

December 21, 2021

Dear faithful Camp Swatara supporter,

When I think back on 2021 and the Lord's provision through your generosity, these words of Scripture come to mind:

## **Philippians 1**

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all . . .

This year we have seen 3 staff transition, two permanently and one to a different role. We added a new year-round Buildings and Grounds position and are set to add another year-round position in our Housekeeping department. And in this context, we have welcomed 4 new staff.

Our Board governance shifted to six voting members with the establishment of Ministry, Property, and Hospitality Councils to increase efficiency in communication and organization of key themed areas in our Camp ministry and operations.

Through the Lord's provision from key donors, groups, alumni, committed giving, and our COB Church family, we have surpassed our budgeted income for the year by just over 75%! We have received almost \$200K to date and in a year of decreased retreat rentals, God's timing is perfect! On behalf of our Staff and Board, you are a blessing! Thank you. Beyond regular operational gifts, key donors and donations have facilitated these needed improvements this year and slated into next year:

- Communications video monitor at the Campground Store
- Wifi components and network installation in our Family Campground
- 8 Old Town Discovery 158 canoes for all of our campers to enjoy the lake
- Play area installed at the Fellowship Hall area (2020 FC Auction Proceeds)
- West Area generator unit and installation
- 2003 Toyota Tundra added to our Buildings and Grounds department
- Family Campground Hill bathhouse heating unit and installation (Happening now!)
- Site posts and reflective, numbered signs in the Campground (2021 FC Auction Proceeds)

In addition to these resources we have received, we want to thank our loyal and generous volunteers who have given hundreds of hours across each of our departments throughout the year. From mowing, logging/splitting/stacking, directing programs, cleaning showers, selling ice cream, to serving hundreds of school students hundreds of meals and coordinating and facilitating our annual benefit auction in the Family Campground – you, our volunteers, are so incredibly valuable, bringing heart & help to our ministry.

Camp Swatara is blessed as we acknowledge and give glory to God for His provision of wonderful people who come together to support, care for, and love Camp Swatara that we know as our family!

Thank you all for a great year! We look forward to serving families and campers in 2022.



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