

## Young Life in Columbus

*Bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ into the lives of adolescents with an approach that respects who kids are and brings hope about who they can be.*

Young Life is a world-class ministry for adolescents. Our staff and volunteers enter the world of kids, focusing on what matters to them: fun, adventure, friendship and a sense of significance. In doing so, we earn the privilege of talking to them about something that we think matters most of all—the truth about Jesus Christ.

Our hope is to bring the life-changing message of Jesus to the farthest out students in the Columbus City Schools by building authentic friendships with them. One high school student from Columbus described the impact that Young Life and his leader had on him:

“I moved from California a few years ago. My mom had been in and out of prison, and we moved to Ohio so she could work. Immediately when I got here I started sneaking out, drinking and doing drugs. When I got to high school I started looking for something more. I knew that my life was not moving in the direction I wanted it to go. I met Chris (one of our Young Life leaders) last spring. He was one of our track coaches and he invited me to summer camp. At camp I heard about Jesus and how much he loved me and I decided to commit my life to him. Now my life is different. I have hope, I have what I was looking for.”



*Columbus city high school students about to take on the “giant swing” at Young Life camp.*

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## Please pray for

- *Our volunteer leaders: for protection, deeper relationships with the Lord, and open doors for sharing the Gospel.*
- *For our current high school ministries at Beechcroft, Centennial, Northland, West and Whetstone. For students to meet Christ there.*
- *For hopeful ministries at Briggs, East, Linden-McKinley and Mifflin High Schools. For open doors and for leaders.*