

# The YRUU Gnome



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Hello there! I am the YRUU gnome! Long ago, I was discovered under a pile of rummage at the annual YRUU rummage sale. Found dusty and in need of a good paint job, a young man named Ted decided to clean me up and introduce me as the mascot as YRUU. Over the years, I have established myself as a silent, comforting spiritual leader. My plastic yet genuine smile has encouraged youth for years!

Since I was adopted, I have travelled with many youth. I have seen them come and go, going to so many new, exciting places, and I have come along. One of my most recent excursions was all the way down in Kentucky! At Henderson Settlement, Lu I slipped from bed to bed in the girls' dormitory. Once, someone tucked me into the bed of a very injury prone girl, with just my eyes peeking out. Oh boy, if I could use my arms I would have taken a picture of her face when she saw me!

On top of traveling, I am so proud to be photographed with a variety of significant characters, ministers, presidents, politicians, bridesmaids, even movie stars!

Wow, my life has been amazing. I hope I'm never left behind, I always want to be where these beautiful youths are! This is my home, and I sure hope the youths are as proud of the group as I am.