



Dear Friend of Orchard Hill,

Fifteen years ago, I did something I've never done before.

Responding to an expressed need from a local homeless ministry, my team and I invited homeless men to spend two weeks at Christmas with us at Orchard Hill. Because these men had almost nothing except the clothes on their back, we bought them:

- New clothing
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Toiletries

And, with the help of our local community, churches and civic organizations we fed and cared for them, gave them a huge banquet in their honor on Christmas, got them out of the cold, and for those who needed it, helped them obtain identification.

That was fifteen years ago. Every year since, the same effort and love has taken place.

Many of these men are in danger of losing all hope. Our goal is to show them that they are valued, that they matter and that they are loved. To illustrate, one man wrote: *"This city really beats you into the ground and makes you feel like a prisoner in shackles and chains to the point you awake each day feeling dead inside and less than human. Thank you so much for a wonderful time for those 2 weeks. Those were the 2 best weeks of my life ever."*

As a friend of Orchard Hill, you have a right to expect us to be good citizens of the community where we work, along with expecting us to obey our Lord's command to help those in need.

Every year for the last fifteen years, "Christmas at Camp" has taken place. Without fail. Now, I need your help.

This year "Christmas at Camp" will cost approximately \$10,000 . . . I wonder if you could help us with this cost? A special gift of \$200, \$100, \$50 or any amount will help us meet the needs of those less fortunate.

I know this type of request is out of the ordinary for Orchard Hill. Quite frankly, the program is important enough that we will not discontinue it. Though we closely watch our budget in order to be good stewards of the money you entrust to us, these individuals have nothing and we need to help them.

If you can send us a gift along with your prayers, great! And, if you can't, would you pray for these homeless individuals and our efforts to share the love of Christ with them?

Thank you for everything you do on behalf of Orchard Hill.

Gratefully,

Jim Payne
Executive Director

P.S. Matching Gift Challenge! Now and until the end of the year, every gift given will be matched up to \$25,000. Your gift of any size will be doubled simply by responding to this need!