

## Sweet Spot Ministry

Sweet Spot Ministry is a buzz phrase you will hear from staff and volunteers at Youth Dynamics. It is a perfect blend of the community-based and adventure elements of the ministry.

It happens when a youth is engaged in a relationship with a staff member or leader and then attends an adventure trip where the Gospel is presented. It's powerful. It's transformational.

Here is what Sweet Spot Ministry looks like in the life of Tanner.

Tanner is an eighth-grade student who started attending Youth Dynamics in the spring of last year.

At first, he was quiet and reserved and unsure of his place socially at school and in group settings. As time passed, he started taking small steps toward trust in the group and talking with us about what was going on in his life.

Tanner shared that his childhood was rough, and he struggled to make friends, and he also didn't feel like his family was there for him. He shared that he had never heard about God, Jesus, or the Bible before coming to Youth Dynamics.

*"I never really knew about God or thought about the Bible or Jesus, but since coming to Youth Dynamics, I know that He's real and cares about me."*

By summertime, Tanner had signed up for several summer adventure trips.

By design, adventures challenge youth's physical and spiritual comfort zones. These are life-transforming experiences, and Tanner was all in. He tried everything: whitewater rafting, inflatable kayaking, rock climbing.

Tanner also engaged in conversations with the adventure staff about how overcoming the challenges of that day's activity relates to life. They talked about who Jesus is and what it means to have a relationship with Him.

During a conversation with me, Tanner said he knew little about God.

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By the end of summer, the change in Tanner was evident. He is more confident and sure of who he is and easily engages with others.

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Photo: A group of boys on a multi-day backpacking trip where relationships deepen and there is no cell service for miles!



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# Letter From the President

Dear Friend and Supporter of Youth Dynamics,

One of Youth Dynamics' core values states, **"We believe strategic partnerships are essential to achieving our mission. We can't do it alone!"**

That is so true. We need help to do this work. It takes partners.

And two of our most valued strategic partnerships are with our prayer warriors and faithful giving partners.

Thank you so much for your prayers and your support. On behalf of our incredibly dedicated staff, thank you. On behalf of the thousands of kids impacted, thank you.

It's because of partners like you that a young person recently said, *"I never believed in Jesus before Youth Dynamics."*

We love kids at Youth Dynamics and go to great lengths to fulfill our mission to invite and challenge youth to a lifelong adventure with Christ and His church. Our staff and volunteer leaders plan outreach programs (Connect), Bible studies (Discovery Groups), after-school drop-ins, adventure clubs, and more.

We also lead about 150 professionally guided adventures annually not only for the youth we work with but for the local church and other like-minded organizations as well. We are humbled to be used by God to reach the next generation in these powerful ways.



**Photo:** A precious moment when a student shares with a volunteer during a rock adventure. Another example of a valued partnership—we cannot do this work alone!

As we look to a summer full of life-changing adventures and conversations with hundreds of kids, will you please pray for them?

Please pray for our staff and volunteer leaders who will be the hands and feet of Christ to them.

Please pray for these amazing kids to have the best week of their lives, experience God and His beauty through creation, and have their hearts open to the amazing news of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your incredible support.



*Tom Davis*

Tom Davis, President

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it." —John 1:5*

## Sweet Spot Ministry continued...

Tanner attends the weekly after-school gatherings and now invites his friends to Youth Dynamics. In addition, Tanner shared about Jesus with his mom, and she accepted Jesus too! Tanner, his mom, and his younger brother all attend church with us!

We pray that Tanner's newfound awareness of God would plant deep roots, build trust in Jesus, and spread to other youth through his leadership.

Will you please pray for Tanner's relationship with Jesus and for other youth who engage in Sweet Spot Ministry?



**Photo:** Ben Jackson out adventuring with some students.



# Celebrating 40 Years of Service

Bruce “Bronco” Huge began his ministry service with Youth Dynamics in February 1983.

Bronco and his family served all over the state of Washington. After getting married in 1984, Bronco and Jo moved to Friday Harbor to begin ministry in the San Juan Islands. In 1992, he and his young family moved to Sedro-Woolley, where he served as the Upper Skagit director and led the start-up of Concrete Youth Dynamics.

In 1997, he served as the Skagit Valley director until moving to Arlington to start ministry there in 2001. Then in 2014, Bronco moved his family to Cashmere to begin community ministry in eastern Washington, and he remains there still.

As Bronco reflects on the past 40 years, here are some of his thoughts:

*“It’s been an amazing journey these past 40 years. I am humbled and thankful that Jesus has been faithful to me and my family every step of the way.*

*It started when I was 16 and gave my life to Jesus. I’m so thankful for that encounter with Him. In 1979, I was challenged to give my body as a living sacrifice and serve the Lord. I am grateful that in 1984, God brought Jo alongside me to be my partner in life and ministry.*

*Since that first day, Jesus has been a constant presence and guide. I have had many opportunities to share Jesus with hundreds of youth and see God at work in their lives.*

*I am grateful for the Youth Dynamics staff team, who are partners in this outreach. I thank donors for helping me be faithful — you have been amazing ministry partners (some of you for 40 years!). May God bless you for your faithfulness. And thank you, Lord, for your grace, goodness, and faithfulness.”*

Bronco and Jo have four grown children and seven grandchildren. Although much has changed over the last 40 years, Bronco is quick to remind us that Jesus remains the same.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord!



Photos (from top): Bronco, and his wife of 39 years, Jo; Mountain Dew group; Friday Harbor backpacking trip; Bronco receiving an award from Tom; rafting at Rendezvous; Bronco and Jo and their family.





# Let's Help Teens go on Adventures

As summer quickly approaches and adventure trips fill up, there are teens who need scholarship assistance to go.

Right now, there are over 300 students who need financial help to go on an adventure trip this summer. Every dollar counts towards removing the financial barrier to getting a teen out into God's creation.

Adventure experiences, such as whitewater rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, mountaineering, and backpacking, offer life-changing benefits to teens.

**The Adventure Scholarship Fund drive is going on now for summer adventures.** Please consider making a special gift to help a teen go on an adventure this summer.



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*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel..." —Philippians 1:3-5*

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- 1 Pray**  
Please pray for the youth, for new ministry start-ups, and for more staff and volunteers. [yd.org/join-our-team](https://yd.org/join-our-team)
- 2 Adventure Scholarship Fund**  
Make a special gift to help youth attend adventure trips and leadership programs this summer. [yd.org/asf](https://yd.org/asf)
- 3 Donate** to the general fund to provide a solid foundation to reach more students. [yd.org/donate](https://yd.org/donate)
- 4 IRA Charitable Roll-over, Stock Donations, Planned Gifts**  
For more information, visit [yd.org/legacy-giving](https://yd.org/legacy-giving)
- 5 Sign up for the annual Golf Marathon - August 21, 2023**  
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