



Imagine...paddling a canoe, launching a bow, touring a local place of worship, soaring through the trees at Boler Mountain, or darting through a sprinkler on a hot afternoon! These are just a few of the memories that you have helped to create for at-risk children and youth living in London's largest public housing complexes this summer. Thank you for your investment in all our "Summer to Thrive" ministry programming. We are excited to share the IMPACT you have had this summer.

~ Pam Cullen, Chaplain/Executive Director

### Summer Impact Statistics:

- 55 children and youth enjoyed overnight summer camp
- 4 youth participated in overnight camp LIT programs
- 30 youth participated in a month-long leadership camp at the chaplaincy
- 40 children attended local VBS camps in London
- 24 children ages 7-9 participated in a month long Social Skills camp
- 2 weeks of literacy camp were held, a new venture we call "Alphabet Soup" where children came to the chaplaincy to play and learn focused on numeracy and reading
- 2 weeks of mini camp were held for children ages 3-5 at the chaplaincy
- 50 children per week in July enjoyed daily drop ins enjoying activities such as music, art, science, baking and sports
- 40 children per day enjoyed evening recreation enjoying positive mentorship and a safe place to play

"The majority of us lead quiet, unheralded lives as we pass through this world. There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades for us, no monuments created in our honor. But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give. Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have a potential to turn a life around. It's overwhelming to consider the continuous opportunities there are to make our love felt."

~ Leo Buscaglia



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT**



**Camp changes people...it establishes treasured memories, it nurtures confidence, social skills and self-esteem. We would like to share some summer testimonials with you:**

*"His clothes were filthy...His face had mud. But, he came home with the most beautiful smile a boy could ever have!! He said he went swimming, slept in a cabin, hung out with new friends and even got to do archery and hit the target! Thank you so much to the London Community Chaplaincy! Brandon had so much fun! You made our little boy so happy!"*

*~ Parent comment July 2017*



*Whoever reads this at the chaplaincy...Thank you for giving me so many great opportunities this summer. I had by far one if not the best summer I've ever had. Thanks to the leadership group I learned more about myself and improved on things I previously struggled with. I got to re-connect with old friends and meet and make new ones! All the trips were amazing. The counselors were some of the nicest people I've met and they helped me through times of stress, anger and helped me move on through tough times. They taught me some valuable things and how to cope against things and how I can help myself in the future. I may not be able to see some of them again, but for all the small and large lessons they taught me, I thank them, deep down and I mean it. This summer was probably the best summer I've had. Most of which is thanks to you all at the chaplaincy.*

*~ Southdale youth summer 2017*



*August 2017 has been one of the best months of my life- I didn't think that I would be able to get through a month away from home, but after tears, rain, blood and everything together, my cabin felt like home. I hope I can be a counsellor some day and return for LIT. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. Words cannot express my gratitude. Thank you once again.*

*~ Limberlost youth summer 2017*



**We are very appreciative to our summer camp hosts who offered subsidized spaces at their camps. Because of their commitment to the children at the chaplaincy, we were able to offer a wide variety of experiences this summer. We would like to say "Thank You!" to the following organizations:**

- **Forest Cliff Camp**
- **Camp Kee-Mo- Kee**
- **Camp Kintail**
- **Huron Church Camp**
- **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp**
- **Camp Pinecrest**
- **Calvary United VBS**
- **Riverside United VBS**
- **First St. Andrews VBS**
- **Our Lady of Czestochowa VBS**
- **Westpark Church**
- **New Hope Church**
- **Lambeth United VBS**
- **Chalmers Presbyterian VBS**



## Fall is in Full Motion!

One season ends and another begins! The Chaplaincy is in full motion with fall programming. Our fall youth programs include private music lessons, dance classes, tutoring, youth nights, girl's groups, art classes and more. Our fall adult programs include daily advocacy needs, supporting families in crisis or transition, offering friendship, hospitality and hope. We are running a variety of groups including sewing, quilting, cooking, men's programming and breakfast drop ins. We would love to have you pop in for a visit...so give us a call or drop on by!

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To everything  
there is a season,  
a time for every  
purpose under heaven.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1



## Fall Volunteer Needs:

Looking to get involved personally this fall?

We are looking for those who are willing to bring a meal to share with 12-14 children 1x a month for our afterschool programs.

We are also looking for those who might be willing to cook up a pot of chilli or soup for our monthly family nights!

Love to sew? We are in need of additional sewing instructors at Southdale on Tuesday mornings.

Contact us if you are interested in Volunteering with us!

