

April 20th, 2022

Liberty For Youth (LFY) is an award winning charitable, not-for-profit organization that provides alternatives to at-risk youth aged 12-25. Since 2004, we have been mentoring at-risk youth (in the Ontario Golden Horseshoe area), who are trapped in a negative existence. Our mission is to "develop safe mentoring relationships with youth at risk of crime - helping them to build character and create positive lifestyles filled with opportunity and personal success". www.libertyforyouth.org

- According to Hamilton Wentworth District School Board findings, Grade 9 credit accumulation rates dropped by 5% after semester one, within the 1st year of the pandemic (2020-2021)
- 30% of youth lost their employment during the first lockdown
- Youth suicide rates have quadrupled in our programming throughout the pandemic

Between **Thursday, April 28th, 2022 - Saturday, May 7th, 2022** Liberty For Youth's youth council members and Executive Director, Frederick Dryden will be running a ½ marathon (21 km) everyday, conducting 21 daily speaking engagements, and hosting multiple roundtable meetings with youth to discuss solutions for the current issues they are facing. The Recovery Run For Youth will take place to raise awareness and funding for our COVID-19 Recovery plan for vulnerable youth, with a focus on Mental Health, Education and Employment. We have scheduled the public launch date (PR & Media) for Wednesday, April 27th, 2022, and during the 10-day event, we will also have designated dates to highlight the three focus areas of the run.

We wanted to inquire if you would kindly consider donating to our Recovery Run For Youth initiative? Your donation will be directed to our COVID Recovery strategy to provide solutions for youth, in one of the following areas:

1. A summer school program will be offered at local public libraries to address the education inequalities faced by grade 9 students.
2. 150 jobs will be created to address the employment inequalities youth are facing.
3. Liberty For Youth will launch a Mental Health based program at our 7R's Ranch, with a strong emphasis on nutrition, education, and physical activity.

A tax receipt will also be provided at the beginning of 2023 for your generosity.

We appreciate your consideration of our request in advance.

Sincerely,



Frederick Dryden,
Founder and Executive Director
Liberty For Youth