



# NEWSLETTER



## DEDICATED TO SERVE

The Crystal Ridge Dream Center is a dedicated community outreach organization committed to serving the diverse needs of individuals and families in the Greater Fort Erie area.



## COMMUNITY KITCHEN PROGRAM

The Community Kitchen Program has served over 15,000 meals to those in need in our community since 2023. We would not be able to do what we do without the generosity of individuals, businesses and organizations like you! The CKP serves take out meals every Tuesday and Friday from 11-1.

# YOUTH IMPACT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Youth Impact Program is running full throttle this summer with several ways to keep the kids engaged.

**Summer Reading Program**– Every Monday from 10:30–11:00, registered children attend our reading program to help build confidence in their reading ability. We have 15 children receiving help with reading.

**Youth Impact Summer Camp**– Every Monday and Thursday from 11–1, registered children attend our summer program, where they get to take part in various activities that promote building healthy friendships, physical activities and creative thinking. We have 30 children registered for this camp.

**Survivor Camp**– From July 29th–August 1st– Lifehouse Community Church join hands with the Dream Center for their 3rd annual Survivor Camp. This year we are expecting over 70 children from our community to be in attendance.



CRDC YOUTH  
IMPACT PROGRAM



## FUNDRAISING EFFORTS TO SUPPORT YOUTH IMPACT PROGRAM INITIATIVES

The Youth Impact participants are currently fundraising for their upcoming attendance at the Change Youth Conference in Toronto on October 18th and 19th. The goal is to raise \$4,000 to sponsor 25 senior youths for this two-day event. Presently, we have gathered \$2,225 towards this target.

The sponsorship cost for one youth is \$160, covering transportation, meals, accommodation, and conference admission. Your generous donations are invaluable to us. Contributions exceeding \$20 qualify for a tax receipt.

We accept payments in the form of cash, checks, and E-transfers. For E-transfer donations, kindly send them to [crdreamcenter@gmail.com](mailto:crdreamcenter@gmail.com), specifying "Change Youth Conference 2024" in the memo line.

Your support is crucial in helping us achieve our objectives. For inquiries or donation drop-offs, please contact us at 289-476-0126.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Sincerely,  
Dream Center Team

# YOUTH IMPACT PROGRAM CONTINUED

*The Youth Impact Program is selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts in the amount of \$18.00 per dozen. Money must be in by August 12th*

*Pick up date August 22nd from 1-4*

*send your E-transfers to: [crdreamcenter@gmail.com](mailto:crdreamcenter@gmail.com) in the memo line, please specify youth impact donation or call us at 289-476-0126 to arrange a time to drop off money*

*With every dozen sold, \$10.00 of the profits will go directly towards our youth Impact Program and initiatives  
The children are grateful for your support.*



**Destiny Sawatzky**  
Youth Impact Coordinator

## YOUTH IMPACT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The CRDC will be welcoming back our Youth Impact JR's & Sr's for our regular programming in September. Summer is not over yet but we are counting down the days until program! Children/Youth living Fort Erie, Ridgeway, and Crystal Beach area are encouraged to register to be a part of our free after school program. Those who register get to take part in weekly activities like : movie night, board game night, chocolate bar bingo, church service, field trips all while building core memories that will last a lifetime. to find out more information, head to our website.

JR Youth-Grades 1-6  
Mondays from 3:30-5:30

SR Youth Grades 7-10  
Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Depending on what you're willing to do, we may have a volunteer opportunity for you! Here are some of the ways that you can help us serve our community.*

**Community Kitchen Program-** prepare, box and serve takeout meals to 150-250 individuals in need every Tuesday and Friday.

**Drop in Program-** Serve meals every Wednesday from 11-1 to those attending our drop in meal and Living Free program.

**School of Music and Performing Arts Program-** teach children & adults in our community a new musical skill like-singing, piano, guitar, violin, and drums

**Youth Impact Program-** We are looking for enthusiastic, fun, creative, motivated individuals who love Jesus and love children.

**Adopt-a-Block-** The CRDC holds various outreach opportunities throughout the year. Whether it's helping with our Annual Christmas Toy Drive, or one of our Food Drives or maybe you'd like to help a senior/individual in need with minor home repairs like changing a lightbulb, moving furniture, cutting their grass or shoveling snow.

For more information or to become a volunteer, send us an email to-  
cndreamcenter@gmail.com.



## WE GET TO SERVE!!

It is a privilege to serve our community's most vulnerable individuals. We couldn't do what we do without the help from our volunteers and we have over 70 of them!!

What do our volunteers have to say about volunteering with us?

"Through the programs that the Center offers I have been introduced to many beautiful people who are now some of my dearest friends" - KL

"The most rewarding aspect of volunteering at the Crystal Ridge Dream Center is the fact that I feel I am helping to make a positive impact in the lives of those in the community who are in need."- NC

"I've enjoyed chatting with people dropping in for food or chatting with the kids in the program. Also the directors are awesome people I love to assist"- SK



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



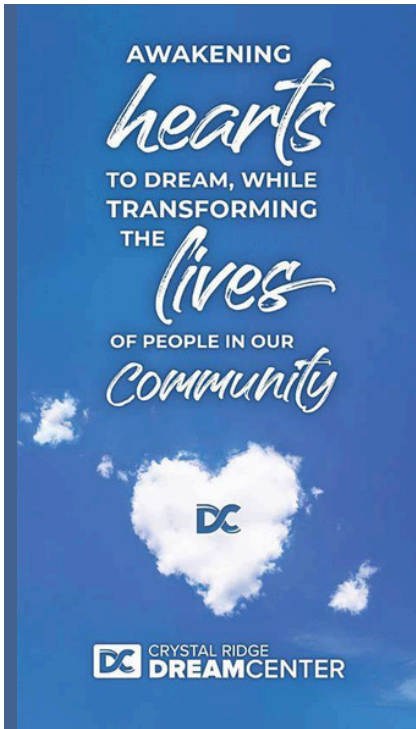
**WORSHIP  
IN THE  
WILD**  
August 24, 2024  
Safari Niagara  
Park opens at 9:30am  
Event starts at 12:00pm  
Animals Live Music Dynamic Speakers Family Fun  
FOR TICKETS  
DISCOUNT TICKETS AFTER 6PM  
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**CHURCH  
ON THE  
BEACH**  
Crystal/Bay Beach  
JULY 7-AUGUST 25  
**2024**  
SUNDAYS AT 8:45 AM  
Church on the Beach is a non-denominational worship service on the beach.  
Come dressed for the beach! Bring your own chairs, blankets, beach towels, and other beach gear.  
Beach Wheelchairs  
Please email us to reserve a wheelchair for yourself or someone in need.  
ASL Interpreters  
Each week ASL interpreters will be available for services.  
Baptisms Offered  
Annual Church on the Beach baptism dates will be announced soon.  
If you arrive after 9 AM there is a Town of Fort Erie charge of \$10/person to access the beach.  
mail@churchonthebeach.ca | churchonthebeach.ca | ChurchOnBeachCrystalBay



**CRYSTAL RIDGE  
DREAMCENTER**  
Come join us  
every Friday at 7:00 pm for an  
evening of worship, fellowship and  
building of new friendships.  
Doors open at 6:30pm  
FOR I AM ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING  
*new.*  
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?  
I will make a pathway through the wilderness.



AWAKENING  
*hearts*  
TO DREAM, WHILE  
TRANSFORMING  
THE  
*lives*  
OF PEOPLE IN OUR  
*Community*  
DC  
CRYSTAL RIDGE  
DREAMCENTER

## PARTNER WITH US

Dear Potential Partner,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to introduce you to the Crystal Ridge Dream Center, a Christian non-profit charitable organization dedicated to transforming lives in Crystal Beach, Ridgeway, and Greater Fort Erie. Since our founding in 2019, our mission has been to "awaken hearts to dream while transforming the lives of people in our community." Through the tangible love of God and practical support, we strive to make a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

### Your Support Matters

Our work is made possible by the generous support of individuals, families, businesses, and foundations. Since 2021, we have operated out of our newly refinished building at 385 Derby Road, just a block away from Queen Circle, which has become a beacon of hope for our community. We invite you to partner with the Crystal Ridge Dream Center and help us continue our mission. Your support will directly contribute to transformative change in our community, helping us provide essential services and programs to those who need them most.

To learn more about the programs and services we provide and how you can get involved, please visit at: [www.crystalridgedreamcenter.com](http://www.crystalridgedreamcenter.com) click on Partner with us to get involved.

Abundant Blessings,

Kathy Sloggett  
Executive Director