



THE FIRESIDE AND WATERS EDGE LODGES...
finished debt free with your help!

DEAR FRIEND OF CAMP ORCHARD HILL,

Last year Camp Orchard Hill celebrated our 50th anniversary! We celebrated God's faithfulness, God's provision and God's work in the lives of our guests. This year, in our 51st year of ministry, we saw God once again work in incredible ways and bring record numbers of people to camp. To God be the glory!

There are so many great things happening at Camp Orchard Hill it's impossible to write about them all so I'll hit some highlights.

I am excited to announce that we are going to open a second location for our *Best Week Ever* Day Camp program next summer in the greater Hazleton area. We are partnering with the Ferrwood Camp facility in Drums, PA to operate our fully inclusive program for typically developing campers and children with special needs. We are looking forward to meeting and serving new children and families and can't wait to get started!

"If you build it, they will come." This is a famous line from the movie *Field of Dreams* and in our case we have seen exactly that. With the addition of our second new Guest Lodge, attendance for our programs has increased, including a record 143 ladies at our ALIVE! Women's Retreat. With new, modern facilities that are fully accessible, we are able to SAY YES to every guest!

As you read our year end letter, I hope you are encouraged by all that God is doing here! It is through the partnership of people like you that we are able meet the needs of our local community, region and beyond.

AS WE END THIS YEAR AND PREPARE FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF INCREDIBLE MINISTRY IN 2024, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Your year-end gift will help keep camp affordable so that the we can reach the largest audience possible. Your year-end gift will provide scholarships for those families who need our help to attend camp. Your year-end gift will help make the difference in the lives of those who we serve.

THANK YOU in advance for standing with us to continue to meet needs with the love of Jesus!

Jim Payne
Executive Director

P.S. 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 2023 and look forward to 2024.

Please mail the attached response card or give securely online at www.camporchardhill.com/support/

YOU HELPED US SAY YES IN 2023!



4,508

We served a record 4,508 campers in our summer programs!



\$100,734

With your help, we provided financial assistance to over 300 families...totaling \$100,734!



49,000

Our food service team prepared a record 49,000 meals during the summer months alone!



Through partnership with the Commission on Economic Opportunity, 8 men obtained housing placements during our Christmas at Camp program for area homeless men.



2506



Through Day Camp and Respite Saturday events, we provided 2506 days of respite care for campers with special needs!

Thank you for helping us to say YES in so many ways this year! Most importantly, we shared the love and hope found in Jesus Christ with each and every guest ...and many responded!



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS KNOW THE POWER OF CAMP!

We need \$18,000 in donations to the Scholarship Fund by the end of the year to cover the scholarships that we've already provided. Your scholarship gift has a profound effect in the life of a young person. Campers leave strengthened and they leave with hope! Here's what one of our campers shared...

“**DEAR CAMP ORCHARD HILL,** I would like to go to Camp Orchard Hill because it has always held a special place in my heart. It's been something I look forward to every year. The people, the activities and most importantly, the sermons have always been great for me. The counselors and campers have always treated others with respect, kindness and compassion. It's almost like a big family. Some of the people that I have met over the last few years of going to camp have now become some of the closest friends I've ever had. The sermons at camp have always moved me in some type of way. I've been through some tough times throughout my life and have separated myself from God, but every time I come back from camp, my relationship with Him is rekindled. Camp has reminded me time and time again that there is hope and that hope is God. - THRIVE Overnight Camper 2023



MEASURABLE BENEFITS!

Respite families regularly share that our programs make a difference! Weeks spent at camp - outdoors and among friends - help to build measurable communication skills, relationship skills and physical skills. We love to see these campers thriving and we're motivated to meet their needs with the love of Jesus! In 2024, we will expand our Inclusive Day Camp to serve children and families in the Greater Hazleton area. Pray with us as God leads the way!

“**DEAR STAFF,** I am a first grader with special needs and non-verbal. My mom is writing on my behalf since I am unable. I came to Camp Orchard Hill the last couple of summers and I love it! I was so happy at drop off and so happy at pick up that lets my mom know that I am having a GREAT day, every day. Camp is so important and vital in my life. It makes my summer enjoyable beyond words. Swimming is my favorite thing to do and I get to do that every day I'm at camp. I love breathing the fresh air and seeing my friends and teaching them how to communicate other than with their words. I like that my BT can help typical children learn more about autism and other developmental delays!

GRANT RECIPIENT - DAY CAMP

MEETING NEEDS WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST - SINCE 1972



YES! I WILL PARTNER WITH THE MINISTRY OF CAMP ORCHARD HILL IN 2024!

- ☐ I WILL PRAY for Camp Orchard Hill ministries, financial needs and building projects!
- ☐ I WILL commit the following financial investment:
 - A gift to support the ministry of Camp Orchard Hill
 - A gift toward the scholarship fund
- ☐ I'll give my gift securely online at www.camporchardhill.com/support/
- ☐ My check is enclosed (payable to Camp Orchard Hill)
- ☐ Use my credit card: VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER
 - One time gift: _____ Monthly gift: _____
 - Card #: _____ Expiration: _____
 - Signature: _____