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Remembering Paul D. Evans, Youth Dynamics Co-Founder, 1946-2019

Dear Ministry Partners of Youth Dynamics,

The world lost a giant this past August when our founder, Paul Evans, died. He is the reason why I said 'yes' to joining YD - I so loved his passion for Jesus and his passion for kids.

To his dying day, this passion never waned! The impact he had on people is hard to quantify. No doubt, thousands have heard about Jesus Christ because of this humble, faithful, adventurous, and incredibly loving man.

I am blessed to be a part of this ministry to which Paul gave so much. I miss our regular times together, but I rejoice that Paul is with his Savior! As we prepare to celebrate YD's 50th anniversary in 2020, we remain steadfast in our mission that Paul started. His legacy carries on through the countless lives he both directly and indirectly impacted.

As a ministry partner, please know we are incredibly grateful to partner with you in the Great Commission work of Youth Dynamics. Our ministry, through youth outreach and life-changing adventures, is relevant, meaningful, and needed today. Our youth, more than ever, are struggling to find hope and meaning for their lives. Your partnership makes a difference for kids and provides incredible opportunities for them to know and follow Jesus Christ. Thank you!

Warmly in Christ,

Tom Davis



Tom Davis
President
Youth Dynamics



Current President Tom Davis and co-founder of Youth Dynamics, Paul Evans, at a fundraising event in 2018.

P.S. If you would like to make a contribution to the Paul Evans Memorial Fund, please go to www.yd.org to contribute.

Humble Beginnings

A life insurance salesman walked into a pastor's office one day and asked him if he could have a few minutes of his time to sell him life insurance. The pastor chuckled and said, "I'll give you 20 minutes if you give me 10 to sell you my life insurance plan."

This conversation with the 21-year-old salesman, Paul Evans, began a lifelong journey. Paul accepted Christ the day he met that pastor and soon after he felt compelled to share his newfound life with teens at his old high school.

As Paul began to see the immense need for a ministry to rural teens, he felt God calling him to a bold new venture. Paul and his wife, Connie, sensed God was leading them into full-time ministry. In those first few months, Paul saw hundreds of teens come to learn about and accept Jesus. Little did he realize that this was just the beginning of a ministry that would have a broad reach for Christ.



*Above: Paul and a student in the 70's.
Left: Paul and Connie Evans, founders of Youth Dynamics.*



From these humble beginnings, the ministry grew. Youth Dynamics began in Anacortes in 1970 and expanded over the years into new communities. As the years progressed, more programs were added including adolescent counseling, an adventure-based ministry known as YD Adventures, and Stonewater Ranch.

Youth Dynamics continues to seek new opportunities to minister to the lives of young people and pursuing the vision God has placed before us, "To see youth transformed by the power of Christ, integrating them into the local church and impacting their world for Him."

Paul's and Connie's heart, vision, and story lives on in the lives of current staff with similar vision and calling. Today, Youth Dynamics reaches thousands of students each year through personal relationships and adventure-based experiences. Each interaction is an opportunity to share the love of Jesus in a very tangible way. Our continuing commitment is to make a significant impact for Christ in the lives of young people.

Prayer Request:

Please pray for the ministry of Youth Dynamics and the teens in the Northwest who have yet to hear the gospel.

Paul Dybbro Evans, Co-Founder of Youth Dynamics
Nov. 13, 1946 – Aug. 30, 2019

The Wilderness Reset

Many hours were spent this summer surrounded by young people learning to encounter Christ in their everyday experience. We don't take people out into the mountains because God is more present there than anywhere else, but time spent in deep beauty can help us see that the entire world we live in is a reflection of the loving nature of the divine. Our wilderness experiences can help us recalibrate to see that the entirety of the created world is Christ-soaked!

On one of these trips, Joan had a 'recalibrated' experience. She was one of the quieter girls in her group. One evening as dinner was being prepared, Eric sat down next to her and started a conversation. They spoke about her life, her family, and her faith. She was not quick to speak, but Eric learned that she was very artistic and was a competitive archer – which she gladly spoke about.

Joan shared what she loved about archery. She spoke about the physical skill it took, the quietness within her she needed to cultivate, and the sense of full presence of herself and where she was while holding her drawn bow. In Eric's work as YD staff and as a spiritual director, he recognized that many of those words are indications of a place where God is closely present. He asked her, "Could the whole process of archery be a way you pray without knowing it?" At first she looked shocked, but as the idea set in she began to glow with a great smile on her face. It was as though she had just been given a great gift. She responded with a gentle "I think so."

It seemed that Joan had never thought that prayer could be something this fluid and dynamic. It's not always easy to accept that Christ will meet us in the place where we are, but where else would Christ be?



Students learning to encounter Christ in their everyday experiences.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Prayer Request:

Please pray for Joan and other students as they experience God in a new ways as they grow and mature in their faith.



Submitted by Eric Krumland

Rock and Mountain Manager
Stonewater Ranch, WA

Areas for Growth

Joe is a middle school student who is becoming more involved in activities through his local Youth Dynamics youth center. As part of the summer activities in July, staff were organizing a hike up to Church Mountain which is in the heart of the North Cascades. Actually, Joe was the first to sign up.

As the day for the hike approached, a friend of his family became a missing person and after a few agonizing days, this friend was found at the bottom of a ravine—dead from a horrific car accident. Because of these events, Joe’s participation on the hike was in question; but he still wanted to go.

The Church Mountain hike is a difficult one, with a lot of elevation gain. The plan for the day included climbing most of the way, stopping for lunch, then making the summit. During the lunch break, staff facilitated a talk about how God uses the difficult things in life to cause growth in our lives—like the hard work it takes to summit a peak. Joe quickly spoke up about his recent loss of his friend. He realized this tragic crash did not have to be the end of the story of his friend. God could use this to bring growth in his life and the lives of his family.

Before the hike was over, Joe was very thankful for the adventure and that he was able to participate. Without knowing it in advance, the discussion was just what he needed to help make sense of the loss of his friend.



Students and staff hike Church Mountain learning how God uses difficult things in life to prompt growth in our lives.



Submitted by Tim Nieuwsma
YD Communities Area Director
Nooksack Valley, WA

Prayer Request:

Please pray for Joe and other students as they navigate through life’s challenges.

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YOUTH WERE ENGAGED
IN IDAHO, OREGON,
WASHINGTON

187

ADVENTURE TRIPS

7,850

TOTAL ADVENTURE DAYS

2,400

YOUTH HEARD THE
GOSPEL & WERE GIVEN
AN OPPORTUNITY TO
RESPOND

Not Ashamed - In Memory of Paul D. Evans

I remember Paul Evans to be a passionate man who was excited to share Jesus – with anyone. He said to me once that it was not him doing this amazing work among the youth – he knew it was because of the “hand of God.” Paul was a vessel and he was not ashamed to share the Gospel and make the most of every opportunity.

One day when Paul was leading the drop-in center in Anacortes, some students dropped in to play games. Paul began talking with a young man and asked him if he knew Jesus. The boy said no but would like to hear more. Paul boldly and clearly shared how Jesus came into his own life and how this boy could have a relationship with Jesus too. I marveled at how Paul shared from his heart.

Paul will always be remembered as a leader who empowered others. He believed in the staff and made it possible for the outreach of Youth Dynamics to grow over the years.

Paul, you will be missed. Thank you for leaving behind a legacy of reaching youth through Youth Dynamics. I am sure you were greeted at heaven’s gate with this from the mouth of your Lord Jesus, “Well done my good and faithful servant!”



Paul Evans was a vessel for Jesus boldly sharing the Gospel to anyone and everyone he met.

You will be missed, Paul!



Submitted by Bruce “Bronco” Huges
YD Communities Vice President

Giving Opportunities:

- 1 Fred Meyer Community Rewards**
Sign up at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards
Search for Youth Dynamics or DM237
- 2 Amazon Smiles**
Sign up at: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0858312>
YD will receive by donation 0.05% of your purchase.
- 3 End of the Year Giving**
By giving a special gift at the end of the year, you will provide a solid footing going into the next ministry year.

- 4 IRA Charitable Roll-over**
Save on taxes and support a good cause! If you are at least 70 1/2 years old, you can roll-over up to \$100,000 of your IRA to a qualified charity. **Youth Dynamics is a qualified charity!** The charitable distributions count towards your minimum distribution requirements and you won't be taxed on the transfer. Contact us and your IRA administrator to learn more. 360-757-1337

Youth Dynamics' 28th Annual 100-hole Golf Marathon

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to play and raised funds for Northwest teens during the 28th annual Youth Dynamics golf marathon! Men, women, and teens all participated to complete 100 holes of golf in one single day!

Youth Dynamics is excited for another school year of fun filled activities, relationship building, and the mission and vision fulfilled!

A special thanks to our 2019 sponsors: DA Davidson, Hohimer Wealth Management, Blade Chevrolet, Rice Insurance, Moncrieff Construction, Strauss Jewelers, New Creations Building, Roy Andrukut, Moses Lake Christian Church, Larson Gross, Paul Weisz Group Inc, Seahurst Electric, Douglas Barga, Steve Merritt Counseling, Smokey Point Readymix, JD's Laundry.

Thank you to all the volunteers, in-kind donors, and Avalon Golf Links.

Prayer Request:

Please pray for healthy support for all our missionaries, program areas, and the organization.



Above: Board member, Dave Crumbo (far right), playing a round of golf with sponsor representatives from Hohimer Wealth Management. Lower right: LeRoy Johnson and his son, Tim, who is on staff as the staff pastor.

2019 Golf Marathon Stats

Total amount raised:	\$80,645.50
Number of golfers:	24
Most Valuable Player:	Shane Land
Tournament Chapion:	Mike Blade
Total holes played:	2,431

Save the date for next year!
August 24, 2020



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Come celebrate with us!

Friday Night Social
Saturday Adventures & Dinner
Sunday Worship Service

Registration is now open!
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Hosted in Burlington, WA

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Mission: *To invite and challenge youth to a lifelong journey in relationship with Christ and His church.*



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