

An Invitation to Join

Every day YoungLives carries hope into the lives of thousands of teen moms and their children. The need for YoungLives is great, and the potential is even greater! Together we can transform future generations.

There are many ways to get involved: mentor, committee member, financial partner, childcare volunteer and so much more. There is a place for YOU in YoungLives!

Teen moms around the world are waiting . . . and we can't wait to meet them!



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What is YoungLives?

While teen motherhood often translates into a loss of hope for a future and the breakdown of health in a community, YoungLives offers a tangible lifeline with the HOPE that life can look different for teen moms and their children.

Life-on-life mentoring is at the very heart of YoungLives. Mentors build relationships with teen moms, offering guidance in matters of faith, parenting and self-worth. This investment of time and heart has empowered positive, sustainable change in the lives of these beautiful families for over 25 years.

We have seen teen moms achieve their education and career goals, become more confident in parenting, and live lives rooted deeply in a new relationship with Christ. In short, what we know...YoungLives works!

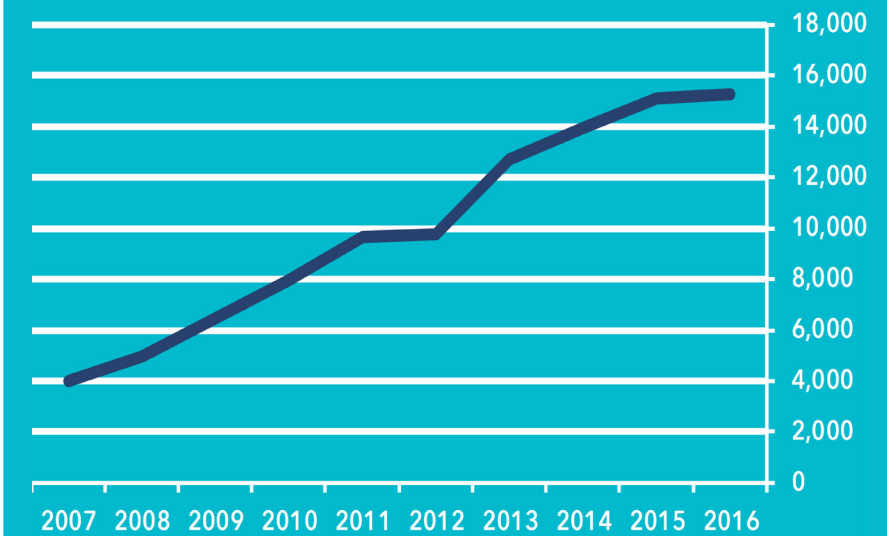


Success and Vision

The need is great. One in 10 babies is born to a teen mom in the U.S. YoungLives reaches these vulnerable families with resources that transform generations.

When YoungLives comes alongside teen moms, the impact is significant. This has led to a recent surge of growth. In 2006, YoungLives was present in 55 communities, by 2016 that number exploded to 305. Many communities across the U.S. and around the world are positioned and eager to start YoungLives locally.

YoungLives Teen Moms Reached



A Glimpse into YoungLives

Club

YoungLives club provides a safe place for teen moms to come together to build friendships. Food, activities, music and childcare make club a fun place to hear about God's love. Other YoungLives activities may include Bible study, group outings and life skills

Camp

YoungLives camp is an extraordinary place! Mentors accompany teen moms and their babies to camp for a respite from the chaos of their daily struggles. Here, with their physical and childcare needs met, teen moms are immersed in the love of God and can focus on their future.

Discipleship

Discipleship addresses the second half of our mission statement: "helping teen moms to grow in their faith." YoungLives uses mentoring, bible study, and a variety of other discipleship methods to instill in teen moms core values about her self, her child, her relationships, and her world.

A Future and a Hope.

Sierra's life story begins with brokenness from her parent's failing marriage and years of abuse by someone her family trusted. Sierra began to act upon the curiosity instilled in her from those years of traumatic sexual abuse. Soon she found herself pregnant and alone.

Her search for hope in the midst of her troubles led her to YoungLives over five years ago. She was 16 and living in a shelter with her daughter, Cadence. Love found her: the love of God, of her YoungLives leader, and of a whole new family of believers. At YoungLives camp that summer she decided to trust God with her and her daughter's lives.

With new-found purpose, Sierra bravely strode into her bright future. She recently graduated from Concordia University in Austin, Texas with a degree in education and has accepted a job teaching special education at a local middle school. That same month, she said "yes" and got engaged to Drew, a soldier in the army. Sierra is just beaming as she is in the middle of planning for a wedding. Sierra's YoungLives leader, Cat, will be a bridesmaid. Then, this new family will move to Alaska, where Drew is stationed. Cadence is flourishing in school and counting down the days until she gets to wear "her own fancy dress" in the wedding.

Love changes everything. It ushers in hope. Together, we'll lock arms and continue to carry TRUE LOVE and HOPE to Sierras all over the world.



Sierra and her daughter Cadence

