copy of the very first newsletter, published in September, 1988. It had a photo of the first graduating class – three boys – on the cover. She showed it to several music professors at Shenandoah Conservatory, and yes, they said it looked like the same person. John had gone to Shenandoah and developed his talent on the classical guitar.

Fast forward 30 years. The concert had been arranged by retired Professor of Guitar Glenn Caluda. I and two staff members drove to Winchester to meet Ms. Humphries and to surprise John at his concert. It was extraordinary.

We found a small restaurant and had lunch together afterward. We learned that Professor Caluda and his wife had embraced John in his college years, and he was like a son to them. Then John said something I will always treasure:



YOUTH FOR TOMORROW

New Life News

Vol. 1, No. 1, September 1988 New Life Center, Manassas, Virginia Coach Joe Gibbs, Chairman

YFT Celebrates First Graduating Class

Three young men became the first official graduates of the Youth For Tomorrow program in ceremonies attended by a room full of parents, friends and well-wishers, on Saturday, July 16.

John Arnold, Scott Bender, and Reist Mummau, Jr. were presented certificates of graduation by Coach Joe Gibbs, Youth For Tomorrow chairman.

In his commencement address, Coach Gibbs characterized the occasion as "a celebration of accomplishments."

"You are very fortunate," he told the boys. "There are so many people who love you. We're always going to be tracking you, praying for you, and asking, 'What new good things are happening to John, Scott and Reist?'"

"In an important way, you may be better prepared for life than most other teenagers, because you've already faced some adversity. You've already overcome some tough problems. And also, because there are so many people pulling and praying for you."



Graduates Scott Bender, Reist E. Mummau, Jr., and John S. Arnold

All three of the youths have been admitted to Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

John Arnold, who came to the New Life Center in May, 1987, received a G.E.D. certificate and attended Northern Virginia Community College during the past year. An accomplished guitar player and composer, he will study music and composition at Liberty University.

Scott Bender, a New Life Center

resident since August 1987, was able to complete his high school course work and receive a high school diploma. He plans to pursue a career in youth ministry and counseling.

Reist Mummau, Jr., who has been associated with the program since October 1987, will study music and composition at Shenandoah Conservatory.

Residents Say 'Thank You' at

An appreciation reception and dinner for supporters and friends of Youth For Tomorrow was held July 14 at the New Life Center. William A. Hanzel and George Kettle were co-chairmen of the event. Residents of YFT worked for 12 hours to put the home and grounds in sparkling condition for the reception. The boys helped welcome the guests, and proudly conducted tours of the premises.

Later, they led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

At the dinner, John Arnold spoke for the YFT residents, telling of his own background of drugs and truancy, and how the program gave him a second chance. He expressed his gratitude to the group for making possible a new start in life for himself and the other boys there. During the dinner he entertained the diners with



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"In this room," he said, "are the two most important parts of my life. Youth For Tomorrow and my music, represented by the Caludas." To underscore, perhaps, the importance of YFT in his life – John brought a photo album of his years at YFT – 30 years after his YFT graduation!

This was a 30-year anniversary moment and gift to me. To find one of our earliest children grown, successful in the field he loved and chose for himself, now happily married and starting a family with another Shenandoah student was moving beyond belief.

This talented, poised and happy man, now a professor of music and teacher of others, epitomized what Youth For Tomorrow is all about.

There are many hundreds of others like John out in the world today. We can be reassured that they left YFT more confident, secure in themselves and better equipped to pursue their own dreams.

That is what brings me and all the staff here to work every day. What we do is not easy. The children that come to us often have faced abuse, neglect and unspeakable tragedy. They are lost, lonely, and express their pain in rebelliousness and anger. But we can help them. When we meet a John Arnold, we can take comfort in knowing that Youth For Tomorrow can make a big and lasting difference in their lives.

We give thanks to each of you who share in these accomplishments through your support of our mission. I know that you, our supporters and donors, do what you do for the same reasons that we do.

God bless you, and God bless all our children.

Gary L. Jones, Ph.D.

As it says in Matthew 25:40: "Whatsoever you do for the least of mine, my brother and sister, you do for me."



Dr. Gary Jones (left) and Heather Humphries (right) looks on as John Arnold (center) shares his photo album he created in 1988 of his experiences at YFT and of his fond memories.

A Tribute to Dr. Jones

Reminiscences by Heather M. Humphries

The first view I had of Dr. Gary L. Jones was of a young man pushing a floor mop in the corridor of the American Enterprise Institute, a public policy think tank in Washington, D.C. He wasn't a janitor, a nice gray suit made that clear. I must have looked puzzled, because he explained to me, "It needed to be done right away. And I won't ask anyone else to do what I wouldn't do myself." When he asked me to come to his office to discuss a writing project, I knew for sure that he wasn't the janitor.

That spirit of servant leadership is one that has characterized him in all the years since.

When I met Gary in the early 1970s, I learned that he had come to Washington from his home in Michigan to work with his state's Senator, Robert "Bob" Griffin.

When Ronald Reagan was elected President, Gary was tapped to be the Under Secretary of the Department of Education (1982-1985) and Acting Secretary in 1985. When the administration changed, Gary was asked to head the newly-formed Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, where he honed his Development skills.

In 1988, Founder Joe Gibbs turned to Gary to work with the Board of Trustees and needed help raising the resources needed to build and continue to run the "youth home," as he referred to it then.



Gary devised a fundraising strategy in 1989 that still is the centerpiece of YFT's private sector support – special events. The first was the Burgundy & Gold Banquet in the spring followed by the Country Fair & Auctions in the fall. Soon there was a Valentine's Day event (now called Heart 2 Heart) and the YFT Golf Classic. They continue to be successful and attract many thousands of people to YFT.

Celebrating his 30th Anniversary at Youth For tomorrow

Reminiscences by Heather M. Humphries

Thirty years have gone by since Gary Jones first joined YFT. Under his leadership, Youth For Tomorrow has achieved the highest possible accreditation for its school, residential program and community-based behavioral health services.

On a visit to YFT, it is evident how much he cares for the children – talking with them about their lives and or offering comfort or a friendly word. And the CEO can still be seen, when necessity calls, pitching in when something needs to be done -- even pushing a vacuum cleaner.



YFT Student Receives the Student Leadership Award

One of our current residents, Shalini, received the Student Leadership Award at this year's VAISEF Conference. This award is given to a student who demonstrates outstanding leadership abilities, outstanding character, and a commitment to serve through volunteering. The award criteria included possess good moral character, be a good role model for other students in the facility, have positive relationships with staff and peers, and be in a leadership position for a student centered organization within the school.

The Virginia Association of Independent Specialized Education Facilities (VAISEF) is an association of private providers of specialized education and services for children and youth with special needs, and their families.



Pictured above is Shalini (right) with YFT's English Teacher, Sara Heflin Manfredo.

Gracie's Tearful Testimony



"Ladies and Gentlemen, Youth For Tomorrow is not just a program or a school --- it is a HOME! A home full of people who will forever make an impact on my life --- especially in my heart.

I just had not found a safe place where I felt comfortable talking to people about:

my pain --- my abuse

--- my abandonment --- my fears --- and my shame

Until --- this home – until Youth For Tomorrow came into my life. Youth For Tomorrow's staff and therapist have helped to reintroduce me to my family who loves me. Before I came to YFT I was truant or simply did not want to learn. I was a C and D student. School has now become a place of healing. And --- now I have a 3.0 GPA!!

I am actually thinking and talking about something that I never have in the past -- my future. I hope to attend NOVA and major in nursing. The teachers at Youth For Tomorrow are amazing, they help me --- and support

me beyond just my academics.

My journey has been long and challenging. BUT it led me here --- THANK YOU, LORD. Because of you, Lord, and the staff at Youth For Tomorrow I am now a better and stronger person, you have enabled me to face my fears and overcome the abuse and neglect I endured.

So let me close by thanking my adopted parents for not giving up on me

And, Youth For Tomorrow for accepting me, helping me, and giving me hope, a new life, and finally --- thanks to each of YOU for providing a home, where many other kids like me who have been abused, neglected, trafficked, and passed over are now able to feel safe and loved.

Thank You"!!!



Country music artist, Lindsey Ell, hand paints song-themed guitars and presents one of her creations to Gracie following her testimony.

2018 Heart 2 Heart Gala



Country music legend, Brad Paisley, was the featured entertainer for the evening and performed a spectacular show!! Everyone were on their feet dancing and singing to many of his hits including, “Mud on the Tires” and “Then”.



Lindsay Ell who opened for Brad Paisley during his tour last summer joined him on stage for a special musical duet – what a performance!!



Heart 2 Heart Co-Chair and Trustee, Cynthia Atwater, welcomes and thanks each of the event sponsors, “our heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your generous hearts and for supporting Youth For Tomorrow and our boys and girls!!”

2018 Heart 2 Heart Gala



Congresswoman Barbara Comstock was honored at the Heart 2 Heart Gala with the annual “In a Heartbeat” Award. “Barbara has come to the assistance of our children on several occasions while serving our community in Washington as well as in Richmond– for which we are all very grateful”, remarked Dr. Gary Jones.

(Right) Trustee Barbara Lewis was stunned when her name was drawn from the raffle hopper winning the 2nd prize in the Sweetheart Benefit Raffle. Barbara then graciously donated her “winnings” of \$10,000 back to the youth home! Thank you, Barbara!!



Rex Close, Financial Controller at Lustine Toyota reads the name of the Grand Prize winner of the 2018 Toyota Tundra ...and the grand prize winner is Dan Whitfield!!



2018 Burgundy & Gold Banquet

In January 2018, YFT was contacted by NFL Films. They had just produced a documentary special about YFT Founder, Joe Gibbs, called "A Football Life". In the making of the TV special, they reviewed footage from the early years at Youth For Tomorrow, most filmed in 1989. They wondered where these guys are now and if that might make an interesting story. So, we began some sleuthing, and thanks to social media and Google we were able to locate a few of these boys who are now men in their 40's!

They asked us to find five boys but in our searching we found 18 of our earliest alumni. From John Arnold, who was a member of the first graduating class, to three of the boys in the original NFL Films footage and many others that had stayed in touch with staff or classmates over the years.



Dr. Gary Jones is joined on stage by several former residents, including a few of the first boys served at YFT upon opening in 1986. This was a wonderful surprise to Coach Gibbs to see these young men again 30 years later!

2018 Burgundy & Gold Banquet



Coach Joe Gibbs introduces our guest speaker, the legendary Coach Lou Holtz. Coach Holtz, is the only coach in the history of college football to: 1) Take 6 different teams to a Bowl Game. 2) Win 5 bowl games with different teams. 3) To have 4 different college teams ranked in the final Top 20 poll.



Coach Lou Holtz and Board Vice President and Burgundy and Gold Chairman, Taylor Chess

YFT Classic Golf Tournament



▲ Golf Chairman, Jon Peterson welcomes the tournament sponsors and golfers.

► Pictured L to R: James Cramp, Joe Femia, Wayne Harper and Graham Morris. Thanks James for being our star.



▲ Dr. Gary L. Jones, YFT CEO, thanks Jon Peterson for his gracious leadership and for serving for 15 years as the Chairman for this very successful golf tournament and fundraiser for YFT.

Strada Awards Grant to YFT to Help Disadvantaged Students Succeed

Youth For Tomorrow received a \$200,000 grant from Strada Education Network to help disadvantaged and first generation college students make educational and career choices that will prepare them to make a living wage and succeed in professional careers. The project, known as “Education to Career Pathways,” will give low-income and minority students the counseling, career planning and mentoring to help them succeed.

“The goal is to provide financial support and guidance so they can make a successful transition to a career through postsecondary education. Our ultimate goal is to help them earn a living wage and attain financial independence,” said Dr. Gary L. Jones, Youth For Tomorrow Chief Executive Officer.

Students will be exposed to career opportunities, receive counseling in education and career planning and support through their transitions. A one-on-one mentoring program will support their growth and development and assist them in developing job preparation skills.



Keller Williams RED Day Comes to YFT for 5th Year



It was a beautiful spring day on May 10th when an army of enthusiastic Keller Williams volunteers arrived at YFT for their 5th year to generously volunteer their time through their RED Day initiative. The RED Day (Renew, Energize, and Donate) is an initiative dedicated to celebrating Keller Williams Realty's year-round commitment to improving our local communities. Each year, on the second Thursday in May, thousands of Keller Williams Associates from across the United States and Canada participate in a wide range of projects, devoting their time to renewing and revitalizing the neighborhoods in which they serve.

This year the nearly 60 volunteers concentrated their efforts at The Historic Boys Home - Wm. A. Hazel House and The Cecil Pruitt, Jr. Circle of Life. The repainted the foyer and great hall of the Historic Hazel home and a team performed extensive weeding and mulching project outside and at the Pruitt Circle of Life.

Advisory Board member, Audrey Shay and her colleagues at Keller Williams in Falls Church have taken the RED Day principle beyond a one day beautification project and participates in the Angel Tree Project. This project provides Christmas gifts for all our children on campus as well as many children we serve in the community through our Therapeutic Day Treatment program in Fairfax and Prince William Schools.



2018 Graduation at Youth For Tomorrow!



What a glorious day for our YFT graduates! YFT Graduate, Alex provides the invocation for the graduation ceremony.



Dr. Gary Jones, presents Kila with her high school diploma!



A few of our YFT graduates pictured L to R: Kila, Dr. Gary L. Jones, Ericka and Alex.



Dr. Courtney Gaskins congratulates Gracie for receiving two awards, The Citizenship Award and The About Face Award.



Elena receiving the "Outstanding Achievements in Mathematics" Award. Picture L to R: Dr. Courtney Gaskins, Vice President of Programs, Elena, Veronica Myers, Principal at YFT

Regan's Graduation Message



"Good morning ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Youth For Tomorrow's 2018 Graduation ceremony. My name is Regan and I was asked to share with you all today the journey that has brought me to Youth For Tomorrow and all the doors that have been opened since.

Before coming to YFT I was incarcerated in October 2017. I was constantly absent from home, using and selling drugs, and in and out of Juvenile Detention. The last time in JDC I spent the first week shaking, throwing up, and sweating going through withdraw from my drug use. That was when I decided it was time to make a change. I strengthened my relationship with the Lord, my family and cut off all the negativity that brought poisonous relationships to infecting my life.

Then, in March of 2018, I was taken to Jackson Field Residential where I was faced with many trials and tribulations. After being sexually assaulted by another resident while I was asleep, I packed up my bags and came to Youth For Tomorrow in April 2018.

When I first came to Youth For Tomorrow I thought this placement was going to be just like my last. I would just become another kid occupying a bed. However, once I met my amazing team, Ms. Reddick, Mr. Loper, Ms. Lewis, and all the extraordinary staff I have been blessed to work with, I was finally comfortable enough to prosper and succeed. Since being at Youth For Tomorrow I have been able to join the Substance Abuse groups, work on past trauma and focus on family therapy. I have

Regan's Graduation Message

also been able to join Ms. Phyllis and the kitchen staff to help in the cafeteria during the school hours.

When you are faced with temptations, or when life has given you hardship after hardship, and you no longer have the strength to pick yourself back up, or the desire to say NO to the temptation, keep striving to do what is right, because God often puts obstacles in our path to teach, guide or strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Our father is a merciful father, he would not put anything in our path that is not something we can overcome. Today, when I look at my peers, I see the future. I see doctors, mechanics, artists, I see future leaders of American. But what I don't see, what I refuse to see, are the mistakes and choices that brought us here. Because in 10 years it won't matter who liked who, how someone dressed or spoke, but what will matter is the skills that we gain here at YFT and how we use them.

So, for those who are leaving, and for those who are staying, please remember what you learned and how you can apply it in your lives. And, the next time, when life knocks you down, and you want to give in, just know God will never give us an obstacle that is meant to break us. He is only trying to bring you closer to completeness.

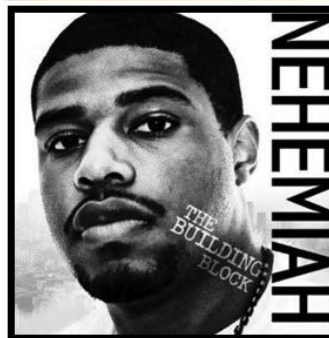
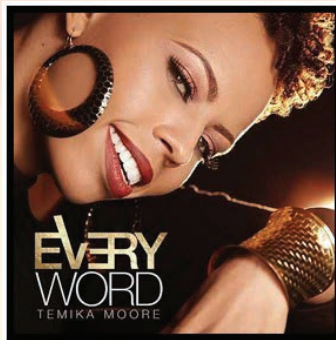
Thank you"!!



First Christian Concert Held in the YFT Chapel

On Saturday, August 11th, our first Christian concert was held in the Peterson Family Chapel for our YFT Family! The very special and spiritual evening opened with prayer by Pastor, Denny Glusko. The Floris UMC Praise & Worship Band joined him on stage with beautiful renditions of classic praise songs. Nehemiah followed with a powerful Christian rap set and was then joined by the lovely Temika Moore with her original songs of worship. Pastor Lawrence Hubb, YFT Director of Therapeutic Day Treatment closed the evening with his own powerful and spiritual message for our children, which prompted several of them to approach the stage and chose to dedicate their life to Christ.

The performances were coordinated by Eddie Fam and his Meant 2 Live Foundation. We are blessed to have a wonderful relationship with Eddie, and he has been so gracious by providing concert experiences for our kids.



Nationally Renowned Pastors Visit YFT



On July 13th we were privileged to welcome nationally renowned pastors to the YFT campus. They became aware of Youth For Tomorrow and the success of our programs and wanted to learn more about YFT, and how they perhaps could help.

When they arrived on campus we met with them in the Peterson Family Chapel for an open discussion of “who we are, what we do and how well we do it”. They arranged for a full day of fun for our kids including water slides and soccer instruction and games lead by Liberty University Soccer Head Coach, Jeff Alder!

From left:

Pastor Todd Lamphere

*New Destiny Christian Church
Apopka, FL*

Bishop Harry Jackson

*Hope Christian Church
Beltsville, MD*

Reverend Johnnie Moore

*The KARIOS Company
Glendale, CA*

Dr. Jack Graham

*Prestonwood Baptist Church
Plano, TX*

Pastor Paula White

*New Destiny Christian Church
Apopka, FL*

Jennifer Korn

Special Assistant to the President

Pastor Jentezen Franklin

Free Chapel, Gainesville, GA

YFT Country Fair & Auctions



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Ribbon Cutting for the New Regional Behavioral Health Office in Loudoun County

Youth For Tomorrow (YFT) held the grand opening for its Loudoun County Regional Behavioral Health Office for clinical behavioral health services. The ribbon cutting ceremony was attended by Congresswoman Barbara Comstock, Phyllis Randall, Chairman for the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and Suzanne Volpe, Loudoun County Supervisor – Algonkian District.

The new Loudoun Regional Office is located at 19415 Deerfield Avenue in Lansdowne. Staff includes a licensed clinical psychologist and two licensed clinical social workers. YFT accepts private insurance and Medicaid making its services available and affordable to anyone including underserved populations.



A Special Thank You from Our Kids

A very special thank you to M&T Bank and Cecilia Hodges for providing tickets for our boys to attend the Monster Jam Truck Rally at Capital One Arena -- a thrilling evening for our boys. They absolutely loved the car crushing action and loud revving engines -- thank you Ms. Hodges for the earplugs! Alex was asked about his favorite part of the evening, “just being able to go to the show -- watching the trucks and cars do tricks, especially the headstand trick was really cool!”

M&T Bank also wanted to do something special for our girls – a magical night out to see “Disney on Ice”! The show’s theme was “Follow Your Heart” and featured all the Disney favorites from Dory to the emotions from “Inside Out”, the Disney Princesses, and of course, Minnie & Mickey Mouse! The girls had a great time and learned about family, friends and most importantly, to always follow your heart!

Also, a very special thank you to Jon Peterson and the Peterson Companies who donated Washington Capitals and Wizards tickets for a few games at the Capital One Arena. The boys certainly had a great time and were ecstatic for this one in a lifetime opportunity as none of them had ever attended a NHL or NBA game before! One of the highlights for all was watching Alex Ovechkin score his 600th goal and seeing the crowd go crazy, as he is only the 20th NHL player to reach that milestone. Although a thrilling win in overtime was a close second!





"I believe there is nothing more important in life than what we leave behind in terms of how we have helped others. Years from now no one will remember who had a great season or who won the Super Bowl. That's why Youth For Tomorrow is so important. For each young man and woman that we are able to help, we start a chain of good results because he or she will influence his or her own spouse and children and others around them. And they will pass along what they have learned to others. What will last in this world is what kind of influence we have had on others."

—Coach Joe Gibbs