

Hello Family and Friends!

My name is Ayana Cruz, and I have the wonderful opportunity of being an intern for Faith Like Birds ministry. Faith Like Birds is a ministry that focuses on restoring and releasing the next generation into freedom and relationship with God through events and media.

God has transformed me drastically from who I used to be, and coincidentally, he used Faith Like Birds to do so. Throughout my childhood, I dealt with sexual and emotional abuse. This caused me to develop mental health issues, identity confusion, and the need to hurt myself as self-punishment. I hated God and I hated church. Against my will, my mom signed me up to attend The Shout Conference, where I encountered God's love for the first time. Thanks to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, my life has been changed. God used the gentleness and lovingness of the Faith Like Bird's team to give myself, and many other teenagers, the possibility to be set free from oppression and live life in God's freedom.

In August 2022, the Faith Like Birds team reached out to me with the opportunity to be an intern for them, and by October 2022, I began working for them. I host our podcast, GenFree, which is a student led podcast focused on discovering God's freedom in our everyday lives. As well as the podcast, I will begin to work on social media projects in order to bring the love of Christ to online viewers.

The purpose of this letter is to ask for you to prayerfully consider sponsoring me. This will be a paid position, but because the ministry is still in the beginning stages of expanding and relies on the donations of supporters, I need to raise my own support in order to off-set the cost of being a paid intern. It's almost like being a missionary for the ministry. **I need to raise around \$9,216 for the year. You have the option of giving a one time donation of \$369 for the year, or a monthly donation of \$31 for 12 months. If these options do not work for you, any monetary donation would be greatly appreciated.**

If you would like to give financially, you can do so by:

- 1) Giving online at praiseyork.churchcenter.com and selecting "Faith Like Birds."
- 2) Writing a check to Praise Community Church and writing "Faith Like Birds - Intern" in the memo. Checks can be sent to:
Faith Like Birds
705 South Ogontz Street
York, PA 17403

Please note that your donation, whether that be a one-time or monthly donation, will be given to Faith Like Birds directly. All donations given to the ministry will be tax-deductible.

In addition to raising funds, I'm in need of prayer. This is a huge leap of faith, not only for myself but for the ministry itself. We are so excited to see the faithfulness and kindness of the Lord as we move towards reaching more youth. I attached some prayer points below for you.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that I am able to raise the funds needed to be an intern.
- Pray that God equips my heart with the wisdom needed in my internship and in my life.
- Pray for God to convict my heart and deepen the desire for His will to be done in my life.
- Pray that I am able to receive from God what He has for me and that I would learn how to apply it and make a difference.
- Pray for my mental and physical health as I walk out in faith, because there is an enemy who will try to steal, kill, and destroy in times where people are called to rise up.
- Pray that boldness will stir in my heart so I will be able to do what God is calling me to.
- Pray that I continue to deepen my love for God, and that I allow God to love me.

Thank you for your time and consideration! If you have any questions or would like to hear more about what I'll be doing, feel free to reach out.

Peace be with you,

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