THANK YOU for supporting Rhode Island Young Life

Your financial support has allowed us to continue ministry, ending 2014 in the black and to start 2015 strong. Newport County now has a specific giving number. When you give to the work in Newport County your receipt will indicate “RI26” and when you give to the work in Northern RI or the Rhode Island fund it will indicate “RI25.”

Annual Budget: $87,271
Monthly Budget: $7,273
Monthly giving: $4,660

Thanks to you, the Goddard Park Banquet Event, Veteran’s Day Breakfast and matching grant were a success. These one time gifts have met the monthly financial need through the winter and given us a current balance of $13,069.00 (Rhode Island Fund: $6,664.42 Newport County Fund: $6,404.58).

In addition to our regular budget we need to raise $8,000 in donations to help teens get to camp this year.

Thank you for going the distance for teens with your financial support at our fall fundraisers.

We need YOU to keep the plates spinning

Ministry is a lot like spinning a dozen or more plates. This season we are grateful our financial “plate” has some momentum, but our volunteer “plate” is wobbling precariously. With four leaders retiring in Northern RI we are left with a great need for both male and female leaders. We have so many young people we know without adults to walk alongside them. Several Rhode Island Young Life Advisory Board members have stepped down leaving us with half the number of people needed. The Newport County Core Group has a good start, but needs more people to go the distance; while the Northern RI Core Group has dwindled. We cannot continue ministry in Northern RI without people to commit to work behind the scenes with the Core Group and we cannot start regular ministry in Newport County without more leaders. You can help: 1– Ask about what projects and jobs are available. 2– Introduce someone you know to Young Life. 3– Ask about meeting with the Northern RI Core Group 3x/year. 4– Ask for more information about mentoring teens. 5– Participate in the Bowl-a-thon or Newport County spring event. 6– Commit to being a regular prayer partner to receive monthly prayer request and attend a prayer meeting each semester. RI Young Life: 401-829-2603

Young Life Camp: A place where amazing things happen

Young Life leaders get to see lives changed. One kid came to club for the first time with the intention of committing suicide that day. We intervened in the appropriate ways and were able to bring him to Fall Weekend just three days later. He came to the next club a different kid: energetic and vibrant. He brought four friends and homemade cookies for everyone! Young Life camp is a particularly powerful resource. As we prepare for camp this year we anticipate more stories like these from 2014:

I had an amazing week at Young Life. I developed friendships with people in a week who I thought would never be my friends in a lifetime and it makes me happy. I also am very relieved about how much my eyes opened and turned my life around. I am grateful for everything...

I can honestly say, BEST WEEK EVER!! I’m so happy for the close relationships I formed. I even got to start one of the most important relationships in my life, thank you Young Life!

This was the best week of my life... Tubing was amazing, but the best was cabin time because I learned a lot more about people and grow closer as friends. I can’t wait for the next trip.

Young Life is the first place I have felt that I can really be myself.

(We need to raise $8,000 to bring kids to camp this year. Turn the page to see how to help.)

Rhode Island Young Life Advisory Board
Ashley Biebel-Webster, Robin Buck, Anna Cameron,
Peter Cameron, Karen Trudel

*Winner will be selected using random number generator at www.mathgoodies.com
Attention Friends and Alumni! The Bowl-a-Thon is a GREAT time and annual event. Join us for a morning of fun, adventure, meet teens and leaders and support Young Life. Saturday, March 21 registration at 9:30am at Walnut Hill Bowl in Woonsocket. Contact the office for more information. ri.younglife.org, 401-829-2603

$10 Prom: Young Life has its own version of this time honored tradition and we are grateful to Bryant University and Inter Varsity for hosting this memorable time in April.

Car washes, yard work, coffee sales, canning and other activities combined with Wednesday nights are keeping us going strong. If you need house or yard work done and would be willing to donate toward a teens camp trip, they would love to do it for you. Contact the office to set up a time: 401-829-2603, riyounglife@gmail.com.

Summer camp is just around the corner!! We have 30 spots reserved at Lake Champion Sat, July 11-Fri, July 17. And will be wilderness camping August 5-10.

“Jump start team” The first week of July a team of Young Life experts are coming to help us have a week of focused meetings with key people throughout the state. We would love your input on who we should share the vision of Young Life with during this week.

Coming Soon. Spring fundraiser in Newport. Look for a movie at Jane Pickens Theater to support Young Life.

Thank you to Alex and Ani who are donating 15% of all sales from the Providence store on Wayland Avenue between 6&9pm on Wed. April 29th to RIYL camp (including orders phoned in)!

This summer we need to raise $8,000 in camp scholarships. Last year be brought over 30 teens to camp and just one was able to pay the entire camp fee. Kids and families face extremely difficult situations. At Young Life we never want money to stand in the way of experiencing the hope of God during the best week of their lives. You will receive a letter from the service center asking if you want to donate to urban teens across the mission. Funds given in response to that letter will go to a national fund, not Rhode Island campers. To donate to Rhode Island teens, use the enclosed envelope and write “camp” on the memo line.

YOUNG LIFE AROUND RHODE ISLAND

NORTHERN RI
- We have just one male leader for all of Northern RI. We need more male leaders!
- Club has been adventurous and growing with a diversity of teens.
- We have had two leaders retire this fall and are looking for people between the ages of 19 and 90 to learn more about mentoring teens.
- We are starting meetings to build our Northern RI Core Group In order to sustain ministry we need local parents, alumni and adults.
- Receipts of donations to Northern RI will continue to read “RI25 Rhode Island.”
- We’re looking to breach language barriers with bilingual leaders and increase number of post-college as well as college aged leaders.
- To invest your time, talent or treasure with YL in Northern RI contact Corenna Hoyt at 401-829-2603.

NEWPORT COUNTY
- We have two people committed to mentoring teens and are starting leaders’ meetings. We pray we will start consistent ministry this semester with two more adults committed to be leaders.
- As Young Life begins, we are meeting with those concerned about our community’s youth so we can support existing programs.
- Newport County now has a specific giving number. Receipts of donations for Newport County will now read “RI26 Newport County.”
- We have been visiting churches, pastors and individuals asking them to “go the distance” with Young Life by joining the support team.
- To invest your time, talent or treasure with YL in Newport County contact Robyn Buck (kbnewport@msn.com), Bill and Marie Ferree or Corenna Hoyt (829-2603).

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