



IMPACT UPDATE

COMMUNITY OF HOPE
monthly update

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Hi Tintern,

As we head into the Thanksgiving weekend, I want to share a story of impact and gratitude.

This year, I had a front-row seat at the fall season launch of our CityYouth program. After almost four years at CityKidz, I thought I knew what to expect.

It started as a typical night but as bus after bus rolled up, each one unloading a full load of youth, the room kept filling. **The excitement kept growing, and soon the line for food stretched further and further.** We couldn't keep up with the demand. That's when I got pulled in to help, joining an assembly line to pack chicken nuggets and hand them out as fast as the kids could grab them.

Even newer volunteers jumped right in to help. Everyone was working shoulder-to-shoulder, smiling, laughing, doing whatever it took to make sure no one went hungry.

One girl summed it up honestly when she told us, "I just came for the food." At first, her words made me smile. But the more I thought about it, the more it struck me: **food is the doorway. When a youth knows they can count on a meal they actually enjoy, it shows them they're seen and valued.** And once

that happens, they open up to the friendships, mentorship, and lessons that change lives.

Thanks to your consistent support, CityYouth is a place where belonging and hope are served up right alongside the food.

This Thanksgiving, I'm grateful for our supporters, volunteers, and the entire CityKidz community who make these moments possible. Thank you for helping us create a space where every youth feels welcome, cared for, and inspired to thrive. Wishing you a joyful and meaningful Thanksgiving. 🦃

With gratitude,
Lisa



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