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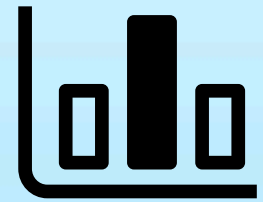
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SATELLITE UPDATE



BEST

MOMENTS OF THE YEAR

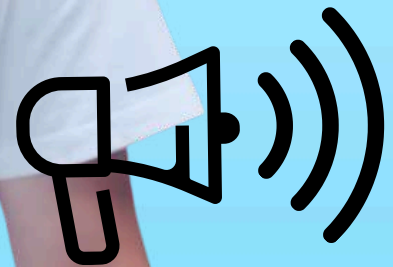


TOP 5

STUDENTS
WEIGH-IN

VISION BOARD

2026



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**





LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

The small city of Rikuzentakata, Japan was known as a beautiful coastal destination, popular for its picturesque white sand beaches. It was surrounded by a pine forest of 70,000 trees which provided the city with protection from strong winds and high surf damage from the ocean.

In 2011, an earthquake off the northeast coast of Japan sent a devastating tsunami which levelled the entire pine forest meant to protect the city. 2000 people lost their lives and every tree was flattened except one pine tree. It stood alone on the coast and became a symbol of hope and recovery to those who survived. It became known as “The Miracle Pine.” People from all over were drawn to it and inspired by it to rebuild and keep going. It became a symbol of hope and resilience.

Because one tree stood tall in the face of immense tragedy and adversity, a whole community found hope to get back on its feet. “The Miracle Pine” reminds me of Psalm 1.

***1 Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the
wicked
or stand in the way that sinners
take
or sit in the company of mockers,
2 but whose delight is in the law of
the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day
and night.
3 That person is like a tree planted
by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.***

The students we are working with are reeling in the experiences of their own chaos and wreckage. Some of these youth are abandoned by their parents, convinced they are worthless, isolated from any support network, and looking for some orientation in life.

By the grace of God we stand in the midst of hopeless situations to give them a vision that all is not lost and to offer hope that they, too, can find the same life and strength when their lives are planted in the life-giving waters of God’s presence.



For over forty years, staff and volunteers have been standing as a life-giving, resilient, and beautiful expression of God's goodness in Woodstock. Because of your support we continue to offer this hope to hundreds of youth every month.

In recent months, though, it has felt especially challenging to remain standing for our team. Tragedies, high demands, and the weathering of the seasons of ministry have had their toll. But we thank God that it is His strength and not ours, and we thank Him for an incredible support network of volunteers and supporters who have kept us going.

We can confidently say we are excited for the future and what God has for this ministry. With new staff, new programs, and a renewed Spirit we anticipate God's redemptive handiwork as all that is broken is redeemed and made new.

Would you stand with us, as we stand with them?



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Together, led by the Spirit, we trust that God will write a new "Miracle Pine" story here in Woodstock.

Blessings,



Mark Massecar
Satellite Director





(some of the) **BEST MOMENTS OF THE YEAR**

2025

January-March

We ran Alpha for the first time out of the Youth Centre. Up to 12 youth heard about the God's love for the first time and engaged in deep conversations about life and faith. One student made a commitment to follow Jesus.

July

Despite a rain-delay our 38th annual golf tournament was one of our best attended tournaments since before COVID

August

Some partners sponsored a youth to go to Canada's Wonderland. The student came from a single-parent home that could not afford this type of experience for their child. On the way home the student had a big smile on their face and said "this has been one of the best summers, ever."

September

In partnership with Home Hardware, we were able to deliver 200 brand new backpacks filled with new school supplies to families in need.

We started a Bible study and handed out four Bibles to youth who have never had one before. One student said they wanted to become a "disciple of Jesus."

Over 180 community members attended our annual celebration banquet at the beautiful Wedding Ways venue. Together we raised over \$17,000 for this important work

November

Some volunteers had a conversation with two students at the youth centre. When the volunteers shared who God was to them, the student described that kind of love as "sounding so pure." The next day one of those students came back and said they think God showed up to them by having a snowflake land on their lip, which they said is one of their favourite things. They said it felt like "God was giving them joy for the day."

December

83 students attended our Christmas turkey dinner at The Table

2026

January

Our new Youth Centre Director, Eden Maltby, achieves full funding and is able to begin front-line youth work.

Our new Executive Director, Don Rose, took over for Steve Deller after 38 years of faithful ministry.

February

Sitting on the sideline during our high school basketball run, two students who have been coming for four years leaned over and said “just so you know, these runs are the highlight of our week.”

March

New partnerships are being formed and the potential for our youth centre to be leveraged as an option for rehabilitation for youth in trouble with the law

Meet the Team



Eden Maltby
Youth Centre Director



Colin Maltby
**Program Coordinator:
Sports**



Kelly Wrigglesworth
**Program Coordinator:
The Table**



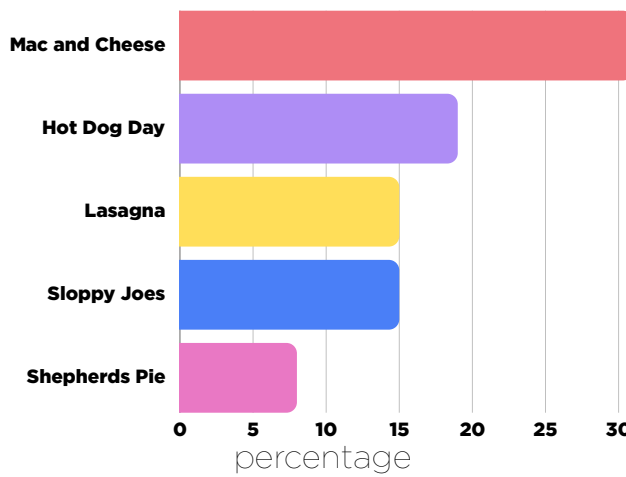
Mark Masecar
Satellite Director

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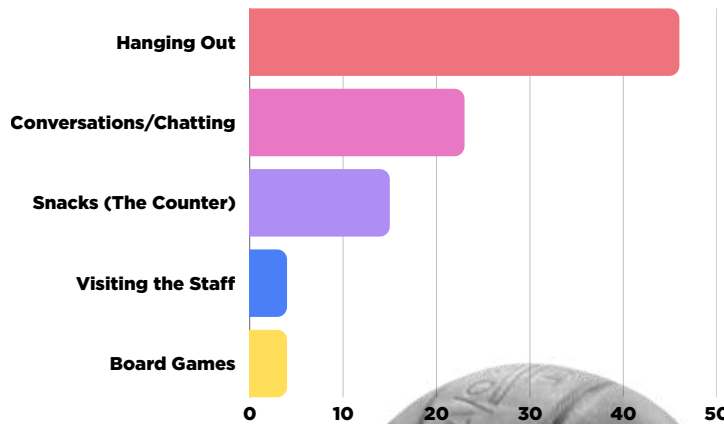
STUDENTS WEIGH-IN

We asked our students to weigh-in on what's most important to them in our programs and in their own lives; 26 students responded. Hear from the students themselves about what are the top 5 most important aspects of our programs and of their own context.

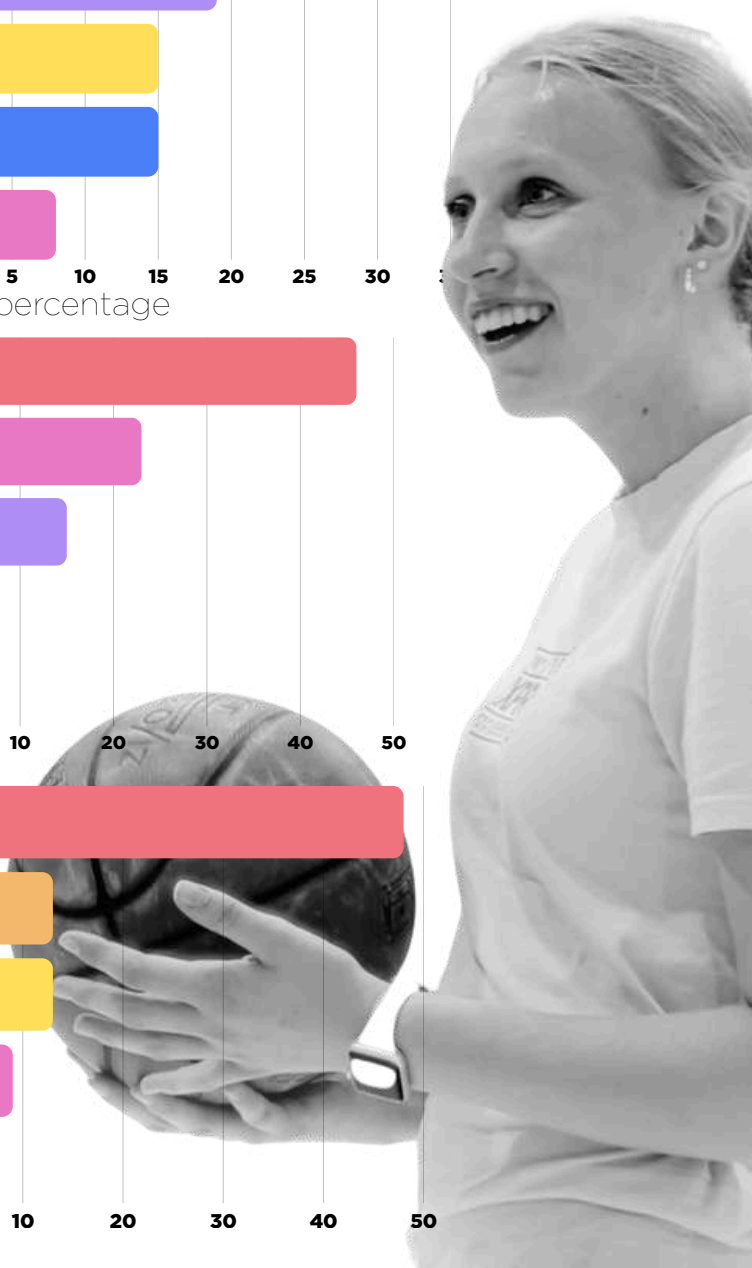
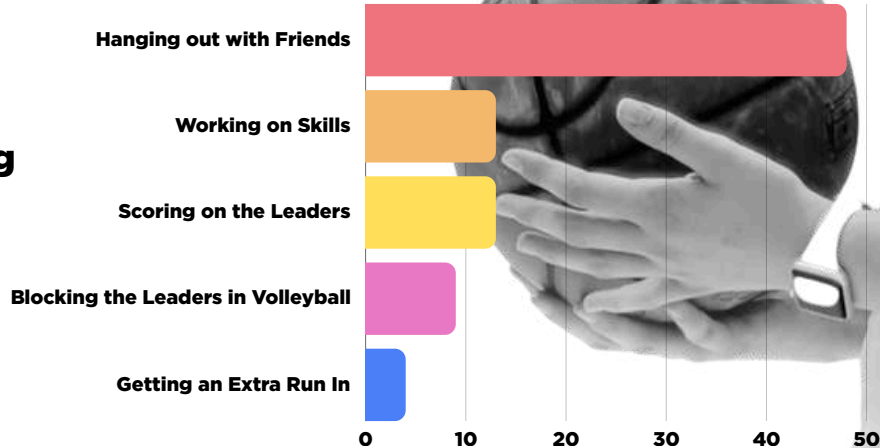
1. What's your favourite meal at The Table



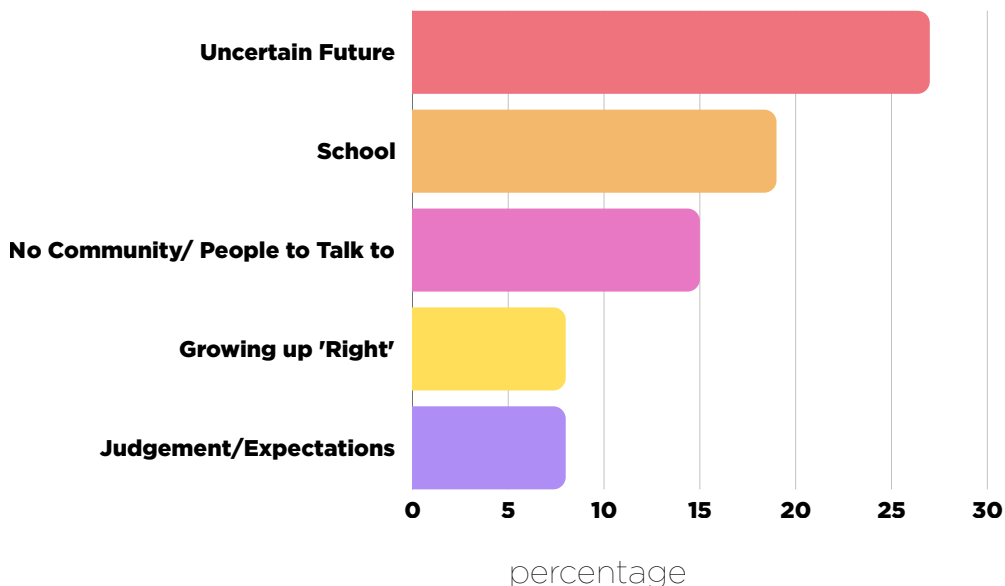
2. What's your favourite thing about the Centre (drop-in)?



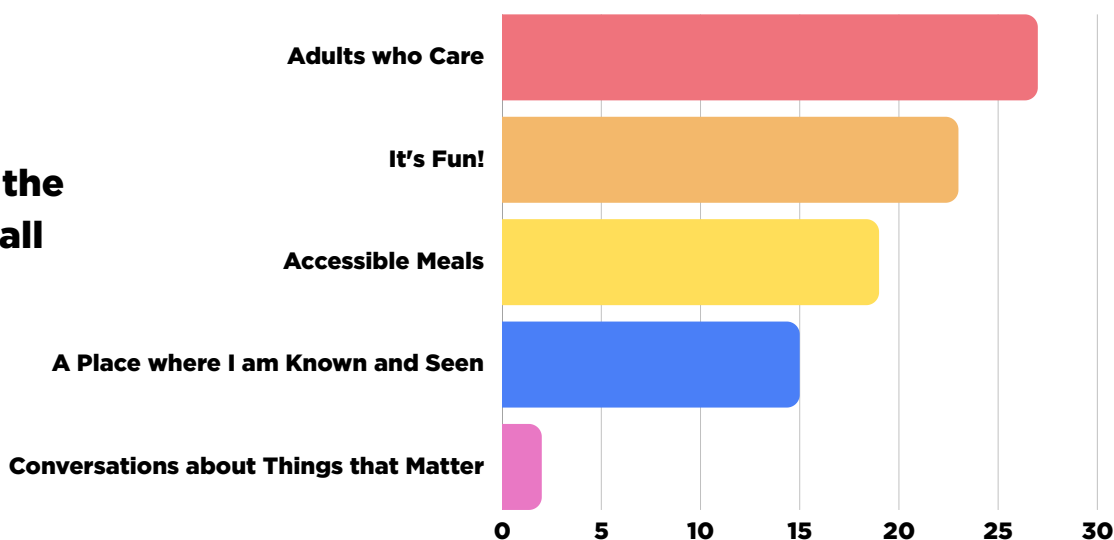
3. What's your favourite thing about Sports drop-in (The Court)?



4. What is your biggest challenge being a youth in 2026?

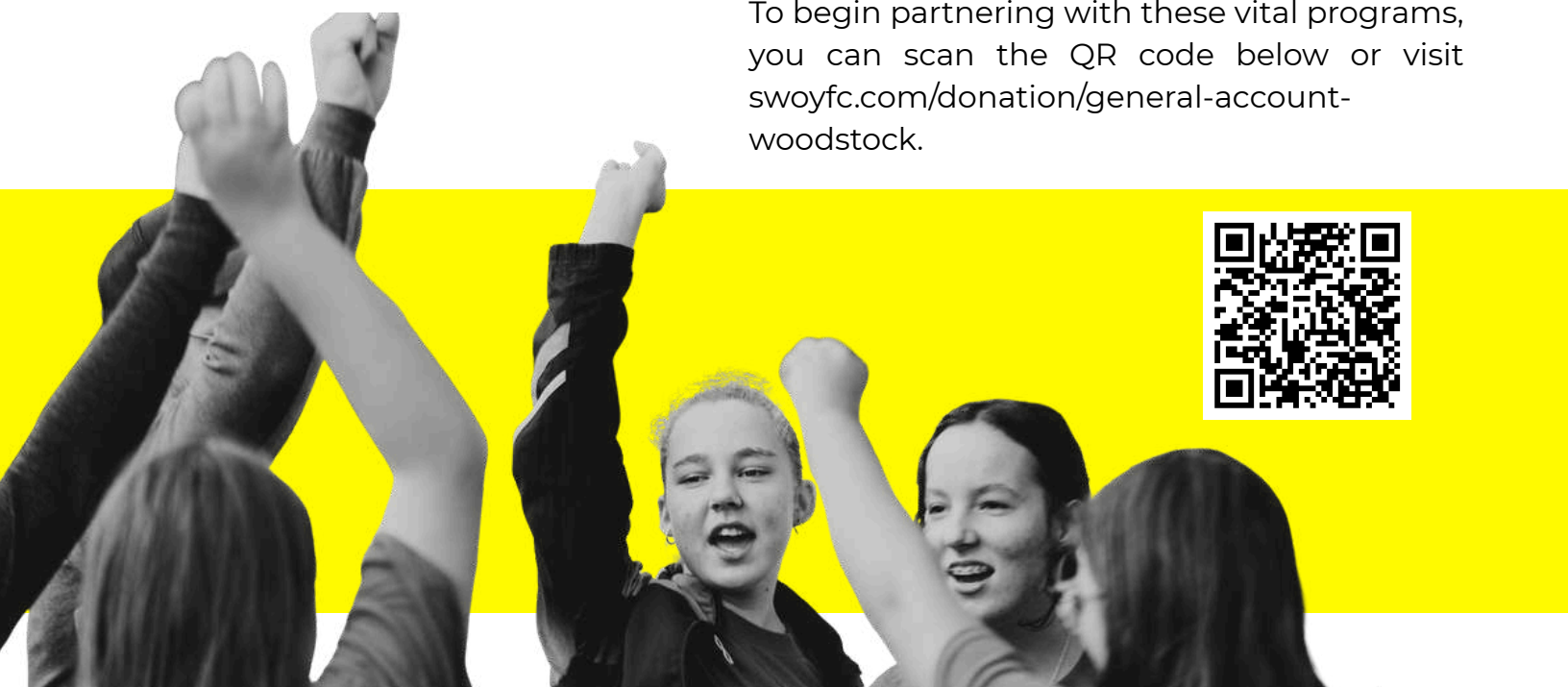


5. YFC...what is the BEST part of all of it?!?



Youth are telling us, in their own words, that community and caring adults make a meaningful difference in meeting their needs. Your support is making a difference.

To begin partnering with these vital programs, you can scan the QR code below or visit swoyfc.com/donation/general-account-woodstock.



the TABLE

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UPDATE:



You have heard the saying 'The more things change, the more they stay the same' and I feel that these last few months have highlighted this for me, although perhaps not in the way that I always understood it.

There have been some big changes in my life, namely the loss of someone very important to me. And I have seen friends and family also navigate huge losses in their lives. It changes us, how we see things, how we show up. At the same time, the things and the people that we show up for stay the same. There is a sense of normalcy that is both comforting and strange.

I see this in the youth that we serve week in and week out. We know that there are things happening for them - life changing events that they may or may not choose to talk about. But still we create a space for them. We are consistent in showing up so that if they need to go on like everything is ok, they can. And if they need a space to let it all out, they can do that too.

Our lunch numbers have evened out and we have a great group of 60-80 youth that show up every week. We have heard from parents how important it is for them. We also hear from the kids how grateful they are! God provides amazing meals that I am blessed to be able to put together for them and I am amazed every week how He provides. This week we are serving lasagna, garlic bread, salad and cinnamon buns. The only thing that I had to buy was the pasta for the lasagna. These kids are very well fed on Tuesdays!



With the supplies that I get we are also able to provide snacks and light meals at our youth centre downtown. We even have a free shelf for students to grab things to take if they need anything, and frozen meals in the freezer for them. This consistency helps me, and I know that it helps them too. Whatever big things are happening in our lives, it is these things that keep us moving forward. Caring for each other and sharing out of God's abundance and goodness is one of the ways that we show up and show them God's love for each one of them, and us.

You are an integral part of this. Every time we step into a space with these youth, we carry you with us. Your partnership, your prayers, and your support means that we have hundreds of people pouring into these kids at each program - and that makes all the difference in the world. If you haven't already joined with us, I invite you to partner with me in this important work.

Blessings,



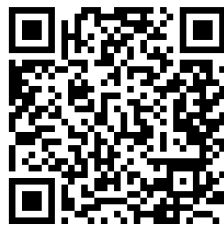
Program Coordinator

Stats: (Sept. 2025 - Feb. 2026)

of meals served: **1470**

Cost per meal served: **\$0.54**

of volunteers that serve weekly: **9**



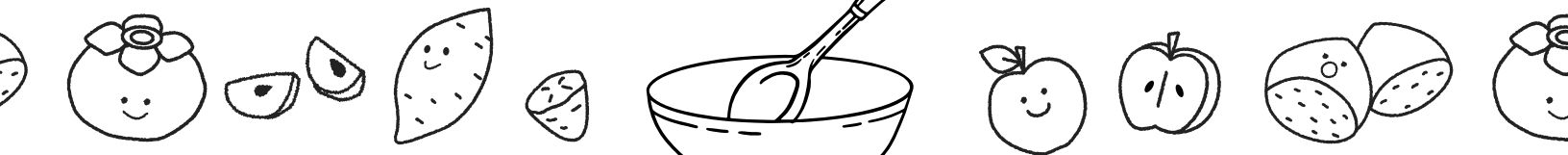
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Thank you to my Community Partners:



Werkholme Farms



The Centre,

Over the past few months I have been learning something about what it means simply to show up.

In January, I stepped into my role as Youth Centre Drop-In Director at The Centre, our youth drop-in space in the downtown core of Woodstock. Every day students walk through the doors carrying more than what we can see. Some are navigating poverty or unstable housing. Some come from broken homes. Many are trying to figure out who they are and where they belong. For a lot of the youth who come through our doors, life has already felt pretty chaotic.

And yet, they keep showing up.

At The Centre we try to create less of a “program” and more of a place: a place where students can walk in, grab something to eat, play a game, sit on the couch, or just exist for a while. Food and snacks are always available throughout the space, and students know they are welcome to take what they need. Behind the counter we keep a small tuck shop with some of the “fancier” snacks, but the currency isn’t money—it’s conversation. If students want something from the tuck shop, they simply have to stop and chat with one of us. Sometimes the conversations are quick and light, and sometimes they turn into something deeper. Either way, those small moments often become the start of meaningful relationships.



And relationships are really what The Centre is about.

Many of the youth who spend time with us are looking for something simple but powerful: adults who care. They are looking for safety, mentors, food when they’re hungry, and a place where they can belong. Our space has also become a place where many youth from the LGBTQ+ community feel safe enough to walk through the doors and stay awhile. For us, this means meeting students where they are and showing them the love of Christ in practical ways—through listening, serving, and walking alongside them as they navigate life.

Being located in the downtown core also means that The Centre has become a small but meaningful presence in the life of our city. In a part of Woodstock where many people experience hardship and

uncertainty, our doors remain open as a place of welcome. We hope that the laughter, conversations, and care happening inside our walls are a small sign of hope and encouragement for the community around us as well.

Sometimes the impact shows up in quiet ways.

One student who has been coming regularly, barely used to say a word. She would sit quietly and keep to herself. Over time, as staff and volunteers continued to welcome her and make space for her, something began to change. She started talking more, laughing more, and slowly stepping out of her shell. The Centre became a place where she felt safe enough to be known.

Another student recently shared something that stuck with me. She told us that our Satellite Director, Mark, has become a father figure in her life. Moments like that remind me that what may feel small to us—playing a game, asking about someone’s week, sitting down for a conversation—can mean the world to young people who don’t have many safe adults in their life.

We are also beginning to see students grow in new ways. Lately we have been encouraging youth to move from seeing themselves only as victims of their circumstances to recognizing the leadership and strength they carry within them. Part of that has meant helping students learn how to listen to people who think differently than they do and respond

with respect and character. In a space as diverse as The Centre, those conversations matter. We are already seeing small shifts as students begin to grow in their ability to care for one another in the midst of those differences.

Starting this role in January has been both humbling and encouraging. It is humbling to hear the stories these students carry, but it is also deeply encouraging to see the resilience they show and the hope that can grow when someone simply chooses to show up consistently.

Thank you for supporting the work happening at The Centre and helping make it possible for youth in Woodstock to have a place where they are welcomed, cared for, and reminded that they matter.

If you are not currently supporting this work would you join my monthly support team?



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Eden Maltby

Eden Maltby
Drop - In Centre
Director

2026

VISION



**LAUNCH OUR NEW
CHARACTER
DEVELOPMENT
CURRICULUM.**

**ASK OUR STAFF
ABOUT IT.**

A biblical vision and framework for helping youth participate with God in cultivating a healthy character toward a flourishing life.

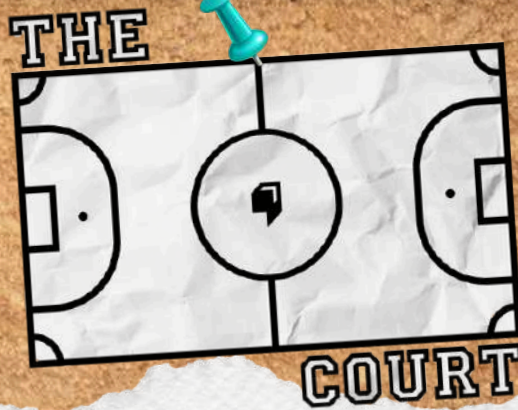


**STRENGTHEN, GROW
AND CELEBRATE OUR
AMAZING VOLUNTEER
TEAM**

Almost 20 volunteers pray, serve, mentor and give of their time. We are blessed with an incredible team but need it to grow

BOARD

RE-BRAND AND
RE-ENVISION OUR
SPORTS DROP-IN
PROGRAM UNDER OUR
NEW COORDINATOR



We are looking to expand sport options for youth while introducing open court game nights and targeted coaching skill development & mentorship spaces

EXPANDING OUR
NETWORK FOR
FURTHER IMPACT

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LIVE UPDATE

2%
\$50,000

Our team and outreach are growing. We need to diversify and grow our support network. To do this we have launched a campaign called "Building a Better Future, Together" to support this growing work.



SPORTS

Every Monday night we host free volleyball and basketball drop-ins. Our aim is to help each student reach their full potential on the court, and transfer those skills to the other aspects of their lives. Every week we connect with 30+ youth in the community.

Youth of all skill levels are welcome. The evenings offer a variety of skills development and scrimmages, located at Huron Park Baptist Church (199 Berwick St.).

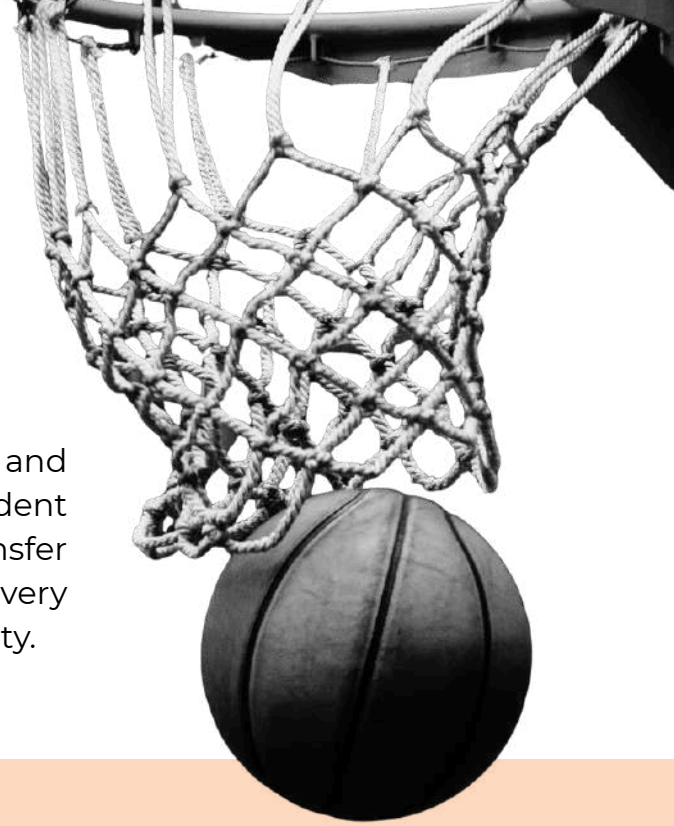
Volleyball - Ages 11-17 from 6-7pm

Basketball - Ages 14-17 from 7-8:30pm

Volleyball

2025/26 Avg. Attendance

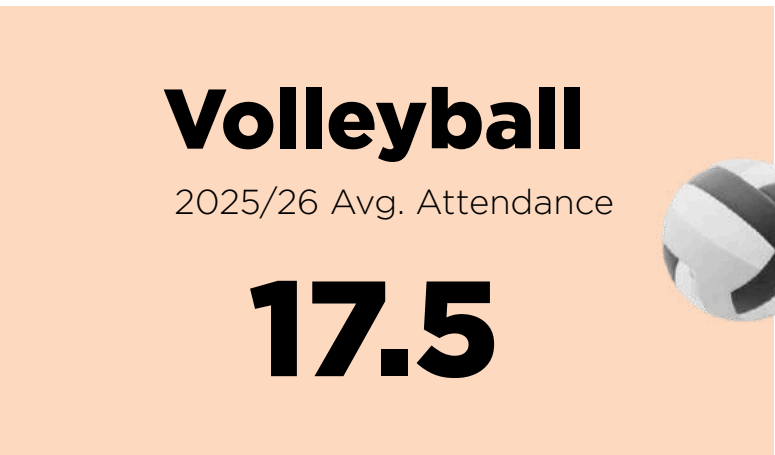
17.5



Basketball

2025/26 Avg. Attendance

12.5



UPCOMING EVENTS

Golf 39th annual **Tournament**

June 2



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TOUR FOR TEENS **JOIN OUR TEAM**

June 13



Celebration Banquet

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Sept. 28



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