



Capernaum

Inviting teens and young adults
with and without disabilities
to discover authentic friendship,
growth, and purpose.



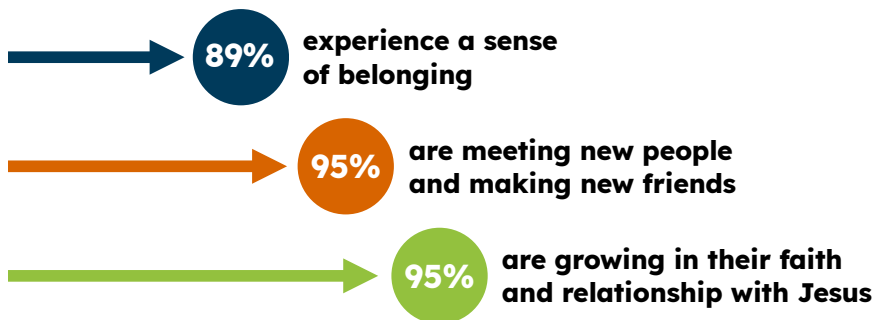


YOU ARE INVITED

YL Capernaum is about creating spaces where teens and young adults (ages 14-22) with and without disabilities can make friends, have tons of fun, and consider faith for themselves. **Together as a community, we know we are all made on purpose for a purpose.**

THE IMPACT

What Capernaum participants are saying...



A FATHER'S STORY

True friends are the ones who walk into the room when everyone else is walking out.

That's the friend Tess and our family always needed. And that's the friend we found in Young Life Capernaum. Long after most people had left the entire building, Capernaum leaders were the ones who walked in. And that has made all the difference.



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Tess and Her Father's Story



HOW WE DO IT

Our vision is that **all teens and young adults** with and without disabilities would have a sense of belonging within Young Life. This happens through **Capernaum Clubs**, specifically designed meetings with our friends with disabilities in mind. It also looks like Young Life areas intentionally weaving inclusion into their traditional Young Life, WyldLife and Young Life College ministries.



CONTACT WORK Leaders going where teens and young adults with disabilities are in their community to get to know them and earn the right to be heard. **This is the heartbeat of Young Life.** Capernaum leaders can be found cheering on Special Olympics games, attending their friends' musical theater productions, grabbing lunch together, visiting the local coffee shop, and playing video and board games.



CLUB Gathering with students to celebrate relationships in a fun space and share real, life-changing stories from the Bible. Adaptations and accommodations offered for each friend are rooted in conversations with parents/guardians.



CAMP A place designed for teens to experience adventure, fun, community, and the "best week of their life." Capernaum leaders invite their friends to camp through avenues such as local day camps or overnights at a Young Life camp.



CAMPAIGNERS Small-group meeting of leaders and students following Jesus together, reading the Bible, and talking about real life and how to live out a compassionate faith.



JOIN US

Do you feel called to make a difference? We invite you to grow and find belonging in a volunteer team making a deep yet simple impact in the lives of so many, right here in the Blackstone Valley. Spiritual and practical training is available for everyone and each role on our leadership teams.

PEER BUDDY

Same-aged peers invited to club with the intent of fostering friendships and modeling mutuality as students with and without disabilities experience Young Life and life alongside one another.

ADULT HELPER

Trusted adults (18+) who are willing to jump in and be an extra set of hands at club or Campaigners. May be assisting with the meal, helping with check-in, setting up games, etc.

VOLUNTEER LEADER

Adult (18+) volunteers who know Jesus and are committed to be in the lives of our Capernaum friends through involvement in contact work, club, Campaigners, and camp.

COMMITTEE MEMBER

A group of committed adults who partner with local staff and volunteers as the foundation of spiritual and operational support. This team meets monthly to plan, promote, provide and pray for the area.



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