



2025 - 2026 IMPACT REPORT

HOPE



WORTH



FRIENDSHIP



MESSAGE FROM THE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

MARK FISHER



“ Every student deserves a chance to experience
HOPE, WORTH, and FRIENDSHIP! ”

This conviction directs our every decision from developing our programming, hiring staff, pursuing partnerships in the community, and the attention and care we provide the students that walk through our doors at PVYC. This isn't just a saying we repeat, it's a lifestyle that we choose because it's what God has called us to do. Each and every day, our aim is to make sure every student is seen, loved, and encouraged while being challenged to grow beyond what they thought they could achieve to reach their goals.

Every year we have seen God move in many ways, and this past year is no different. Our continued growth in our 6-12 and K5 after school programs positions ourselves to have more opportunities to share hope, worth, and friendship. Throughout this year, several students have given their lives to Christ; turning their lives around from brokenness to a life restored and full of purpose. Not only that, they are bringing others along to share in the mission of PVYC.

As students are discovering their worth and purpose, we at PVYC give them opportunities to grow and flourish to become the man or woman God has made them to be. Our internships through our K5 programs gives students the experience they need to lead and take on responsibilities through their high school careers to ready themselves for adulthood. Serving our local and regional communities through outreaches and missions trips teach students to love and care for the people around them. Student training programs and workshops are being developed to give students practical experiences to lean on as they go out to the workforce and become our future leaders.

In this report, you will get to see how PVYC is helping shape the lives of students in our community with student spotlights and stories along with information about our programming and events. This is all possible by our generous support team that is made up of individual donors, community members and business partners that faithfully give each year. Because of you, students are able experience true hope, worth, and friendship that is changing the lives of students and families in Penns Valley. Thank you for your partnership and together we are making a difference for generations to come.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Owen, a Penns Valley High School graduate, started attending PVYC as a 6th grader. He found himself always striving for more, continually in anxiety and not knowing his purpose and abilities in life. He recalls, **“The youth center taught me who I am through Christ!”** Owen has grown to say no in the face of fear, and step into new experiences like leading a room in worship, and be bold in his faith with the people around him. **“If it weren't for the pursuit of the leaders, continually loving me and showing me hope, worth, and friendship, I wouldn't be where I am today.”** PVYC has become the place full of friends, Godly community, and training ground for his calling. We are proud of the man Owen is becoming.

“God has been so good to me in blessing me with a family like this; a family that loves, rejoices, and cares like no other! I will be forever grateful for this group!”

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

LEROY YOUNG



This past year, we've had many wonderful opportunities to come alongside the families and students of Penns Valley with our mission of providing hope, worth, and friendship through organized activities, retreats, one-on-one interaction, and more. We want every student and family we interact with to know they are seen, heard, and loved, and that we desire to share the love of Jesus Christ with them, for it's Jesus who is the reason we exist, and we love because of the unparalleled ways He has first loved us.

Our K-5 and 6-12 after-school programs remains a primary focus of our work, where friendships grow and students are encouraged to find hope, worth, and friendship rooted in a relationship with Jesus Christ. We also offer Life Groups for deeper spiritual growth in a small-group setting, and a weekly breakfast gathering where high school students hear devotional thoughts that orient their minds toward knowing, loving, and worshipping Christ. For families, we offer The Table, our biweekly gathering for a meal, worship, Bible study, and a chance to connect with others in the community.

We're grateful for all who come alongside our students and families through prayer, giving, or volunteering. Your financial gifts allow us to offer our programming free of charge. Volunteers are welcome to provide a meal or serve hands-on in our programs. Finally, we're always grateful for your prayers for our students, families, schools, staff, volunteers, and board. As we continue to be a beacon of light in Penns Valley, we welcome you to join us in our mission of hope, worth, and friendship.

Thank you to those who have prayed, served, and given so generously this past year. Your partnership has helped reach Penns Valley's youth and families with tangible love and hope, to the glory of God.



Volunteering at the Penns Valley Youth Center has drastically shaped Joe's life and faith. He believes that for students to feel seen and loved, they need trusted adults to guide and encourage them through their struggles. In his own life, Joe has leaned on others to help him through tough times, and PVYC has been that place for him.

Most people picture adults as the ones with wisdom to give, but at PVYC, it's gone both ways for Joe. "I have been amazed by the strength of some of our student's faith at such a young age," he shared. **"They have motivated me in my own pursuit of Christ and to uphold the values of PVYC and walk with intention in my actions and to honor Christ."**

Joe Walker, 7th Grade Science Teacher

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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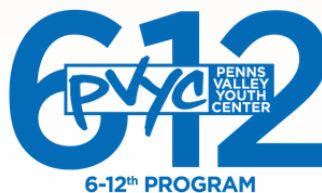
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

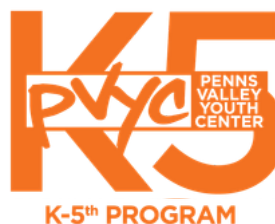
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Our After School Programs highlight the importance for support that students need throughout the school year. We provide a fun and safe environment for students to unwind from a busy day, make new friends, and engage in activities that encourage growth in academics and mental health. As they are celebrated at their arrival to PVYC, students feel seen and loved which builds trust with leaders that walk beside them through life's challenges.

We offer both 6 - 12th grade and Kindergarten - 5th grade after school programs developed to meet the needs of those age groups and to encourage healthy habits and promote wise choices. Our caring and dedicated staff and volunteers help students reach their potential and have fun every time they step through our doors.



MAKERSPACE ART STUDIO
HOMEWORK HELP
GAME ROOM
DINNER AND YOUTH GROUP



GYM / FITNESS TIME
ARTS AND CRAFTS
S.T.E.M. ACTIVITIES
HEALTHY SNACKS

**A YEAR
OF GROWTH**

The Penns Valley Youth Center After School Programs grew 15% in the 2025 - 2026 school year. We celebrate all that God is doing at PVYC and the growth of our student attendance positioning us to impact more youth in Penns Valley. We can only accomplish our mission through the generous giving and partnerships with individuals from local organizations, churches, and the school district.

We served over 3,000 meals to students during our after school programs to meet student's needs and foster a welcoming and family environment. Local partners provided these meals as well as the snacks and drinks we offer to students when they arrive at PVYC.



**STUDENT
IMPACT
DATA**



60% HAVE HOPE
FOR THEIR FUTURE.

95% FEEL SEEN AND
BELONGING AT PVYC.

85% MADE NEW FRIENDS
THIS YEAR.

“ Our mission at the Penn Valley Youth Center is to provide students and families in the community with **HOPE, WORTH, and FRIENDSHIP through a fun and safe environment in order to encourage healthy habits and promote wise choices. ”**

LIFE GROUPS - STUDENT MENTORSHIP

Our mentorship program known as Life Groups, exists to help students find a trusted adult to walk alongside them through life's toughest challenges, have accountability among friends, and to deepen their faith in God. These groups are a space where students can intentionally share their lives with other, grow spiritually, and encourage each other through the highs and lows of life.

40 STUDENTS

INTENTIONALLY GROWING IN GROUPS

15 ADULTS

ACTIVELY MENTORING STUDENTS

With loneliness on the rise, especially in the teenage population, it is even more critical that students get connected to someone who encourages and supports them where they need it the most. Students get paired up with other similar age peers along with one to two adults that meet regularly.

LIFE GROUPS IS WHERE TRANSFORMATION AND TRUE DISCIPLESHIP HAPPENS FOR OUR STUDENTS WHO ENGAGE IN MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH.



13 STUDENTS TOOK A NEXT STEP IN THEIR FAITH AND GOT BAPTIZED THIS YEAR.

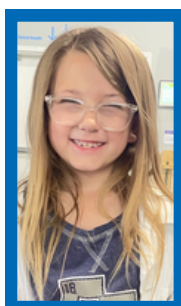
NEW VAN WAS PURCHASED FROM A GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE LOUIS E. SILVI FOUNDATION



13 ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS SERVED DINNER THIS SCHOOL YEAR AT PVYC.

MINI HIGHLIGHTS

K5 INTERSHIP PROGRAM - STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



19 STUDENTS INVOLVED IN OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Middle and high school students went through the process of application, training, and evaluation to participate in our student internship program that builds experience in mentorship, time management, responsibility, and leading others with integrity. Their impact on the program was undeniable as K5 grew to it's biggest year to date. With an average of 60 students in attendance during K5, our student interns connect with and manage each grade group and facilitate activities each week. We attribute the success of K5 to this internship program that invests in students to grow the next generation of leaders here in Penns Valley.

Lillie, a Penns Valley High School Junior, has been part of PVYC since 2nd grade, and now attends the 6-12th grade program and is a K5 student intern. PVYC is the place that gave her lifelong friendships, leadership opportunities, and a deeper relationship with God. Retreats became some of her most formative moments, times of growing closer to God and to the people around her. When her family faced difficult health struggles, PVYC was there praying for her and checking in; reminding her she wasn't alone. More than a program, PVYC has become a second home to Lillie and its people, a second family, carrying her through her hardest moments while giving her some of her best memories. Looking at how far she's come since 2nd grade, Lillie is simply grateful for how PVYC has shaped who she is today.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

"I am so thankful for how PVYC has helped me grow closer to God and to my friends. I truly don't know where I would be without them. I'm so grateful that it has been such a big part of my life."

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

MAKERSPACE ART STUDIO

We strive to make spaces for students to express themselves creatively through the arts. Launching the Makerspace Art Studio has done that in a variety of different ways. Each after school program has access to many crafting supplies used in instructional or individual creation. Students can learn and develop in painting, beads, button pressing, sewing, jewelry, and a whole host of other crafting skills.



Creative arts have been shown in studies to decrease depression and anxiety significantly. We have found that since having this space, students mood and behavior improved dramatically. While learning and creating new art pieces, students are encouraged to make something for someone else that develops generosity and compassion for others.

PVYC PIZZA OUTREACH

Each year, we've been expanding our student training program, serving our community some of the best pizza in the area. Training sessions have equipped students and other volunteers to produce high quality pizza for church lunches, graduation parties, the yearly mud volleyball tournament "RamsFest", community outreaches, and our annual spring fundraiser. Not only that, they gain experience in developing good work ethics, customer service, business management, and entrepreneurship. With this unique opportunity, our hope is to empower students to use their talents and passions when considering their future.



10 TEAM MEMBERS
350 PIZZAS MADE
1,000 PEOPLE SERVED

RETREATS

66 STUDENTS
ATTENDED OUR ANNUAL RETREATS

➤ **Camp YoliJwa**
Newville, PA

➤ **Lake Champion**
Glen Spey, NY

Retreats are life-giving opportunities for students to get away from their everyday routines to create space for them to ask hard questions and to grow. Our connection as a PVYC family always grows stronger each time we come together for one of these trips.

Every student gets time to learn from one another and deepen their faith in God; grounding them in their identity in who He has made them to be. We have seen many students turn from destructive behaviors and decide to follow Jesus being led into their purpose.



PVYC WORSHIP - STUDENT MUSIC DEVELOPMENT



Over the years, more students have been involved in leading through our student worship team. A team of around 10 students using guitars, keys, drums, and vocals to lead their peers in a time of worship during youth group. This gives students another opportunity to step into leadership and responsibility that helps them serve others and develop skills for life after high school. This past year, we were blessed to have some talented student musicians dedicated to their craft and performance that has made a major impact on this program that will have lasting effects for years to come.

We had 4 seniors leading the way while mentoring and discipling younger students that will take over after they graduate. We have created a space for students to grow in their giftings and abilities as well as deepen their faith in God with worship and prayer. Several of our student leaders have taken steps to pursue ministry opportunities after high school in christian colleges and missions organizations. They are taking the message of hope, worth, and friendship, found in a relationship with Jesus, to those they come in contact with in their next season of life.



STRENGTHING COMMUNITY

THE TABLE

Our commitment to community and outreach resulted in an opportunity for families to gather together called The Table. It is open to all who desire to build connection with others. Individuals of all ages share a meal and stories that produce lasting relationships. Faith plays a big part in how The Table connects people to a greater purpose through various Bible studies, worship, and prayer. The Kid's Table has been a blessing to our families as parents spend time building their faith while their kids grow as well with age appropriate teaching facilitated by passionate teenage interns.



FAMILY SPOTLIGHT



Anne and her family attend The Table and she says, "All four of us have found hope, worth, and friendship at the youth center. We especially love serving at The Table, our biweekly Saturday night family group. It's a blessing to share dinner, prayer, and Bible study with friends who encourage us, walk alongside us, and point us to our hope in Christ. The Table has strengthened our family's faith and given us a community we know we can lean on, no matter what season we're in. We hope The Table continues to grow as more families join in. All are invited!"



SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS CREATED AND PARTICIPATED IN TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT PENNS VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

HOSTED A PARENTS NIGHT OUT DURING VALENTINE'S DAY TO GIVE PARENTS A TIME TO AWAY WHILE THEIR KIDS HAD FUN.



STUDENTS LEARNED TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD AND STREETS TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY THAT SUPPORTS PVYC.

OUTREACH

ON MISSION IN PITTSBURGH - URBAN IMPACT TRIP

PVYC partners and serves alongside Urban Impact Foundation on the North Side of Pittsburgh. This year, we sent 15 students and 8 adults to experience life outside of Penns Valley and serve in a greater capacity. Part of the team spent the week helping facilitate games for a summer day camp program, while the other group joined in renovating a building that will one day house a future urban missionary family. The work is hard, yet fulfilling and meaningful. The week closed with a Youth Fun Day for the community, complete with bouncy houses, free food, giveaways, and kids' games, along with an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel. Our team was blessed to pray with many students who gave their lives to Christ. Each person on this trip learned that no matter what our calling is, we are to be present where God has us in that season, so He can prepare us for the next.

Araya, a PVYC student mentioned "Urban Impact was an experience I will never regret. I got to meet so many new and amazing people and do new things; whether that was learning how to tear out a porch or having the guts to talk to a stranger about Jesus. The trip allowed me to see how fortunate I am and showed me not to take anything for granted. I learned so much from this year, and I am hoping to be able to go back again next year! It was truly such an amazing and eye-opening trip!"



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

At Penns Valley Youth Center, we can't do this alone, and we don't want to. Our mission to provide students and families with Hope, Worth, and Friendship depends on people like you stepping in and stepping up. Whether it's becoming a monthly donor, partnering with us as a business sponsor, giving an individual gift, volunteering your time, or preparing a meal for our students during programming, there's a place for you to make a real difference. Every hour served and every dollar given helps us reach the 250 students and 180+ families who count on us each week.



MONTHLY DONATION

Penns Valley Youth Center is funded on the generosity and support of the community through monetary monthly and one-time donations.



VOLUNTEER

We need passionate people who have a heart for students and their community to reach the next generation through hope, worth, and friendship.



WEEKLY MEALS

Every Monday and Wednesday night we feed students and staff dinner that is provided by churches, organizations, and community members.

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SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



"I have always had a heart for kids, especially those that are dealing with circumstances they had no control over. At Penns Valley Youth Center, kids from every background walk through those doors, and every one of them needs the same things; to know they matter, to know they are loved, and to have a place where they belong. That's what Hope. Worth. Friendship. has always meant to

me. You can see PVYC's impact in a meal provided to a kid who may not have enough at home, in a safe place after school, in a relationship with an adult who genuinely cares. Years ago I wrote that being involved with PVYC was 'one of the most selfish things I do,' because I always seemed to get more than I gave. I still feel exactly the same way today. We cannot control the circumstances every child goes home to, **but we can make sure that while they are with us, they know they are loved, they have worth, and they are never without hope.**"

- J.T. Falls

PVYC Volunteer and Supporter

WAYS YOU CAN GIVE

PVYC GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTS GIFTS TO KEEP OUR PROGRAMMING FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL STUDENTS. BELOW ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN GIVE TO PVYC:

-  **CHECK OR MONEY ORDER**
-  **MONTHLY DONATION**
-  **IN-KIND DONATION**
-  **STOCK OR SECURITIES DONATION**
-  **EVENT SPONSORSHIP**

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