

## Iziah's summer

"If it wasn't for Inner Hope, Mark, and Nate, I wouldn't have thought of doing Counselor-in-training (CIT) at Camp Qwanoes.

In the CIT program, I learned a lot from the sessions like apologetics and evangelism. I really appreciated the community there. They were there for me when I needed it.

Camp also taught me how to keep my faith going after the summer, like going to church. A week after coming back I got a job at a restaurant to save up for doing the 8-month Kaleo program at camp next year."

For the past year and a half, Nate Hartley has given leadership to our Discipleship programming. He came across research that shows that young people who do leadership training at Christian camps are more likely to grow and maintain a vibrant faith. As a result, the last two summers Nate has focused his support on helping our youth enroll and successfully complete leadership training at Camp Qwanoes.

Iziah was one of eight youth who completed a leadership course at Camp this year. These youth are an inspiration in our community. Their passion for Christ, for their family,



and for their future will make a huge difference in the years to come.

As Nate moves on to complete his final internship for his Master's of Divinity, we thank him for his vision and dedication during his time on the staff team. We are glad that he is continuing to be a part of the Inner Hope community as a volunteer.

## A season of growth!

We felt so blessed this summer to be able to gather with so many of our youth, young adults and families and offer a time of rejuvenation. This period of reconnection and replenishment has born great fruit.

After a summer of spiritual growth, five youth are planning to attend a new small group with Faith, our new discipleship coordinator, and are just deciding on a topic of study.

Our young adults are brimming with energy as they begin the fall season.. Several have new jobs or new post-secondary opportunities that they are pursuing.

This summer really was a gift from all of you who have supported us this season. Thank you for being part of our journey. You have had more of an impact than you know.

13 youth went to the Boundless Camping Trip	8 youth did leadership training at Camp Qwanoes	7 youth attended overnight camp at Camp Qwanoes
1 youth was Baptized	1 young adult joined our staff	
9 youth volunteered at camp at New Beginnings Church	6 young adults came to the Post-Secondary Camping Trip	1 family went to Family Camp at Keats Camp

## Our amazing summer staff

We give thanks this year for our two amazing summer interns- whose love and care for the youth will have an impact for years to come.

Here are some of their reflections from their time with us.

### Rebel

This summer was such a blessing! I was stretched, challenged, and used in many ways; and I definitely felt God's goodness in my internship. I learned a lot from the staff team, the community members, and the youth. It was amazing to see how quickly everyone accepted me - and before you know it, I was doing life with a lot of beautiful people.

I experienced and saw the Lord at work here and it is so wonderful! I am overwhelmed with appreciation for the youth for giving me opportunities to grow in my leadership skills, my



patience, and my understanding; and for allowing me to walk alongside them in many aspects of life (especially in such a short amount of time). I walked away from this summer internship with so much love, appreciation, and gratitude for Inner Hope, the donors, the volunteers, the youth, and East Vancouver.

Our creator is doing big and wonderful things in this community!

### Courtney



My highlight this summer was camping with the youth. They just blew my mind. They are very strong. When I was that age in the foster care system, I was looking for trouble. There weren't places like this for me to go to. I love Inner Hope. I think they need to have more places like this around the world. These youth will be the ones to change the future.

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what moves you?

We're thrilled to be gearing up to participate in the Ride for Refuge again!! This year we are again blessed by a donor willing to double any gift of \$100 or more (up to \$10,000)!

### Our Community Riders

We love the Ride for many reasons. One is the fact that our community rides with us every year. The Ride gives us all a chance to fundraise together for a cause we all care about.

### What the funds are for

This year we are fundraising for "The Home" - our family-style residence for youth.

When new youth move into "The Home" we make them feel as welcome as possible. We give their walls fresh paint, we celebrate their arrival, and we prepare a care package just for them. Your gifts from The Ride last year helped us welcome four youth into The Home.

### On October 2nd...

Inner Hope is seeking to raise \$40,000 towards the cost of our housing programs.

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