



Partnerships With Synergy

The power you have to make a difference!

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The CYAK team is incomplete without the unique set of skills and gifts that you bring to this ministry. Impact updates highlight the real, tangible ways in which the trajectory of young people's lives are being changed by the generosity of partners, through prayer, finances, and service. All along the way, there is much being done behind the scenes and lives are transformed in the process.

This past summer Pastor Barry Anthony led a team from Moose Lake, MN on a construction trip. The team filled physical needs for CYAK from installing egress windows at the Aarigaa House to inserting trenched power at the Chickaloon Retreat Center. The impact was mutual, as CYAK benefited from the physical labor, the team found spiritual encouragement.

"Wow, what a blessing to come alongside CYAK and their ministry to students through Aarigaa House and Chickaloon," Pastor Barry shared. "Chickaloon is a beautiful, holy place where God pulls your heart closer

to Him. Just spending time there changes you. Each person on the team has grown deeper in their faith."

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At the beginning of the school year, the Aarigaa House took advantage of the quiet space at Chickaloon Retreat Center to hold a retreat. They focus on building relationships and creating a solid foundation among the residents. The greatest part of the retreats is the escape it offers, according to Aarigaa House Director Karl Thistle.

"People are so focused on school and work," Karl commented. "[The retreat] provides calm that doesn't exist out in the city. Without that time, a good majority of the residents' relationships would not be where they are."

The lasting mutual impact of CYAK partners goes far beyond any tangible structure. As Pastor Barry's team returned home, the trip inspired them to start a "construction ministry" in

their own community. The synergy of partnerships like this one shows the power of coming together to magnify the impact on lives, both here in Alaska and beyond.

Barry said it best, "When we break out of the busyness of the normal, everyday life and engage in loving our neighbor, God shows up. God is changing lives through CYAK. What a joy to be a small part of it."

Thank you for showing up and being a part of what God is doing to change lives. This impact wouldn't be possible without you!

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