



Youth  
Unlimited™  
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# 900 children and youth are counting on our summer programs



There's been  
a change in our  
funding expectations...

# We need \$244,000 to give our young people the building blocks to shape their future, communities & city

Each summer, Youth Unlimited hires dozens of young people to help run day camps, sports leagues, drop-in programs, and other outreach initiatives across the city. These summer jobs offer valuable mentoring, leadership training, and spiritual development. Giving youth a transformative summer work experience provides them with the building blocks to help positively shape their future.



**Positively impacting children’s lives had a profound impact on my life. I learned valuable skills such as working with and managing teams, creativity, problem-solving, organization, conflict resolution, patience, and responsibility.**

—JAARON  
Seeds of Hope Jane-Finch  
Summer Camp



**We hired “Shayla” to work as a cleaner at The Shop. She was trying to find a place to live and means by which to pay her rent and buy food. During her time with us, she learned to detail cars, and gained property maintenance skills. Since the summer, Shayla earned her driver’s license and was hired as a full-time crew member of a landscaping team.**

—MARK DEAN  
The Shop Director



**Over the last 5 years, Youth Unlimited has hired 251 summer students,** many who have come from underserved communities. Most of these youth participate in our year-round programming and are in long-term mentoring relationships with our team of staff and volunteers.

For many years, Youth Unlimited has been blessed to receive funding from the federal government to create summer work experiences for young people. Last year, this grant equipped us to hire 73 staff to serve more than 900 youth through our summer ministries.

This year, Youth Unlimited did not get approved to receive this government funding. We now experience **a shortfall of more than \$240,000 to hire the 36 young workers we've deemed essential** to safely run our programs and outreach initiatives. Clearly, we need to ask you for financial support for life transforming jobs at our summer ministries.



**Working with Youth Unlimited has been the most impactful and rewarding work experience I have ever had. Every year, I witnessed at-risk youth transform before my eyes. Many of the children who came to camp troubled and unsettled left with a vibrance that came from living in a healthy and fun camp environment.**

—JAARON  
Seeds of Hope Jane-Finch  
Summer Camp



**DOXA Day Camp was one of the best opportunities I've been given. I was able to watch young minds grow as they heard of Jesus and his many incredible stories. It's fascinating to watch how they listen, play, learn, love, laugh, and care for each other. I'm so incredibly lucky to have met all the staff and find more people to call family.**

—SHIANNA  
DOXA Day Camp



**Working at Seeds of Hope opened my eyes to understand the interplay of systemic poverty, violence, and injustice by witnessing it first-hand in the stories of the children who have lived through it their entire lives. I learned that creating change in our cities starts with our children. It requires investing in programs that foster learning, skill-development and mentorship.**

—JAARON  
Seeds of Hope Jane-Finch  
Summer Camp

The ripple effect of this lack of government funding is significant. Not only will many of the youth we journey with all year-round not receive valuable summer employment, but our programs will be at risk of being cancelled or significantly downsized, **leaving many children without community programming.**

Simply put, **our summer ministries will not be able to continue without your help.**

A one-time donation or commitment to monthly giving will help us invest in the 'building blocks' of our future workforce – the young people Youth Unlimited serves and employs.

**Would you consider sponsoring a young person for one day, one week or one summer of employment, in order that we may hire 36 essential summer students across the GTA?**

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Here's a breakdown of how **your donation of any amount** will contribute to positively shaping our young people through transformative summer work experiences:

**1 Day = \$136**  
OF EMPLOYMENT 1,800 days of employment

**1 Week = \$680**  
OF EMPLOYMENT 360 weeks of employment

**1 Summer = \$6,800**  
OF EMPLOYMENT 36 summer students

**\$244,000** OF FUNDING REQUIRED

