

Lifeteams - School of Urban Youth Outreach

A program of Greater Vancouver Youth for Christ

www.lifeteams.ca

www.gvyfc.org

Reference for: _____

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the short reference attached to give us a snapshot of your experience with the above individual. Your input is invaluable in determining if Lifeteams is a good “fit” for the applicant and the best place for him or her to spend 8 months of their life right now.

Lifeteams is a program of Greater Vancouver Youth for Christ, and organization with over 40 years experience in youth ministry. Students in the School of Urban Youth Outreach are involved in experienced-based education engaging their heads, hands, and hearts in reaching out to “at risk” youth. Two days a week are spent in college level academic instruction, two days a week in “on the job” experience with youth, and one day in a variety of adventures, from outdoor pursuits to inner city outreaches. Students also have the opportunity to provide leadership and practice servanthood in a number of youth events and inner city missions trips throughout the year.

The community living component of the program provides another great opportunity for stretching and character development in students. As well, weekly mentorship and accountability offer input and encouragement toward personal and spiritual growth. Students accepted into the Lifeteams program can expect an intense and rewarding experience where they are impacting teens while God is impacting them.

Thank you for the part you have played in this applicant’s past, and the part you are playing in helping to discern their future. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

Rob Snair
Lifeteams Program Director

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Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

1. How long have you know the applicant? _____

2. Within what context have you known the applicant?

3. What do you see within this young person that is admirable?

4. What are their top areas of strength or gifting?

5. What evidence have you seen of this applicant's spiritual maturity/spiritual growth in the time you have known them?

6. If you had 8 months to pour into this person's life, what would you focus on?

7. From the program description in the accompanying letter or website (lifeteams.ca), what component might prove the greatest challenge to this applicant?

8. Can you see anything within the applicant that may be difficult for others to live with in a community living environment ?

9. Please describe any area of the applicant’s home life or family life that would help in our understanding of him/her.

Personal Evaluation:

Please rate the applicant on the following in comparison to other Christian young adults of their age, using the following scale. Please comment on any area rated below level 3. Feel free to add any other comments that may be useful to us.

- 5 = Exceptional – Expect to see this in most any situation this person may face
- 4 = Strong – Evidence of this as a strength but not a defining trait
- 3 = Average – Can be seen at times but may disappear in some challenging situations
- 2 = In Process – An area that is being explored / Potential that has not yet been realized
- 1 = Weak – An area in need of some input and direction

_____	Ability to adjust to the situation Flexibility	_____
_____	Reliability	_____
_____	Enthusiasm/ Motivation	_____
_____	Compassion	_____
_____	Emotional Stability	_____
_____	Social Maturity	_____
_____	Spiritual Hunger	_____
_____	Relational Warmth	_____
_____	Confidence / Comfort with self	_____

_____	Team player	_____
_____	Servant Heart / Humility	_____
_____	Ability to Communicate	_____
_____	Openess to input /correction	_____
_____	Initiative / Self-starter	_____
_____	Self-discipline	_____
_____	Judgement / Decision Making	_____
_____	Consideration of others	_____
_____	Leadership ability	_____
_____	Spiritual stability	_____
_____	Positive impact through word/ life	_____

10. In the context of having the “raw material” necessary to spiritually impact teens, would you say this person ...

_____ stands out above the crowd _____ compares with most healthy young adults of his/her age
 _____ is “hard to read” (you’re uncertain of their fit for ministry) _____ hasn’t shown signs of readiness for ministry

11. Lifeteams seeks students who desire to join Jesus in impacting vulnerable teens while opening themselves up for Jesus to impact them. All this happens in the context of both experiential and classroom learning while living in community. With this in mind, which of these descriptions best represent your recommendation of this applicant:

- _____ The applicant will thrive in this setting
- _____ The applicant will rise to the challenge
- _____ The applicant will struggle but overcome obstacles
- _____ The applicant will be a challenge and the outcome is uncertain
- _____ The applicant is not suited to this program

* ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:
