



You could have heard a pin drop.....The 100 Men of 100MenYEG have the gratitude of our kids at Youth Empowerment and Support Services.

Stories are powerful. They have the remarkable ability to transform the difficult details, of facts and circumstance, into a moment that opens wide the door into someone else's world.

In October 2014, YESS was afforded the opportunity to address an impressive inaugural gathering of 115 compassionate and very accomplished gentlemen, to speak about some *equally* impressive young people. We are so proud of our remarkable kids at YESS who, with tremendous depth of courage and dignity, face all kinds of difficult realities.

Each has their own story, their own needs, and their own challenges, but they have one thing in common. YESS is the one place where they know they're safe, where they know people care about them, and where they can get the support they need. For many of them, YESS is the first place they feel a sense of home.

Support from 100MenYEG would assist us with empowering change in our clients –giving them the tools to overcome personal challenges – the focus of all that we do to address the needs of our kids. Clearly, something important will have been lost if these young people fall through the cracks when they are sixteen or seventeen.

With grateful hearts, YESS was awarded \$11,500 that evening and the great privilege of having shared the podium with two other very worthy organizations! Effectively, the generosity of the gentlemen of 100MenYEG has enabled YESS to provide a full range of critical services and supports to a youth for an entire year!

Services and supports that address the very issues of human dignity: housing, food, clothing, assistance in addressing mental health concerns, addictions and emotional trauma, day and supported living programs that assist with the building of a wide range of practical life skills. The generosity of the gentlemen of 100MenYEG is helping to build futures!

The power and impact of 100MenYEG's collective action is truly remarkable and so too will be the lasting impact on the life of the youth touched by your generosity! If a youth has found that critical courage to come to YESS and ask for help at a moment in time that commands an immediate response –YESS is able to step up to that very real challenge -thanks to the help of the gentlemen of 100MenYEG!

It brings to mind a few words of wisdom from Mother Teresa – a very tiny person in physical stature ...but a giant of woman in how she approached the practical realities of compassion in action: "If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one".

On behalf of each of our kids here at YESS, our sincere appreciation once again to each of the gentlemen of 100MenYEG for dedicating your time, passion and hard earned money not only to YESS – but to so many other worthy charities! We couldn't do it without you. THANK YOU, gentlemen!

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