



## Partners and Team together for mission

Chickaloon Retreat Center serves as example of combined impact

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Often, we spend time reflecting on the phrase ‘impact update’ because it points to real, tangible ways CYAK’s partners impact the lives of young people in Alaska. These articles are titled this way because they give testament to the high value of partner engagement in the work that Covenant Youth of Alaska does across the state.

Impact Updates provide a window into the role you play in this essential kingdom ministry. They are a looking glass into the ways in which your investment fills real needs.

Just as our staff team brings together a unique set of skills and gifts, each of our partners comes to the table with something to offer. Working to combine the diverse elements that the CYAK staff bring to the table with the incredible input that comes from our partners allows the kingdom of God to flourish in Alaska.

Each Impact Update highlights something where this combination of team and partners shows up. This month we engage with the Chickaloon Retreat Center. It was partners who donated an 80 acre homestead property to the

Covenant Church in Alaska for the establishment of a place for people to engage with God in a wilderness setting. CYAK now manages the property and is in the process of overseeing its development.

In the summer of 2017, several work teams partnered with CYAK to construct a new bath house facility as

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well as a yurt for use as a chapel space. Partners are being recruited for the summer of 2018 to help complete these projects.

In April, CYAK staff took a turn and gathered to take advantage of what this beautiful property has to offer in a time of retreat, training and encouragement. Chickaloon has huge potential as a ministry location and these gatherings represent the breadth of our team and partner network collid-

ing as we come together to advance the kingdom of God.

As a partner, your need to impact the kingdom through your prayers and resources is played out in real ways through places like Chickaloon Retreat Center and in the people who make up our local ministry team. Thank you for allowing us to be a catalyst for your engagement in Christ’s mission.

Thank you for giving to create eternal impact in the lives of youth in Alaska through our team. Your impact carries significant weight and when we work together the vision of healthy and vibrant Jesus communities is one step closer to reality.

### CONTINUE YOUR IMPACT TODAY

Partners like you around the country give to create lasting impact in Alaska. Right now, you’re invited to give to contribute to the CYAK mission fund with a \$25 per month gift. These gifts build our partnership, care for the places where we meet and empower youth to be who God calls them to be. Thank you! For information and how to make a gift follow the link below.

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