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## Upper Deck Update

My heart was heavy as I processed the news. A young man of 21 that we had known for many years had taken his life. My co-workers and I tried to understand why he would be so desperate to think suicide was his best choice. Made in the image of God, each person is of infinite value. I know he had heard this before from us. The pain of rejection that ran deep along with poor thoughts of himself drove him to hopelessness and led to his suicide.

Our tagline is, “We see the **hope** and **potential** in every young person”, but it’s so much more than just a tagline. It’s a belief system grounded in a faith that there is a God and this God has planted a plan and purpose in each of our lives. When we experience the loss of one of our youth, the impact runs deep but it deepens our determination. We are committed to bring this message of hope and potential to the young people we serve.

We are so grateful for the ongoing support of our community for the Youth Centre and the programs we run. Through the summer and fall we’ve been able to complete several exterior renovation projects including a fresh coat of paint, new steel on the mansard roof, two new doors, new back steps, and new signs. We still have some windows to replace and next year I’d really like to tear out and redo the washrooms. Twenty years this facility has serviced our youth, but time has a way of wearing down and wearing out the buildings and equipment.

As we enter in to 2019 the Upper Deck will be celebrating 25 years of serving the youth of our community. We are planning an Open House party for Saturday February 23 from 1:00-4:00. Invitations will be sent out in January, but I wanted to give an advance Save the Date notice in hopes that you will be able to join us that day.

Thank you for your partnership with us. If you would like to make a year-end donation to support the Upper Deck and our work with the youth of our community, the enclosed response form is available or you can go to our website at [www.yfctillsonburg.com](http://www.yfctillsonburg.com) and donate online.

Merry Christmas to you and blessings to you this season.

Sincerely,

Rayburn Lansdell