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Remain Hopeful

“StreetLeaders are losing motivation for school due to distractions and isolation within their households,” recently shared by staff at our meeting. The lockdown has made it very challenging for our young leaders to stay engaged in serving children while battling a variety of external factors affecting them.

StreetLeaders are high school students who are provided meaningful employment and volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

As I listen to the many challenges affecting our children and youth, it stirs me with feelings of despair and I wonder how we can do more in spite of the restrictions.

In Psalm 43:5 states “Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.”

This sentiment is repeated a few times in the Psalms and the writer does not hold back his feelings, but also leads us to his resolve to hope in God. It was remarkable to hear our staff share about the many challenges, but ultimately they chose to resolve to hope in what God is doing in our midst. God is at work in our resilient Staff and StreetLeaders sharing the gospel through creative virtual activities for our children.

Thank you for standing with us and pray that we will continue to remain hopeful.

Grace & Peace,



Shawn James
Executive Director



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Sliced UP

Our virtual Sliced UP cooking class has been beneficial for the children.

One of our StreetLeaders informed me that his younger sister feels more empowered to cook; she makes her own meals using the recipes she has learned at Sliced UP.

Before cooking begins, Ashley, our Ministry Supervisor, leads the group in a mindfulness activity as a way for the children to 'check-in' with how they're feeling that day. One parent came onto the virtual class with their child and said they were thankful for the mindfulness



activities. They wanted their child to speak about their emotions so they can better learn to manage them on a day to day basis.

This is just one way we continue to support our children's mental health.

—Ayesha Madden, Ministry Supervisor, Camp Hope

Impact Report 19/20



88 Children Reached



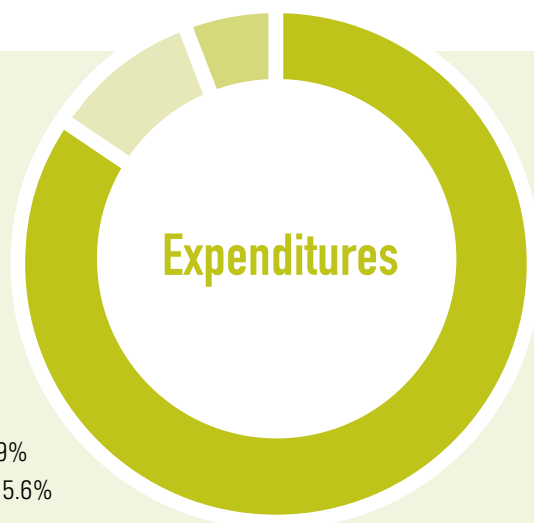
38 Leaders Raised



50 Families Supported



- Monthly Promise Partners 35.2%
- Annual Promise Partners 19.9%
- Individual Gifts 10.2%
- Events 13.2%
- Grants 21.5%



- Programs 84.5%
- Administration 9.9%
- Fundraising Tools 5.6%

I attended my first community BBQ in Glamorgan two years ago. This was a great opportunity to interact with the families living there. I saw a young boy and his mother playing together on the

basketball court. I recognized her face immediately and approached her. “Kadaesha?” I asked? She turned around and her jaw dropped in surprise. “Kelly?” she replied. We embraced and both remarked about this surprise reunion.

Kadaesha participated in our summer program at Camp Hope in 2006, my first summer with UPT. She was very funny and yet she was the instigator for causing trouble amongst her peers. I didn’t hear much from her after grade 8 as she didn’t become a StreetLeader.

14 years later, as I was set to launch our new community in Glamorgan, there was

Kadaesha with her 5 year old son. New to the Glamorgan community, she excitedly signed up her son to Camp Truth. Kadaesha shared fond memories of her time at Camp saying, ***“The staff has always been compassionate and made learning and worship fun for everyone. I am so happy that my son loves being a part of Camp Truth. Thank you for touching so many young lives, teaching, inspiring and being positive role models that help shape the youth of the future!”***

It’s so humbling to be part of a ministry that impacts the whole family. Often, we never see our impact in a community until many years later. I remain hopeful that they will know Jesus.

—Kelly, Community Director,
Camp Truth



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SPRING BREAK

Our plan is to provide activities for 50 children and employment opportunities for 20 StreetLeaders.

Within government restrictions and guidelines, we plan to have virtual programs and mini outdoor activities and excursions. We remain hopeful that we can provide spiritual, mental and physical support for all our participants.

Your donation will provide:

- Youth employment wages
- Activity supplies
- Nutritious food and snacks.

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