



Shiloh



FALL/WINTER
UPDATE
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I forgive my dad for murdering my mom were the words written down on a small sticky note this summer at the end of one campfire time as we talked about forgiveness and letting go. A heartbreaking and profoundly impactful statement that is hard to fully comprehend. Like this teen and many other students we connect with through our various programs there are challenges, heartache, but also lots of opportunities to positively impact someone's life.

As a 16-year-old kid volunteering my first summer at Shiloh's summer camps I never imagined 22 years later I would continue to be involved but the impact it had on my life couldn't and still can't be denied.

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I have had the privilege over these last 9.5 years to be the Executive Director and what drives me to continue with this organization is HOPE. HOPE that there is a better future, HOPE that there is value in all lives even if they have been told otherwise.

Another night this summer the speaker asked a group of 9-12-year old's to write down words that they have been called that were hurtful. Words like: accident, worthless, dumb, annoying, and unwanted were shared. During that same evening Pastor Matt spoke about how much they are loved, how they are accepted, how there is a group of leaders who care so

deeply and there is a God who loves them so much.

You see for me over these last 22 years and for so many other staff and volunteers who have connected to this ministry, opportunities cannot happen to help with life change unless there is proximity to the need.

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Over 70 people came out to the camp this past summer to help, many others contributed and continue to contrive financially to the cause of Shiloh, and everyone works together and gets involved to show these amazing and precious lives they are cared for, they are valued, and they are worth it.

I am so appreciative of the ongoing support we experience in so many areas which allows us to continue to meet the needs of hundreds of kids and youth in the city of Edmonton and surrounding area. Please continue to support the work of Shiloh as we reach the many needs of so many lives. We are thrilled to be able to see growth and lasting impact in so many lives; what a privilege to serve.

For more information on ways to give, upcoming events, or volunteer opportunities please visit our website at: shilohhope.com and thank you again for the support.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

This past summer was an amazing time full of music, games, relationship building, and memories made. We had more camper registrations than ever before and 384 in attendance over 7 weeks of camp. We also launched a new camp program called Adventure Camp which was a great success with campers learning fire building, orienteering, shelter building and survival skills. Our horse program continued to be a big hit for campers, with new programming including trail riding. Our biking and basketball programs also saw improvements

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with revamped programming and new equipment. Our facilities themselves also saw an upgrade with new fencing, front gate, welcome sign, volleyball court and signage around the camp. We had an amazing team of staff, with several stepping into new and

challenging roles, as well as phenomenal volunteers each week helping in all areas of the camp. In total over 70 people contributed to the summer program.

With these newfound experiences and great relationships formed, we are excited to be going into the fall continuing our great Connections programming and growing it with a few new additions. While we continue to run our girls' and boys' small groups, we have added a WEEKLY drop-in program at Abbotsfield Recreation Centre and a Youth Alpha group running through the fall. We also are continuing to have our team meet one-on-one with some of our older students, supporting them through life's challenges, growing in their faith and preparing them for adulthood.

For more info about all our programs or volunteering opportunities pls visit our website at shilohhope.com and to see our calendar of events visit shiohhope.com/events.

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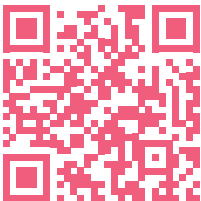


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