

2023 EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

“... to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.”
(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 494)

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“I realize that there are some very generous and loving people who make donations so that students like myself can do things that our families cannot afford outright. I cannot tell you how grateful I am. Thank you so much for helping me have this wonderful opportunity. I am really grateful for you, the donor, whoever you may be. Please know that I think about you all year and maybe one day I can donate, too! I'd really like to be able to do that.”

“This year our daughter (3rd year) and son (2nd year) both had such amazing growth in both confidence and Christian Science and it was wonderful to see it unfold. It was going to be a tough year, financially, and we weren't sure camp would happen this year, but in prayerfully working with 'Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need', a family member let me know about your wonderful organization and we applied. The gratitude we feel about the assistance we received is really a reflection of Love and it was shown in the faces of our kids when we picked them up and they were full of stories and laughter... and planning for their camp adventures next year! Many, many thanks for everything you do.”

“Both of my boys were able to have a truly transformational summer with the help of all of you. We truly cannot thank you enough. Thank you for giving my children and me a reason to look forward again.”

PARENT APPRECIATION

“What a joy and privilege it was to be able to send our son to camp this past summer! He grew by leaps and bounds. To be surrounded by the love expressed from administration, from counselors and fellow campers makes for a truly joyous, God-felt sense of home, LOVE. With each activity being prefaced with prayer, growth goes on and on.”

“Given the challenges of the year, our financial situation had been significantly impacted, and camp would not have been possible at all without the generous support of the Campership Fund donors. We can't thank you enough for meeting that need, and I am confident that it was 'worth it' as the camp experience for my two had such a healing effect and will spread as they continue to bless others.”

“My daughter's experience was such a special one! She loved riding the horses and going down the waterslide, making new friends, and celebrating Independence Day at camp. She relished the Bible study and metaphysical chats each day and gave not one, not two, but three testimonies during the Wednesday night testimony meeting. I'm so grateful for the opportunities The Campership Fund provides for young ones, it is such a blessing, one that carries lifelong memories with it. Thank you so much for all that you do for all the young people and adults

who have the dream of going to camp. This is a transformational opportunity!”

“Both girls talked non-stop after picking them up from camp about how much they loved it. They both mentioned marking their books and reading the lesson. They talked about learning how to pray. They talked about praying for themselves and others. What a wonderful experience. It was our kids' first time at a Christian Science camp, and we couldn't be more grateful to the staff, and to the donors of the TCF that made it possible for our kids to experience such a warm, embracing, spiritual environment. Thank you from the parents as well!”

“We could not imagine a better experience for our children than to spend the summer [at a CS camp], learning new activities and growing in their understanding of Christian Science. Camp is truly the best gift we could give our children and we are so unbelievably grateful for the Campership Fund for making camp possible this summer. Camp is a place where each of our three children feel like they belong and they are encouraged to be the best version of themselves. We have loved hearing their experiences, funny stories and testimonies of healing. We are deeply grateful to the donors that made Camp possible for our children and so many other families.”

COMING HOME

"Camp is truly one of my favorite places in the world. Every year I come back to camp and it feels like coming to my second home. Camp is such a welcoming place and everyone there is nothing but kind and thoughtful. I would like to really thank you for helping me get to camp yet again and helping me enjoy 2 weeks with my good friends."

"It was a big year for our family, moving across the Atlantic from Europe to the US and trying to find our way in a new city and new home. After being unable to connect with many Christian Scientists for the past several years, I was hungry for a community of like-minded individuals. I wanted to expose my children to this community, and let them know there are other kids attending CS Sunday School like they do. As we drove up to camp, though, we felt a little unsettled. We had just gotten into our groove in our new home, making friends, starting work, and so on. My 6-year-old wasn't happy for another 'change.' Well, one week later, as we drove home, she asked if she could go back next summer. 'I want to live at that place!' she told me joyfully. The camp felt like home and the friends we made like family."

HEALING

"I absolutely LOVED getting to do the Musical Theater program! In my programs I got to make a bunch of new friends. In Musical Theater I had a challenge come up and I was so grateful to be surrounded by this loving environment to help me work through it. I was having some trouble with my voice, the mortal picture showed a sore throat and cough. It seemed like it was going to stop me from singing! I was talking to our program practitioner about it and he told me that the source of my voice isn't my vocal cords, our only source of anything, including my voice, is God. I really

like this thought and worked to understand it. On our performance day he told everybody the same thing he told me, that our voices can always be heard, with clarity, because our voice comes from God. During the performance I felt no fear about my voice being perfect and when I went on to sing I felt so full of joy! I'm so grateful for this experience and being able to go to camp. Thank you so much for everyone who made this possible!"

"What I'm most grateful for is a healing of thought I had at camp this summer. I was having some issues with a cabin mate of mine. We had multiple arguments, and one evening I asked to talk to a practitioner. The practitioner said that I could have 'pure peace, storm or shine'. It didn't matter if I was best friends with this cabin mate or arguing with her. I could maintain pure peace and love her all the while. I worked really hard on keeping my cool and having 'pure peace, storm or shine'. That night, as we were getting ready for bed, this cabin mate handed me an apology note. I forgave her. I am very grateful for this experience as I feel like it has really helped me learn about Christian Science. Every summer, I feel like I really grow in my understanding of Christian Science and as a person. Thank you so much for giving me the gift of camp."

"A healing I experienced was when my eye was hit by a rope while climbing, and my vision was blurry for a day. I talked to our adult counselor, and he prayed with me about it, and we claimed my uninterrupted perfection. I was never afraid but felt the Comforter and Love surrounding me. The next morning when I awoke, it was perfectly fine. In one of the prep talks, the practitioner talked about how we sometimes have a limited view of the world, like seeing it through a cardboard tube. You must take away the tube to be able to see the bigger picture."

I think I could bring lots of happiness to my camp group. I didn't miss my cell phone at all because my days were filled with fun activities or I could just chill. I was never bored.

I felt joy the whole time, except when we had to do the dishes. Last year I thought that it was the best session ever, but to my joy, this session was even better. So every year is the new best session ever!!!!"

"On the senior flag trip, I twisted my ankle when I got caught stealthing and decided to run down the ridge. I twisted my ankle on a log and wasn't able to participate in any raids for the next couple of hours. I asked the counselor as well as the captain and co-captain of the team for some good thoughts. They told me to express God and that if God couldn't be hurt, I couldn't be hurt either. Shortly after that, I was able to take my mind off of my foot and realized that the healing had taken place and I was able to continue on with the competitive camping trip. This is why I am so grateful for all that you do to provide funds for kids like me at camp. I love camp so much and these summers mean so much to me!"

"I had such an amazing time at camp this year. I had one important healing at camp involving Polocrosse. Towards the end of the second week my wrist began to hurt a lot, I worked with the practitioner and she gave me different ideas to work with. My favorite idea was of reflection. As we were looking at the reflection of trees on a lake she said that even if the image in the water gets disturbed by wind or rain, the trees themselves are still perfect. I kept praying about it and working with the practitioner and in the third week the pain disappeared and I was able to play in the tournament. I love going to camp and I can't wait to go back next year to play

Polocrosse, make new friends and have fun”.

“One favorite experience I had was when I was hiking La Plata with my Challengers team. At one point I thought to myself, I just can't do this. But then, I thought of the quote from Science and Health which states, 'You say, 'toil fatigues me', but what is this me? Is it muscle or mind?' This helped me because my legs didn't want to move anymore, but then I thought about how 'Mind is the source of all movement' and this gave me the inspiration to keep going up the mountain. Not too much later, I was able to peak the 14,000-foot mountain with the rest of the Challengers. I felt so proud of that accomplishment. And an added bonus, I got to see the cutest marmot ever!”

CONNECTION WITH GOD

“I am really grateful for camp. This year's metaphysical theme for camp was grit and grace. We learned how they go together. You have to have grit to do something that seems hard. You also have to have the grace to do something without complaining.

One of my highlights was getting to go on the challenge which is a 4-day competitive camping trip. It was a great opportunity to learn and grow in a supportive environment. It taught me that I don't have to limit myself because God is always with me and supporting me. One of my other highlights was getting to go horseback riding. One of the reasons I like horseback riding is that it teaches you to have patience with yourself and the horse. It also teaches you to be persistent and to not give up when the horse is being difficult. In Sunday school we talked about how you are always innocent. We also talked about how to handle error when it might try to trick you into thinking you are not. That idea stuck with me though camp and helped me a lot. Camp this year

was such a great experience and I can't wait to go back next year. :)”

“I also was able to learn and grow in Christian Science by being surrounded by other Christian Scientists, reading the Bible Lesson every morning, having a met [metaphysical meeting] before each activity, and more.”

“I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to go to camp again this summer. It was my best summer yet, because I got more close to God in my activities each day. I really loved the metaphysical theme this summer “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with strength and with all thy mind and thy neighbor as thyself”. I remember in one morning meeting I was thinking about the metaphysical theme, and I was thinking how when you pray you don't just love God with all your strength or just your mind, you love God with everything. I was also so grateful about all the love and support I received at camp every day.”

Each year I go to camp and feel as though I am renewed, my connection with God is strengthened. Throughout each lesson study, testimony or time of quiet contemplation where I think about God and sense of love from others is more prominent in my life. Camp is a safe haven to me where I can be as a child in spiritual sense, pure and innocent, full of freedom and life. This shows me that camp is a gift, something that I am very lucky to have. Thank you to The Campership Fund and its donors giving me the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful experience.

“At camp, there was just this wonderful supporting atmosphere all around, I felt like I could go to anyone for help if I ever needed it. Each morning I woke up, looking forward to what the day would bring, and each night, I went to bed so content with my life. I definitely did more work in learning to trust

in God, and knowing that I was always protected and watched over. I always knew God looked after me when I was younger, but I still occasionally had this false fear that something bad might happen while trying something new, like the ropes course. Two years ago, I couldn't even climb up into the ropes course without wanting to come straight back down. This year, I was able to tackle the entire course with ease. And from that, I am so thankful that I have tried to put more of my trust in God. I love being at a Christian Science camp because when those challenges arise, as a group we meet them with prayer and it encourages me to turn to prayer too. Thank you so much for the financial support that got me to camp this year.”

“My previous three summers of kayaking had built a sort-of-fear of holes on the river and entrapment. The counselors this summer really supported me to see them in a new way – without fear. This was a huge change in mindset for me. By the end of the summer, I felt so secure in God's protection that I was able to begin to see the river holes as places of adventure and now I love playing in them! I wanted to thank The Campership Fund for all they do during the year to raise funds to support kids like me, who love Christian Science, to attend one of the CS camps!”

FIRST TIME CAMPER

“We had never been to camp before and we both found a warm and rewarding experience! The CS understanding of Christianity has been in my mind since I was first introduced and read Science and Health 28 years ago. I was glad to see it in action in the wholesome spirit at camp. The scholarship was needed, my recent divorce after 17 years and other issues have left me in considerable debt, this vacation was a godsend!”

“Thank you for making us feel safe, loved and included. I personally enjoyed the prac talks and Mets

before activities. This was my first time as a camper!! I am 58 years old and always wanted to go to camp!!”

“Dear TCF, Thank you for helping pay for camp this summer. It was my first year at camp and I loved it! I love hanging around kids my age that are also Christian Scientists. I liked that I was able to grow more spiritually by singing hymns and giving testimonies. The staff made me feel like it was a second home. They loved me like they were family. I learned that I love boating in the water. I also love the lake and all the nature on all sides of it. Seeing, smelling, feeling nature all the time was so special to me. I can't wait to go back next year.”

“Thank you so much for making Family Camp possible for us!!! This was the first time we had attended a CS camp and a first for my 16 and 13 year olds sons at a true sleepaway camp as well. We all had a wonderful time! The staff was amazing! The activities were so fun, safe, yet fear conquering to a huge extent as well (e.g. zip line and leap of faith!). The sense of peace, love, harmony, kindness, and joy permeated the entire camp. The week just flew by. My youngest son plans to attend camp next summer and we would love to come back to Family Camp as well. The financial assistance was so, so helpful to make this a reality for us. We hope to become donors to your fund in the future as we would love to be able to pay back this generosity in the future. Many healings took place including those of fatigue (there was so much to do!), small cuts and bruises were healed quickly and soon forgotten and a strong general sense of safety was always present which as a parent, I so deeply appreciate. Thank you again for your generous support!!!!”

GROWTH IN LEADERSHIP

“I am very grateful for my time spent at camp this year. I grew significantly as an individual, and

I have much more confidence as a leader. My counselors pushed me towards a style of leadership that matched my personality. I was to be one who led by example. In the first week of camp, I took waterskiing, and I grew much more capable and confident in my ability to waterski. In that first week, we also went for quite the canoe trip. My cabinmates and I were told of the trip only 30 minutes before we left. The trip was amazing, I rowed further than I ever had before and on rougher waters than I had ever encountered on a canoe. That night we enjoyed a wonderful Wednesday night church service, and we reflected on the journey of the day. I am grateful for your support, for it supported my growth as a leader and as an individual.”

“As I was preparing with a practitioner for a four day/three night intense game of capture the flag, I worked on the idea of ego and not having a false sense of responsibility. I needed to replace that idea completely by removing myself and letting God do the work. On the trip, it started to downpour. Everybody's morale was low including my own, and it was made worse by the fact that I wasn't feeling well. I remembered the metaphysical work that I did ahead of time and got out of myself and started to help other people. In the end, I felt better, everybody's morale came up, including mine, and the rain wasn't a distraction but became strategically helpful and fun.

At the end of the summer, I received some very special recognition which I humbly share with you. It's a little bit of proof that I was able to change my thought in a Godward direction.

Thank you so much for helping me so that I could help others and grow spiritually. This school year, I will strive to be unselfish, encourage others, and let God do his job.”

CIT GROWTH

“Dear Campership Fund,

Thank you so much for helping me get the opportunity to go to camp this year! I was a CIT, and it was absolutely amazing. I learned so much about God, myself as a leader, and I had incredible experiences.

I also loved getting the opportunity to have the CS Practitioner as the CIT Sunday School teacher. She talked a lot about eternity and infinity, and it opened my eyes to lots of new ideas. Her classes definitely helped me shift my view to a more spiritual view of the world. I now look around and see God in everything, and I'm so grateful for this change in thought. This was by far my best summer yet, and I can't wait to go back next summer!”

“I can never thank you enough and all of those who make this organization possible for providing me with the opportunity to go to camp! While I was at camp the welcoming spirit was everywhere even though I was a new counselor and it was such an amazing experience to meet everyone! The spiritual environment was incredibly palpable and encouraged my own spiritual growth significantly. A healing that I experienced while I was there happened one night as I suddenly felt very ill, as that was happening the mindset of the cabin started to deteriorate. I knew this was because I had to fix my thought, so I went to the care house and simply sat down and started doing random openings in hymnals, the Bible, and the Science and Health. Every opening comforted me then affirmed the healing power at hand, then taught me a lesson on how it is impossible to be punished for doing good. All of this wonderful thought culminated in me leaving the care house after about thirty minutes feeling better than ever! In fact, I quietly sang hymns to myself as I returned to my cabin.

Camp was a very significant place for my spiritual growth and I could not be more grateful for the support given by the Campership fund for helping me be there!”

“This summer was probably the best summer of my life, all because of camp and the people in it. I had always known I wanted to be a CIT, but I was doubtful coming into this year because many of my friends were not returning and I had heard how challenging CIT summer was. But I didn’t know how much I would grow and learn throughout the summer to emerge as a completely different person, and how rewarding the experience would be. All the challenges we were presented with each day taught me something new about myself and God, and showed me how relying on God in any situation can allow you to do crazy things you never thought possible. This strengthened my relationship with God so much, especially since this past year I had been questioning Christian Science and not turning to God in any situation. Just being faced with challenges, I had no choice but to turn to God, and to have the support system of my counselors and fellow CITs willing to have meaningful discussions about CS and be there for me was so rewarding. The bonds that I made with them are the closest I have ever felt to friends, and I know I will stay friends with them for so many years to come. The friendships you make at camp are so genuine, especially because there are no phones and camp brings out the kindest and best qualities in people. I am so grateful I got this opportunity to participate in this program and emerge as a much better leader and person in general, and experience all the incredible experiences I did.”

“Thank you so much for supporting and giving so many kids the opportunity to go to camp. This summer I was a CIT. I spent 7 weeks growing and giving back to camp. We were faced with so many challenges, one of which

being on our “Silent Day” – where the CITs couldn’t talk for an entire day and were faced with many extra challenges. One of the challenges was carrying a heavy rock up and down the hill many times. Not only was it a physical challenge, but also a mental challenge. None of us were able to verbally support each other as we all walked up and down the hill together. This challenge forced me to rely on God and only God. I had to uplift others spiritually and put even more trust in Christian Science since I had nothing except my thoughts. I also grew so much through my biggest healing so far. It happened on my 5 day CIT canoeing trip – we had been reading the lesson a lot and just talking about it because it applied so much to what we were going through. Since we were 50 miles away from civilization it led to me relying on God more than ever. I had struggled with an injury that occurred on the trip and I had struggled to overcome it until I read a passage in the lesson saying “Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken” (Proverbs 3:25,26). This line stuck with me for the rest of the trip and helped me keep my thought in the right place. This summer has been by far the best year at camp.”

“This summer I was in the CIT program. The week of our Service Project, we made tee-pads for the disc Golf course. It was cool to build something for camp that everybody could use and make the course nicer. I was also able to go on a 5-day sea kayaking trip with my cabin. We island hopped to many little islands. We were able to see many animals. We had seals and porpoises swim close to and around our boats. Then we got to see beautiful sunsets and tons of stars that weren’t affected by any lights. At camp I was also able to grow a lot as a Christian Scientist. It was really nice to be surrounded

by Christian Scientists and be able to help or address a problem metaphysically. I really liked using Hymn 130 and the idea of walking with God. I used this hymn and the idea of going with God during the Mountain Man challenge. I would replace words in the hymn that related to going up or downhill. The idea that God would not let me lose my balance and fall, but that God would keep me upright. Also being surrounded by so many other Christian Scientists, which allowed us to have very meaningful conversations and help each other gain a better understanding of Christian Science. I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to go to camp for 7 weeks and experience spiritual growth. Over the past couple years the Campership Fund has helped me go to camp and experience all it has to offer and I am looking to go back as a counselor next year.”

ADULT PROGRAMS

“The wealth of knowledge I gained by the Bible Study was very profound. I understood more deeply my oneness with God that is the only reality. Upon returning home I have found a cascade of divine thoughts unfolding to me that is shaping my practice of Christian Science.

A person who traveled in our car to camp is now considering standing for election as Second Reader at our upcoming election meeting. The sense of love that pervaded the camp made it possible to totally let go and let God be God.”

“Thank you for the generous assistance to attend this special Bible conference. It is far beyond what I expected. Plus, I’ve gotten to see camp for the first time and have met so many wonderful staff and people attending the event. The inspiration on the Bible I’ve gained here will be with me when I return to my church and continue as Second Reader, plus in my daily life as I live with greater

consecration and understanding of Christian Science.”

“I would like to express my gratitude for the assistance I received to attend a Centennial reunion over Labor Day weekend. Being able to go back to camp as a ‘camper’ rather than staff was so special, and came at a very needed time. It was incredible to be surrounded by so many strong, compassionate, hilarious, and principled women of substance. I was reminded that ‘Man is the expression of Soul’ and that, ‘... Identity is the reflection of Spirit, the reflection in multifarious forms of the living Principle, Love. Soul is the substance, Life, and intelligence of man, which is individualized, but not in matter.’ (SH p. 477) This was a very needed reminder of who I am, and where I come from. Thank you, thank you for your assistance. I would not have been able to attend without it.”

“I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the campership award I recently received. Over the years, I have driven past camp many times and longed to live those camp days again. Little did I know, I’d be able to do so at a Centennial Reunion, with special help from the Campership Fund. As is tradition at [camp], beach time on Lake Michigan was a daily occurrence, with our morning and evening dips, afternoon swims and many activities in-between. Each time I went down to the beach I witnessed dozens of other women, of all ages, playing in the water as we did as campers and counselors. The waves were quite large that weekend; body surfing and wave jumping were the activities of choice. I marveled at the sound of freedom in all the laughter and the boundless childlike joy expressed indiscriminately by all. I have striven to bring that limitless joy, innocence, and freedom to my everyday life, and to let the memory of playing in Lake

Michigan be my guidepost moving forward.

The reunion was an experience I will take with me forever. I am endlessly grateful to have had the childhood camp experience once more and to have been reminded of the essentials – of Love, of Life, of friendship, activity, and Truth.”

FAMILY CAMP

“Thank you for the opportunity to take my 4 grandsons (ages 7 through 11) to family camp. What boy wouldn’t love the experience of kayaking, hiking, swimming, rock climbing, trampoline-ing (is that a word?), archery, running and children and adults playing together in a loving environment. While two of the boys were facing some emotional challenges, the staff and practitioner were always present to help them through with such loving, supportive thoughts. I especially enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and pray with other Christian Scientists from Mexico. They were so kind and generous and even cooked authentic Mexican cuisine on several occasions.

Probably one of my favorite memories was when one of the 7 year olds mastered the rock climbing wall 3 times. Another favorite memory is when the oldest was working through his debilitating anxiety and his camp counselor shared with him his own experience with overcoming anxiety. My grandson said that was the best part of camp for him, and he is a non-Christian Scientist who pooh-poohs all religions. I think the true testimony to how much the boys enjoyed the experience is that they are already thinking about going back next year! Thank you so much for this opportunity that may not have been possible without the assistance of the Campership Fund.”

“Thank you for providing the financial support that allowed

me and other families to live the experience at camp. I enjoyed, at various times, a deep sense of church and unity, to study the Bible lesson each day or to share with others, testimonies of the practice of Truth.

The quiet and calm of the place are of great help to have intimate moments of study and prayer, I am very grateful to the camp staff for the metaphysical work they do every day that supports all physical activities, where campers can experience and reflect the energy, courage, perseverance, strength that God gives us. Thank you to all the donors who made it possible for me to attend camp, thank you for the spiritual progress that this gave me, thank you for expressing generosity and kindness.”

“Infinitely grateful for the experiences we had during the week of camp, I remember that we were always received with a smile, help, warmth and love. I had a healing at the end of the camp, the challenge was great and its fruits were spiritual growth in consciousness and essence. I received the loving care of the practitioner and nurse, in addition to all the Christian scientists complicit in good! My children lived this challenge accompanied by divine Love, rejoicing in their protection and care.”

“Our family has multi generational members who are involved with our local Christian Science Camp. Camp is a special haven, our home away from home. It’s an oasis to return to for rejuvenation, rest, playtime & discovery! Whether we are enjoying the ropes course, singing hymns, or participating in the infinite possibilities available on such a tremendous property; Christian Science is always the underlying foundation on which each activity is based upon. I am so grateful to attend Camp as a daughter & a mother simultaneously. What a gift to be together at Camp as a family! We are making the most beautiful

memories, which we will all cherish throughout our lives. The generosity from the Campership Fund is what makes it possible for our family to bond & connect with our family, as well as widening our sense of family to include other like minded Christian Scientists. The love at Camp is palpable and washes over you as soon as you arrive. Simply put, Camp is our highlight for the year. There is value in attending these special gatherings. Our family has enjoyed Family Camp, Girls Camp, Men's Weekend, & Women's Weekend. We have also worked many of these events I, myself, as a cook. We also make the effort to give back to Camp through work parties and being on the board. Camp has blessed our family for over 60 years and I am confident that Camp will continue to bless others for 60 years and beyond."

"I am so very grateful for your financial help so that I could attend Family Camp. The children enjoyed sharing their memories and adventures while we walked around camp. I appreciated the metaphysical thoughts woven into all our activities - giving me the chance to put thoughts into practice. I really loved Vespers - reading the Sermon on the Mount as a group really touched my heart and made me listen to the message in the sermon in a new way. I also appreciated the quiet unstructured time available to me to walk in the forest or to sit on the porch during a rainy afternoon- I was able to feel completely peaceful, shedding the stress of my usual routine as a classroom teacher. I truly appreciate the help you provided to me and to all my family so that we could have this week together."

"Our Family Camp 2023 experience was one of growth and learning the importance of collaboration as a family. One of the things that I love most about family camping is the emphasis of one community equals one Mind. We all are present to have the full camp experience and no matter how the challenges appear to us, we know that our protection and ability comes from God. The lesson that week was on Mind and the concept of true equality came up with every activity presented. We all had the same strength, capability and focus to achieve all activities. This realization helped us to overcome any misconceptions of fear and anxiety that may come with trying a new activity. I remember when my niece, my son and I were kayaking on the lake when a storm had hit us, and the waves started to work against us. Someone from the camp came to check on us and asked if we needed assistance. I told her that we would be fine and that we would be able to paddle our way back to the camp. My niece, son and I knew where our power and protection came from with every paddle against the waves and a lot of patience, we made it back to the camp shore safe and sound. As a family, we learned to work together, encourage each other and help each other through every camp activity no matter how large or small. As a family, we participated in zip lining, canoeing, sailing, tubing, hiking, kayaking, archery and pickle ball. It was healing to work together as a family trying different activities. Most important, as a family we prayed together through all of the sweat, triumphs and falls and we rose more confident with the understanding that our family represents the one Mind that we all reflect."

"Thank you sincerely for your major financial gift that allowed my husband, two young sons, and me to have our first-ever Christian Science camp experience. Wow. It was amazing. The [camp] setting was more lovely than I imagined, the events were all well coordinated and fun, and the spiritual growth was evident. My husband, who is not a Christian Scientist, spoke with the practitioner on staff and experienced relief from a headache. Through his impactful conversations with that practitioner and also the camp coordinator, he left camp this summer with a new appreciation for and interest in Christian Science. He has since started reading Science and Health when in need."