## **ANNUAL REPORT 2024**

Dear Friends,

One year ago, we set out to bring hope to a generation in crisis, hungry for God. We worked diligently to be better stewards of His resources and you joined us with your support. We reached 455 youth—a 95% increase from last year—and deepened our connection with 230 kids, marking a 53% increase. Look what the Lord has done!

Each number represents a young life touched by the Good News. Lives like the 44 kids who found hope at our new ministry site, The Station. Or the students from Christian clubs now collaborating across school district lines with local church leaders. And the children at the Juvenile Detention Center who are turning their lives around and getting their GEDs.

This is what we do: bring hope to kids in desperate need of a loving Savior. This year, we are committed to doing even more as we focus on what bears fruit.

I urge you to continue investing in the lives of our youth. A bright future awaits us.

With Gratitude,
Beria Gaxiola, Executive Director



Increase in names given



Increase in mentoring relationships



Doubled the decisions for Jesus



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## "I'm too old to relate to teens."

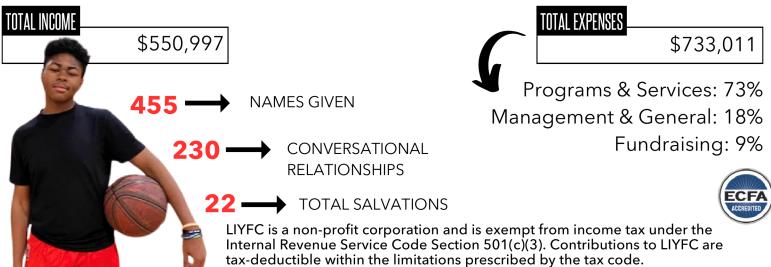
At least that's what I kept telling myself and God as I felt led to work directly with teens again. Despite my reservations, I decided to give it a try. I found myself among 15 energetic teens at our new City Life site in Huntington Station.

One girl, Liz, seemed particularly resistant, avoiding eye contact and keeping her distance. Respecting her space, I simply greeted her with a hello and goodbye. Meanwhile, her brother was visibly struggling, and we began talking about school and his future.

One evening, after he and I had a heartfelt discussion and prayer, Liz sat next to me and opened up about her own struggles. We talked and prayed, and she hugged me, thanking me sincerely.

I was flabbergasted! God showed me that if you make yourself available and show you care, you're never too old to connect with teens.

## LET'S TALK NUMBERS



## I met the Godfather.

Several years before the Equal Access Act passed in 1984, Mr.D, aka "The Godfather," was approached by students who had a desire to gather to pray and study God's Word at school...and thus, the New Hyde Park HS Christian Club began. Though they were met with some initial discouragement, the club continued to meet.

This past June, at the club's last meeting, over forty teens came together to worship, celebrate, and share in all God has done this year.

Mr. D came to visit, and when I asked him what it was like seeing so many kids still meeting after school, he said,

"It's great! It's so inspiring! I love seeing them put God first in the center of their lives!"

We couldn't agree more.