# Changing Lives



## One Camp At A Time



**ANNUAL REPORT 2022** 

As I reflect on the work of Central Oklahoma Camp and Conference Center in 2022, one word repeatedly comes to mind: *Community*. We were presented with a multitude of challenges over the past year; from eight air conditioner failures during the heat of the summer, to the failure of two septic systems, to the unexpected cancellation of two partner programs... we certainly had our hands full. But with each of those challenges, our community helped us to see the opportunities that existed and rallied around us to turn those opportunities into successes. A few examples include:

- Being selected out of the more than 19,000 nonprofits in our state to be named the "Community" category winner of an Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence award
- Being named nonprofit of the year by the Guthrie Chamber of Commerce
- Hosting more than 500 guests at our second annual Hoppy Camper Home Brew Expo
- Utilizing a cancelled rental group to open a new week-long young adult Make Promises Happen camp
- Being awarded three grants to improve the accessibility of our facilities to our campers with disabilities
- Installing new septic systems that will ensure the safety and functionality of our facilities for decades to come
- Upgrading and replacing HVAC systems in modern cabins for improved function and energy efficiency

One of the developments that I am most excited about from 2022 was the opportunity to work alongside our Board of Directors to develop a new strategic plan for our organization. Facilitated by the consulting team at the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits, our board spent time planning, dreaming, and strategizing ways that camp can continue to grow and flourish in the coming years. The new plan includes goals and strategies for how to improve our facilities, how to support our leadership and staff, how to further develop financial resources to support our mission, how to grow and expand our programs, and how to better tell the story of the transformative work we're doing at camp. We will be sharing more about some of these objectives as we begin implementing them over the next three years.

I am so incredibly thankful for the ways in which our community of partner organizations, donors, board, staff, and campers have supported us in the past year. I know that 2023 will have a new set of challenges and opportunities that will present themselves to us, and I hope that you'll continue to be an important part of our community as we pursue our work of "Changing Lives, One Camp at a Time"

Sincerely,

Jon Cunningham Executive Director





#### The Mission of Central Oklahoma Camp & Conference Center is to Enrich Lives Through Inclusive Outdoor Experiences



## LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS

#### 2022 was a great year for camp!

We hosted over 28 different events this year providing campers the chance to experience adaptive and accessible recreation. Everything from Archery, Pedal Boating, Zip Lining and Arts & Crafts to Surfing in Port Aransas and Skiing in Colorado. We were also able to host 2 new events, as we continue to grow and impact more people!

# 704

individual Make Promises Happen participants

370

campers with disabilities

334

one-to-one volunteers





#### VOLUNTEER HOURS SERVED IN 2022







32,466

Respite Hours provided to families

#### \$53,946.50

amount of scholarships & financial assistance provided to families in 2022



#### Thank you to all of our partner groups!

Camp Live A Dream Camp Endres - DSOK First Unitarian Church of OKC Santa Fe Place Aktion Club Christ the King Catholic School St Luke's UMC Sunnybrook Christian Church Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma Faithworks of the Inner City

Boy Scout Troops YMCA Greater OKC New Vessels Christian Church Teen Empower Deer Creek Church of Christ Vintage Church Edmond Public Schools Putnam City Public Schools Christian Church in Oklahoma Oklahoma State Wesley Foundation FCC Cherokee

Sand Springs Public Schools University of Central Oklahoma Oklahoma Christian Academy Oklahoma Grand Assembly / IORG Community Church Our Lords Community Church Red Dirt OK Search and Recovery Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits Core Women St. Pauls Episcopal Church Youth

# 10,266

Experiences provided in 2022

BY THE NUMBERS

53 Unique Rental Groups

Guests at Camp 2,631

**196** Days spent at camp

Nights spent at camp 92

4,704 Hours spent at camp





#### TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE LIVES

## **\$10/mo**

\$120 / Year

Provides a new bow & arrows for archery

## \$20/mo

\$240/ Year

Scholarship for l camper & their 1-to-1 volunteer for a weekend camp

## \$60/mo

\$720/ Year

Provides a bunk bed & two mattresses

## \$110/mo

\$1320/Year

Scholarship for 2 campers & their 1-to-1 volunteers to attend a weeklong camp

Visit centralokcamp.org or scan the QR code on the back, to make a one time gift or set up a monthly donation!

#### WISH LIST

8ft. White Plastic Lifetime Tables Glider Chairs Outdoor Fans Outdoor Furniture (chairs, table, loungers) Paddle Board(s) Kayak(s) Paintball(s) Self-Casting Fishing Pole Plastic Mattress Covers

Scan this to see the full list!



#### **DREAM LIST**

Paved Roads around Camp Shade at the Pool Accessible Dock for Waterfront Update dining hall / conference center Extended Railings for Diving Board Building dedicated to Arts and Crafts Convert Old Cabin into Nature Center Pad & Pergola at Axe Throwing Utility Vehicle(s) Golf Cart(s)

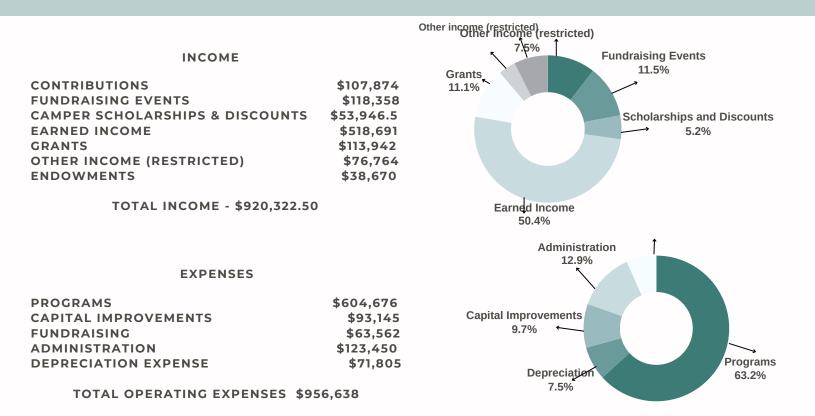








## 2022 FINANCIALS



## NEW AT CAMP



#### NEW SIGNAGE AROUND CAMP

We have been busy putting up new signage around camp to make it easier for you to get around!

#### **NEW SEPTIC SYSTEMS**

We were able to install 2 new septic systems on the Modern Side of camp!!

#### **NEW A/C UNITS**

This year we were able to install 7 new Air Conditioning Units in several modern cabins!

#### ACCESSIBLE PAVED PATHWAY

Right before summer we were able to get a new paved pathway connecting the Rustics to the Conference Center!

While these things may not seem exciting to most people, they are HUGE improvements for the future growth and sustainability of camp! These projects would not be possible without our incredible donors.

#### 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janetta Cravens - Chair Denny Mask - Vice Chair Brian Sterkel-Treasurer Riley Eden - Secretary Spencer Bowen-Past Board Chair Matt Myers Ryan DeArman Maranda Ryburn **Tracy Grammer** Kate Perkins Donna Costello Heady Coleman Lonetta Spraque Dan Meinders

#### Camp Staff

Jon Cunningham - Executive Director

Elisha Wheeler - Director of Operations

Cody Lawson - Director of Marketing, PR, & Make Promises Happen

Jace Schara - Director of Programming

Heather Binda - Office Manager

Lance Crenshaw - Facilities Manager

Betsy Lawson - Camp Cook

#### Make Promises Happen Camp Directors

Robert Franklin Emily Boyett Carrie Schlehuber Austin Hula Dylan Cahwee Beth Null Josh McClennahan Brookelyne Lawson Kathy Sams

#### SUMMER STAFF 2022

We had 12 staff members this summer who worked hard to provide a memorable, safe, and fun summer to all of our groups!

> Morgan Schlehuber Rachel Blair Jace Dawson Cassie Dawson Audrey Butler Halle Hayward Angel Rosas Ashanti Mosindi Grant Mallett Bri Pritchard Erin Henke Haley Milton













# MEET THE TEAM

The work that we do would not be possible without the generosity of our supporters!

#### **Corporate Sponsors**

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#### Foundations

Broken Arrow Leadership Foundation Davis Farms / Iron Mount Investment Fund Donna Nigh Foundation **Kirkpatrick Foundation** Lemon Family Foundation Love Meyer Family Foundation Madge Vincent Charitable Trust **Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits Olson Family Foundation** Southern Hills Christian Church Stuart Family Foundation The Chickasaw Nation Wegener Foundation Wilshire Charitable Foundation

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of Logan County

#### We are a proud partner agency of United Way of Logan County



#### 2022 AWARDS

#### Oklahoma Nonprofit Excellence ONE Award



# THANK YOU!

#### Guthrie Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year



Guthrie NewsLeader Nonprofit of the Year





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