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I AM GOD'S BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS

Watch Alexis' video at www.tacomayfc.org/alexus

Alexis lived in fear. Strangers came in and out of her home. When her parents left she wondered how long they would be gone - sometimes it was for days. Alone and afraid, 7 year old Alexis raised her younger brothers.

"I THINK MY PARENTS KNEW WHAT THEY WERE PUTTING US THROUGH, BUT THEY COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT BECAUSE OF THEIR ADDICTION. . . I JUST HAD TO BE THE STRONG ONE."

It was the scariest moment of her life: the day the police picked her up from daycare. It was the second time the children were taken from their parents and put into foster care, but this time their lives would change forever. Alexis and one of her brothers were placed with a Youth for Christ Foster Family. Anger and fear were met with compassion and acceptance, as her foster family showed Alexis God's love - and what a real family was.

"IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE, BUT I WAS FINALLY OUT OF THE DARKNESS. GOD FOUND ME."

After 18 months in Foster Care, Alexis returned home to live with her mom, who has now been clean for more than 10 years. Alexis is a 2013 Daffodil Princess and is entering her sophomore year at Eastern Washington University. Their family is a story of hope and restoration. A story of what happens when our brokenness meets the life giving love of Jesus Christ.

"... PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR" - 1 JOHN 4:18

Alexis is no longer afraid. She's a leader with a purpose: To inspire, to love. To find kids living in the same darkness she was, and to give them a glimmer of hope. Alexis' story is part of our year-end campaign to raise \$265,000 for the leaders of this generation. Leaders from the shadows, from unlikely places, emerging out of brokenness, and into new life.

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Am I strange or am I special? Am I accepted? Will you love me if you know the real me? Thousands of middle school youth are asking these questions every day. At YFC Camp this year, those questions were answered for Lizzy.

“Life then [before camp] was trying to be one of the cool kids, but if you want to be yourself then take off your mask... None of my friends knew who I really was, and I wanted to show them.”

This school year, things will be different for Lizzy. She’s not hiding behind masks anymore! Because she knows God cares about her just for who she is, she can be real with her friends and everyone she meets.

Q&A WITH DAVID & JEWELL FOLSOM

WHY IS YFC IN YOUR GIVING PLANS?

After attending a Celebration of Hope Auction several years ago, we came to know more about the ministries, and volunteered with teens. Then God placed on our hearts to give not only of time but also of finances. Financially supporting Tacoma Area Youth For Christ is planting good seed into good soil.

WHAT BRINGS YOU JOY WHEN INVESTING IN KIDS THROUGH YOUTH FOR CHRIST?

The look on the face of one of these kids when they have accomplished something they never thought they would ever have a chance to experience. We thank God for the opportunity to help make a difference.

WHICH MINISTRY GRABS YOUR HEART?

We love ReCreate. I (David) grew up in one of the older concrete jungles in America, Boston, and I was given the opportunity to get out of the city. ReCreate gives kids the same chance to see outside the inner-city environment to experience something they never thought they would have a chance to experience. Through these opportunities they get to see there is more to life and by God’s grace grow more and accomplish more than they ever thought they could.



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MONTHLY GIVING

ONE CHILD

One Child is a movement of people who give life to the story of children in foster care through monthly giving. Learn more or join: www.tacomayfc.org/give

EVENTS

THE UNFOLDING STORY

Every day the stories of hurting teens unfold in our community. Monthly givers join us as we engage their stories with the love of Jesus Christ. Learn more or join: www.tacomayfc.org/give

UNITE: BRINGING HOPE TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Imagine the change we could make if churches across our community joined together to bring hope to children in foster care! Join us at UNITE on October 11th. Learn more and RSVP at www.tacomayfc.org/unite

CELEBRATION OF HOPE AUCTION

Join us at our annual auction on November 22nd for an evening of hope and giving. Get your early bird registration discount before September 25th at www.tacomayfc.org/auction

