



Dear Friend of Camp Orchard Hill,

This year has been a year unlike any other in our nearly 50 year history! This pandemic has affected every area of our lives. I saw a quote that summarized the situation well – *“although we are not all in the same boat, we are all in the same storm.”* In spite of all the challenges, we have continued to see God’s blessing and His provision repeatedly.

When I wrote to you at the end of June this year, we were planning to begin our modified Day Camp program. We had no idea what to expect, but God blessed our program beyond our expectations! Nearly a third of our audience was brand new to camp and we ended up averaging 182 campers each week during our eight week program - 97% of last year’s average weekly attendance. And, God answered our prayers with no cases of COVID-19 in staff or campers!

Here is just one of the comments we received this summer:

“My kids are LOVING everything - so activities, lunches & structuring seems to be spot on! Great job everyone!! The communication & safety protocol is excellent. I feel that COH is staying on top of the CDC guidelines and it definitely shows from the safety procedures implemented and all the ways COH has redesigned the typical setting.”

-2020 Day Camp Parent

As many of our fall programs were cancelled, God opened the door for a new ministry opportunity this fall. On September 14th, we launched our Best Week Ever Education Pod and Respite Care Program. With most of our area schools holding classes virtually, there is a tremendous need for child care for working parents and families. Our program serves children in grades K-8 and offers a supportive learning environment, recreation options when school work is complete, a flexible schedule and the convenience of transportation, lunch and aftercare. It’s our privilege to help meet this need for the community!

“Thanks so much for the extension! I don’t know what I would do without you and your program!”

-2020 Education Pod Parent

“I do have to tell you that I feel very safe sending my son to COH knowing that there are a lot less students than there would be in school and that everyone is practicing CDC guidelines for social distancing.”

- 2020 Education Pod

As this year ends, we will continue to push forward with God’s blessing and your help.

2020 has been a challenging year, and with all of the cancellations we have lost over \$800,000 in operating revenue. Although we have also experienced a reduction in operating expenses, it does not begin to cover all of the revenue loss. Thanks to special gifts from people like you, we have been able to stay afloat even in the face of incredible loss! **However, in order to sustain our staff and meet the most basic of operating needs, we need \$70,000 in special year-end gifts.**

In spite of the challenges, we continue to press forward in faith! Your gift, regardless of size, matters to Camp Orchard Hill. A special contribution of \$200, \$100, \$50 or whatever you can afford, matters as we end 2020 and look forward to 2021. If you would like to designate your gift, please indicate that in the memo section of your check. To give securely online go to www.camporchardhill.com and click on the *Support* link.

Thank you in advance for standing with us!

Gratefully,

Jim Payne
Executive Director

P.S. Exciting progress is being made on the new Guest Group Lodge! Please turn the page over for an update and view of the progress being made with your help.

“This has been the most amazing experience for my son. He’s socializing and doing exactly what we wanted him to do at COH and we are already looking to register him for next summer! COH is by far the best summer experience we have ever experienced and would recommend to anyone. Keep up the great work.”

2020 DAY CAMP
PARENT

