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Youth Unlimited members from left, Preston DeBolt of Downs, Kansas; Ryan Meyer of Raymond, Minn.; and Jordan Johnson of Baldwin, Wis., are chaperoned Tuesday by group leader Corry Poaps of Sarnia, as they clean the windows at the Thunder Bay CNIB building.

They're here to help

Acts of kindness help youth strengthen faith

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The need to help others can be a powerful motivator.

More than five dozen youth and chaperones are in Thunder Bay until Saturday, lending a hand to anyone who requests a service.

The members of Youth Unlimited, an American-based Christian youth organization, has several groups circulating the city, doing odd jobs for businesses and organizations.

They say the motivation is to strengthen their faith by performing selfless acts for others.

"They all volunteered, they are all

here by their own accord," said Corry Poaps, a group leader with Youth Unlimited. "All they want to do is help others."

Poaps and a group of six youth were at the CNIB on Tuesday helping with odd jobs, like washing windows and taking junk to the landfill.

Anna Bachlieda, CNIB's Thunder Bay co-ordinator for volunteer and development services, said requests for assistance were submitted.

"They've been here before and we were happy to have them back," she said.

"We have only one maintenance man to take care of the office. They are a really big help and it's very in-

spiring to see youth doing these acts just because they want to be better people."

Among them is Jordan Johnson of Baldwin, Wis.

He heard of the group through his church and decided to volunteer for the summer.

"I want to strengthen my faith by doing acts of kindness as they teach us in the Bible," he said.

Youth Unlimited is a non-profit organization whose goal is to organize Christian youth and send them to communities to help improve lives any way they can.

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Blues target all ta

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If there's a problem with blues, it's the wide scope of styl

With an endless array of and blues-based music and ar the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium has at times found it t getting acts that will appeal t tastes.

"Keeping fans interested long periods has its challenges," Halvorsen, general manager o TBCA, said Tuesday.

"When we have something Bluesfest going for nine years, is always the danger people wil interest and the festival will away."

To prevent a dreaded loss o peal, Halvorsen said, organizer proach getting talent for the fe the same way acts are booked fo Auditorium: keep the appeal b and up-tempo.

So far it's worked.

Halvorsen said ticket sales this year's festival, which runs day through Sunday at Thu Bay's Marina Park, are consis with previous years, although couldn't say exactly how many been sold.

He said some people are fan specific musical styles, like si performer acts, or they pref more intimate setting rather th large stage.

Smaller acts on the big stage, I ever, wouldn't translate well for a audience, he said.

"We have to think of the entire good and making the experienc good for the people in the front way in the back row," Halvor