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FACT SHEET

YouthWorks!, Inc.® (YW) has always been about “more”—more Jesus, more life. Below is a snapshot of our pursuit of “more,” from our ministry beginnings in the mid-90s as a youth missions organization—to our future vision—as a growing provider of Christian resources for ministry.

More About Our Past:

- + **Founded in 1994 by Paul Bertelson**, YW started as a youth missions ministry with a goal to become a broader resource for the Church—to “Help the Church Be the Church.”
- + **In 2008**, after focusing the first 14 years on planning and facilitating youth mission trips, YW expanded its ministry vision to include planning and facilitating ministry experiences for children, youth and families.
- + **Over the past 16 years**, YW has served 400,000 participants through 10,000 churches.

More About Our Present:

- + **Headquartered in Minneapolis, MN**, YW currently has regional offices in Chicago, Philadelphia and Birmingham, AL., as well as a Canadian affiliate in Vancouver, BC.
- + **With 65 full-time employees and 350 seasonal staff**, YW provides life-changing ministry experiences for children, youth, college students and multi-generational groups of all ages through a family of ministries that include:



YouthWorks Missions, provides week-long, Christ-centered, missions trips for junior and senior high school students and multi-generational groups.



SportsLife Camps are innovative sports and arts-themed day camps for kids ages 6-11 that are designed to help the church develop children’s faith in Jesus.



GreaterWorks is a year-long experiential ministry program that provides young adults with an opportunity to work, serve and learn while living in community.



Youth Works Foundation provides resources and grants to create and foster youth and community ministry in locations where YW missions has a presence.



Recharge is a multi-denominational event that aims to inspire and equip church staff and volunteers in their efforts to help kids and families love, follow and serve Jesus Christ.

More About Our Future:

- + **YW is growing!** Our most recent addition of **Youth Specialties** to the family will enable us to train, equip and inspire youth workers to lead more young people to Christ than ever before.



More people—*Youth Specialties*, a national leader in equipping youth leaders, reaches **more than 100,000 volunteers and youth workers** each year.

More churches—*Youth Specialties* has established relationships with **10,000 more churches**.

For more information on Youth Specialties, visit www.YouthSpecialties.com

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