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First Glance

Your Church Partner Update

connecting students to Christ and The Church

Church Partner Family,

At First Glance, we believe that every moment that we spend with a student or parent is an opportunity to build community, cultivate meaningful relationships and point them toward Jesus. ThroughÂ every time we open our doors, every hug given, andÂ every meal served we have the opportunity to live out our mission: "... to connect students and their communities to Christ through real, loving, and non-threatening avenues."

We are so grateful for Connect Church, its Youth and Next Gen Pastor Travis Mikoda, and their students, for spending a full day serving at First Glance! They helped clean up the space, provided dinner for The Connect and volunteered with our Tiny Glancers.

TheseÂ moments are more than just completing a service project.Â They are opportunitiesÂ to build relationships, strengthen community andÂ love our neighbors well.

A special thank you to Connect members and the owners of Dolce At The Strand in Wadsworth, BJ and Nicole Mikoda, for blessingÂ our participants with treats fromÂ Dolce's gelato cart, which they broughtÂ to FG! It was the sweetest way to celebrate a great night of serving together!

Thank you Connect Church for showing up on mission for our community!



Mission & Ministry

WHEN WE PRAY ...

We are excited to share that First Glance and Streetlight Community Church are partnering in a meaningful way!

Streetlight's Women's Ministry has opened their 7 week Bible Study "When You Pray", not only to First Glance staff, but also to the moms who participate in The Connect.

What a beautiful opportunity to grow together, build relationship and deepen our faith!

A huge thank you to Streetlight CC for creating space for staff and moms to learn, pray and grow together as the Body of Christ!

If you, your church, or your LifeÂ Group would like to serve with First Glance for a program, special project, or community event, we'd love to connect with you! There are so many ways to serve, build relationships and live out our mission! Email Stacy at stacy@firstglance.org to learn more.

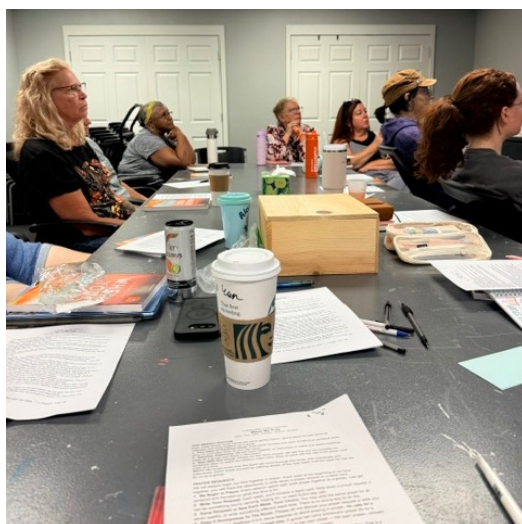
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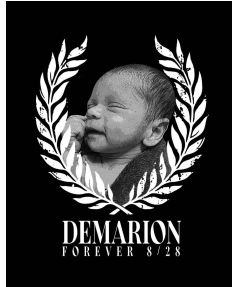
Five years ago, FGÂ had the privilege of walking alongside one of our moms, Dee, through one of the hardest seasons imaginable.Â She tragically lost her two-month old son, Demarion.Â During this time, we were able to help with his funeral, open our doors to host the repast, and most importantly, be the body of Christ by surrounding Dee with love, support and community.

Five years later, on Wednesday, The Connect had the beautiful opportunity to celebrate Demarion on his 5th heavenly birthday. What a reminder that ministry is about more than programs and events. Sometimes, its simply showing up. Sometimes, its carrying someone when they don't have the strength to carry themselves. And sometimes, its walking with a family through grief and continuing to love them years later.

At First Glance, we are grateful for every opportunity to be the church, to love well, show up, build community and remind our neighbors that they are seen, valued, not alone, and most importantly loved by God.

Join us in the mission.Â Let's be the church together!





Prayer Requests:

Staff

- Unity
- Growth in leadership
- Fresh ideas for fall programming
- Partnerships with local churches, nonprofits and youth groups
- Successful Back to School Bash
- Refreshing

Students

- Safety in going back to school
- Establish good routines

Rec Night

- More students
- Wisdom, guidance, and encouragement for our new coordinators, Josh and Virginia
- God's provision of additional volunteers to support the growing ministry

Thank you for partnering with us through your prayers, support, and service as we continue to invest in the lives of students, moms, and our community.

Programming Needs:

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- Backpacks for 8/22 Kenmore Back To School Bash
- Snacks and meals for Launch Kenmore
- Desserts for The Connect (held weekly on Wednesday)



Volunteer
with us *and* be
the change!

FILL OUT THIS FORM

Volunteer Opportunities:

Serve weekly, monthly, or quarterly“whatever fits your schedule!

- VolunteerÂ to help with our elementary age program at Launch Kenmore
- Rec Night volunteers (hospitality (concessions), games, cleanup)
- Additional volunteers needed toÂ help with construction ofÂ the newÂ Outdoor Skate Park!Â

Become A Volunteer Today

At First Glance Student Center, we are settingÂ a table where food, the love of Christ, welcome and relationship are at the center.

Our desire is continue to be a place in Kenmore where students, families, and neighbors can belong, be known, and experience God's love.

We are grateful that you, as a partner are coming alongside us to help prepare more seats at the table. Together, we can extend hospitality, build relationships and make room for even more lives to be transformed through the love of Christ.

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With Grace and Gratitude,

Stacy Boyd

Church Partner and Volunteer CoordinatorÂ

The Connect CoordinatorÂ

Upcoming Events



Become an Auction Sponsor

When you **become a sponsor for our 15th Annual Auction**, you are helping make

that possible for the next student who walks through our doors looking for hope, connection, and support.

Your partnership helps provide safe spaces, caring mentors, meals, programs, and opportunities for students and families in our community. Most of all, it helps us continue sharing the love of Jesus in authentic and life changing ways.

We would be honored to have you stand with us as a sponsor for this special year of celebration and impact. Together, we can continue creating a place where students belong and where Jesus changes lives.

Donate To First Glance

Your contribution makes a **huge** impact. [Learn more about how First Glance is impacting the lives of students and families.](#)



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