

*The  
Campership*



**ANNUAL REPORT** 2020

# OUR MISSION

The mission of The Campership Fund for Christian Scientists is to identify, encourage and financially help children attend the camp for Christian Scientists of their choice when there is a financial need.

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## Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends,

What a year 2020 was! It was unlike any other... filled with challenges, opportunities, constant listening and rethinking how to go about doing what we do.

Our metaphysical theme this year, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths," from Proverbs, couldn't have been more perfect!

In our report, you'll read about how the six camps pivoted to provide the best camp experience possible during this past year and how The Campership Fund (TCF) worked closely with them to provide whatever support would be most helpful.

We had just become the primary source of funding. Now, in partnership with the six camps, applications for camperships would go through TCF. God was certainly directing our paths throughout this year as we listened for Her guidance.

If you are reading this, I trust you are someone who is camp-passionate... So you won't want to miss reading about our new

Camp-Passionate Campaign you can join, and the Camp Passports you can carry with you as you visit each of the camps.

Lastly, since this is my last year as Executive Director, I want to share what a true privilege and honor it has been to serve in this position during the past three years. How grateful I am for everyone's help—from Board, staff members, and our representatives to our faithful donors. All of you have helped TCF to grow nationally and be a blessing throughout our CS camp community.

Shortly it will be time to pass the baton on to our next Executive Director, Kaki Green, who you can read about in the report. As you get to know her, there's no doubt that TCF is in good hands and that you will enjoy interacting with her.

With joy and camp-passion!

*Cosy*  
 Cosy Schneberger, Executive Director

## 2020 Metaphysical Theme

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

—Proverbs 3:5

## 2020 Highlights

### TCF became the Primary Source of Funding throughout the CS camp community

Now, in partnership with all the camps, applications for camperships now go through The Campership Fund. We were able to take this step because, for the first time, we now offer:



- ▶ Camperships throughout the US and Canada
- ▶ Funding to adults as well as children
- ▶ Funding for all camp programs – summer camp, family camp, and any of the off-season programs.

### We formed a Camp-Passionate Campaign and are offering Camp Passports

You can learn more about these programs at [campershipfund.org/camp-passionate](http://campershipfund.org/camp-passionate).

### Our website is now a resource for the Camps

On our website you can connect easily with all six camps. There you can now view the schedule of camp shows and camp virtual events, as well as watch an all camp video.

### Social Media presence increased

We've dusted off our Facebook page and created an Instagram presence which enables us to share stories, updates, and events with everyone. These have included:

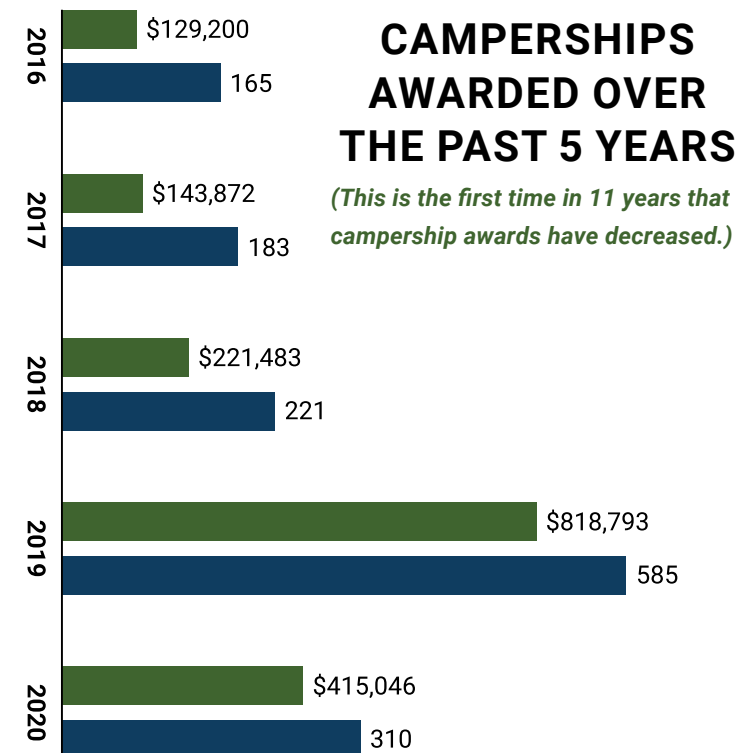
- ▶ Stories of how couples met at camp
- ▶ Where is this Wednesdays
- ▶ Thank you Thursdays – with wonderful expressions of camp-passion

## 2020 Camperships

**310**  
total camperships

**275**  
children supported  
*(Includes Day Camp, Summer Camp, Online Camp, & Family Camp)*

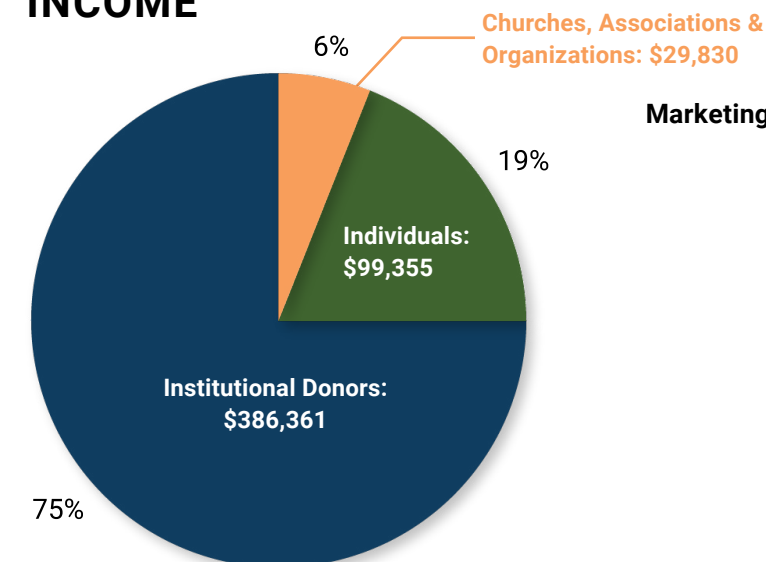
**35**  
adults supported  
*(Includes Friends & Family Getaway, Family Camp, Adult Programs)*



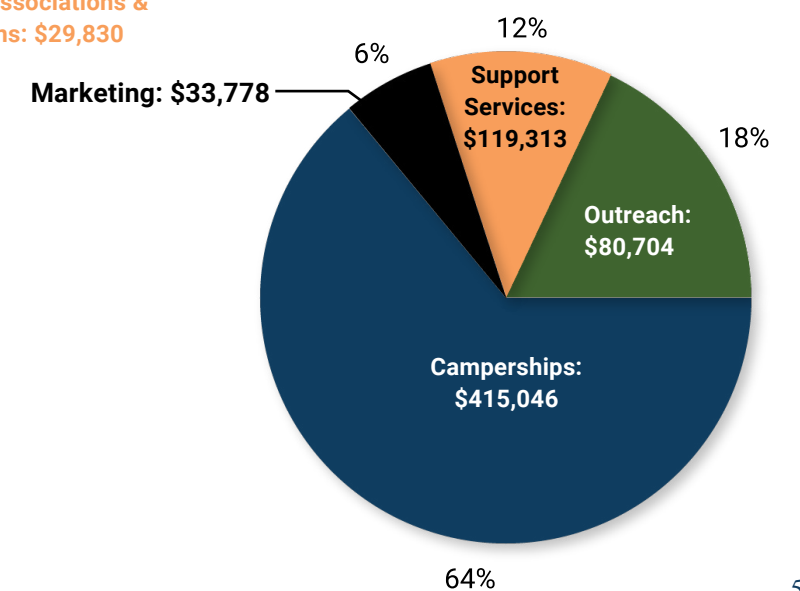
### CAMPERSHIPS

- Day & Summer Camp – 161
- Online Camp – 89
- Friends & Family Getaway – 12
- Family Camp – 43
- Adult Programs – 5
- TOTAL – 310**

### INCOME



### EXPENSES



# THE CAMPS IN 2020

In working closely with the six camps for Christian Scientists, we witnessed the devotion of prayerful thought each camp was giving as they worked through the best way for their camp to go forward with summer plans in line with CDC and American Camp Association recommendations in their respective states. How grateful we were to see the lovely unfolding of God's plan for each camp.

At the same time, TCF continually asked "What can we do to bless more?". This led to funding adults as well as children; to extend funding to all camp programs including day camp and online camp, as well as family camp and adult-centered programs; and to extend funding throughout the U.S. and Canada.

## Leelanau/Kohahna

They found they could offer two one-week sessions of Day Camp before they could open for regular camp sessions.

It was so amazing to see (our son's) face every evening and hear the wonderful stories about his experiences that day. We loved that he got to discuss God and Christian Science more! – a parent

This summer I went to Camp Leelanau. I had so much fun. We did day camp and residential camp. My favorite activities were tubing and blacksmithing. A major highlight for me was receiving the green hat at council fire. That was special! I learned more about God and His Love along with the 7 Synonyms for God. I also met some great friends. I really liked Day Camp and the activities we did for 4th of July. – a camper

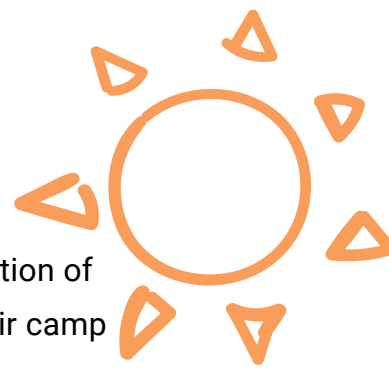
## Newfound/Owatonna

Although Newfound/Owatonna was not able to open, some of their campers were able to find their summer camp experience at one of the other camps or at an online program.

## Adventure Unlimited Ranches

They were able to hold in-person Day Camp at Sky Valley and provide a Friends and Family Getaway at Roundup. The families would stay at Round-up while the children would head over to Sky Valley during the day.

Our family had their own experiences - ropes course, hikes, canoeing on the lake, games with the kids at night, horse-back riding, whitewater rafting, prayer and relaxation. A collective sense of gratitude and a greater understanding and appreciation of grace is what we left with and will return to in the future. – Christo



## CedarS

Although CedarS was primarily online, they were able to provide a CIT program.

Although camp was not how it is normally, I felt like I had the most fulfilling summer yet. I connected with my peers in a completely different way and it

created a strong desire for all to brainstorm on how to make the most of our current situation. I want to thank the entire Cedars crew for working day and night to make sure the CIT's would have a fulfilling experience and gain the most possible from the course. I loved every minute of it and wouldn't change a thing. – a camper

## Bow-Isle, CedarS, and Crystal Lake Camps – ONLINE CAMP



In three cases – Bow-Isle, CedarS, and Crystal Lake Camps -- the camps switched primarily to providing camp online. Although it's not the same as attending in person, the campers were grateful to have a visual connection to camp and their friends.

I was so excited to learn that I would be able to connect with people I had previously met and new people on the online camp. I was not sure how the camp would feel being online and for only a few hours but it was always the highlight of my week. – a camper

Even online, I could still feel the love from my counselors. I looked forward to camp each day. – a camper

I enjoyed the zoom camp immensely. Of course, I would much rather have been in camp personally. But there were some nice interactions with others. I did get to

meet some other students of Christian Science. Thanks so much, Lily

Camp this year was not the same - but I still had fun! – a camper

Thank you so much for your generous assistance with (our children's) funding for online camp. Camp has been crucial during these days of being home so much. It has nurtured them both in wonderful ways and helped them feel a better sense of safety, connection and trust in God. I am so grateful.

– Maryn Taylor



## Outreach Program

The purpose of our Outreach Program is to help reach others who might not know about the camps for Christian Scientists and the funding that is available.

Two areas of outreach have become especially helpful in reaching others – our network of TCF Representatives and TCF Outreach Events.

### Network of TCF Representatives Expands

These individuals comprising our network of volunteers recently expanded to include states nation-wide and provinces throughout Canada. Each of them are truly camp-passionate! Many attended camp, others sent their kids and grandkids to camp, and some donate to camp. Several have worked as camp nurses and practitioners or volunteered in the kitchen. Each of them recognizes the importance of their role in identifying and encouraging families to send their

children to camp. The broadening of TCF's scope to include adults for family camp and off-season programs allows them to speak with everyone at their branch church about the joys of going to camp.

*If you are interested in joining as a Representative to help in your local area, please contact Jack Kavanagh, our Outreach Director – [jack@campershipfund.org](mailto:jack@campershipfund.org).*

### TCF Holds Outreach Events

Aided with a new all-camp video featuring all six camps for Christian Scientists, we held in-person Outreach Events until early March when we switched over to online events. Families and church groups were able to see what each camp has to offer, learn about funding for camp, and ask questions.

*If you, your family or church community would like to learn more about the six camps and how you can receive financial support, please contact Katie Stewart, our Outreach Ambassador – [katie@campershipfund.org](mailto:katie@campershipfund.org).*

*We want to make sure every family knows about the camps for Christian Scientists.*

## The following are grassroots examples of finding and encouraging new campers to attend camp.

### TCF Rep reaches out to family new to the U.S. and to Christian Science

A Congolese family escaped civil war to a refugee camp in Tanzania. While there, they learned about Christian Science. The U.S. State Department relocated this family of six to Des Moines, Iowa, provided them an apartment, and food stamps. The family found a local church, the same church as our Iowa TCF Representative, who said, "We can imagine what it must feel like to be "a stranger in a strange land" (Exodus 2:22). The church

membership embraced this family, giving them rides to church, teaching the kids in Sunday School, and helping them apply for camp. Our Iowa Rep filled out TCF applications with them and funding was approved. His sister drove them to and from camp, where the whole family spent five weeks. Both parents are now class taught.

### Reaching out to a child earning funds for camp

Learning to overcome the belief in lack is a life lesson. Rather than just accepting that his family could not afford the seven-week camp tuition, one young middle-school camper created his own fundraiser. "What hast thou in the house?" (II Kings 4:2) was his motivation for a creative solution. The camper contacted local families to sell dinners. The only meal on the menu was his

family's traditional favorite, a Cameroon dish "Beans & Donuts". A meal at \$35 would feed a family of four. In one weekend, he shopped for ingredients, cooked all night, prepared the meals, and earned \$605. His parents doubled this amount. TCF learned about this child's efforts to earn funding so he could attend camp and enthusiastically funded the balance.



# CAMP-PASSIONATE



## CAMP PASSPORTS



In the fall of 2020, we started a Camp-Passionate Campaign to share how we REALLY feel about the CS camps. We passionately LOVE each one of these precious camps. Our campaign was formed to engage others who feel the same way to spread their enthusiasm and love for each of our CS camps, and to encourage individuals – both children and adults to attend camp.

There are four ways to express your camp-passion:

1. Attend Camp! This is the most fun form of expressing camp-passion. It helps you know what our CS camps are all about.
2. Volunteer at camp
3. Share your story with others
4. Give so others can attend camp

**CAMP-PASSION** noun: Love for camp; demonstrated awareness, engagement, enthusiasm, and gratitude for camp.

Share your own camp-passion with others at [campershipfund.org/camp-passionate](http://campershipfund.org/camp-passionate)

As the number of camp programs we were able to support grew (family camp programs and programs for adults), so did our camp-passion. It was easy to see that with the wonderful variety of programs available, there was a program for anyone interested in attending camp.

To help encourage camp-passion for adults the Camp Passport was developed. It's geared toward the grown-up camper – to encourage participation in the various adult

and family programs at all six camps. These programs in the fall and winter, include a Christmas or Winter Camp, Bible Study, a Military Weekend, a Harvest Women's Weekends, Creative Arts Camp, etc. Each time you attend one of the camps, the camp will stamp your passport. What a great way this is to get to know each camp and have fun completing your passport.

*You can qualify for a passport by donating to TCF, hosting a TCF outreach event, or volunteering as a TCF Representative.*

### Two Board Members share why they are Camp-Passionate

My three children went to Cedars Camp for more than ten years. I usually had the privilege of driving them to and from camp and sometimes working for two weeks in the middle of the summer. It was an amazing time for the three children making new friends and learning spiritual and practical responsibilities. It was a gift from God every year. I love the staff and the setting. I had challenges but by using Christian Science every challenge was met. It made me a better parent and a better person. Last year I went to Family Mini Camp at AU and met some old friends from Principia College. What a great time. – Chris Bordeaux

As a teenager at the A/U Ranches I was able to climb three 14,000 foot mountains - Mt. Yale, Mt. Columbia and Mt. Harvard. To this day I relish the memory of hiking with fellow campers and counselors on a shared goal - conquering a 14,000 foot peak TOGETHER! Having mountain snow falling in July was quite a thrill. Being passionate about camp and helping others get to camp is a journey I love being involved in. Onward and Upward! – Scott Siewert

## Camp Work Weekends

### Work weekends can be true bonding experiences for TCF Reps

At three camps this year—A/U Ranches, CedarS, and Crystal Lake Camps—Representatives joined TCF Staff members to help get the camps ready for Summer Session or buttoned up for winter. They painted cabins, took out screen windows for the winter, built trails, dragged sunken tires from the bottom of a lake, tended flower beds, and even built a complete set of motorized bleachers.

How wonderful it is to work hard and drink in the camaraderie with other camp-passionate Christian Scientists. All volunteers come away from these weekends having demonstrated that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

### Work Weekend Fruitage

There’s no better way to demonstrate “Camp-Passion” than to get friends together to celebrate the kick-off of summer at the A/U Ranches. “My friends LOVE the camp community, and how the camps build a rock solid foundation for students of Christian Science.” Friends flew in west from Anchorage Alaska and east from Concord New Hampshire; others drove in from Denver, Dallas, and Santa Fe. All volunteer with The Campership Fund, a non-profit that helps find and encourage first-time campers and pay camp tuition for families in need. Alison stamped our camp passports so we have a record of these great memories. You DON’T have a camp passport!?! Get one [www.campershipfund.org](http://www.campershipfund.org)



## The Inspiration for the Work Weekends – the Dallas Dads

Cedars Camps is a special place for my family. Both our kids attended there, from elementary school through high school, and my daughter even worked at Cedars after college. Back in 2005, Bill and Amy contacted Fifth Church Dallas about helping resolve an unusual Spring problem: camp roads were impassible because a February ice storm had knocked down about a thousand trees, most of which fell right across the horse trails or roads. We assembled a team of Texans\* who were handy with chainsaws. Our group, who Warren dubbed “The Dallas Dads”, saddled up and made the 8-hour drive to Lebanon Missouri. We worked, well, like lumberjacks with a deadline... camp was opening in one month. Few things bond a crew together like spiritually uplifting metaphysics, buzzing chainsaws and roaring wood-chippers. We cleared the trails, opened the roads, and had more fun than any church-related event in our lifetimes. In April 2021 we celebrated our fifteenth year of camp-passionate volunteering. - Jack Kavanagh



## *Fruitage*

# SUMMER CAMP

I'm so grateful that I had the opportunity to attend camp this summer. I grew so much in my understanding of myself, God, and Christian Science. I think I grew because everything was so different this year and because the world outside of camp was struggling. I focused more on trying to grow in Christian Science to help me realize the truth about the situation. Even though the operations of camp were different this summer compared to other years the core and sisterhood of camp was still there. I feel as if this year I grew more and had even more fun than past years.

– Love, Amelie Kaiser 12-years old

This year has certainly been different, but what remained the same was having our boys attend (camp)!

Attending camp was the most important part of their summer and the joyful exuberance was evident, even behind masks and social distancing rules, which didn't impact their full experience. We are so grateful that the Campership Fund exists to support Christian Science youth and without the financial support, the boys would not be able to attend their chosen weeks. Thank you for the generous camperships applied to their tuition!

– A parent

Thank you so much for helping me go to camp this year. I had so much fun, and it was such a great opportunity especially in these times. I had so much spiritual growth this year and learned more about healing. I had a healing when I was about to go on an intense camping trip and needed a lot of persistence when praying and fighting error telling me what physical problem I seemed to have. I had a great time on my trip and didn't let a physical problem affect me. I thought about the thought God rests in action a lot.

This year I also had opportunities to do such fun things I couldn't do at home. I got to water ski, horseback ride, and went on challenging but fun camping trips while also kayaking. It was so amazing to see my friends this year as well. The camp managed everything well and I felt like it was just as good as any other year's experience.

Thank you so much again for helping me get to camp. I had an incredible summer and time there and I really appreciate you helping out.

– Sincerely, Kinsey Quitter



I don't only go to camp just because it's fun, but also the brotherhood and brotherly love that you get at camp is unlike anything else. Going along with that the connection you have with God and the knowledge you take in on Christian Science every day. The friendships I make at camp are unbreakable and the bond we create with each other are stronger than most of the friends I have at home.

Another thing that is very important to me is being surrounded by other Christian Scientist's, this is important to me because back at home I am the only one in my whole school that is a Christian Scientist. I think it is important that you surround yourself with good people and by attending camp, you are surrounded by people just like you and understand you.

– A camper





# FAMILY CAMP

Every CS camp has family camp. It's a great way to have a family vacation and to introduce camp to young children or even a spouse not familiar with the atmosphere at a camp for Christian Scientists.

For the parents the family camp is wonderful because you can be on vacation as well. You know the kids are being well taken care of, you know they're having a blast -- so you don't feel guilty taking some time for yourself too.

– Bernard De Wulf



To me it was the atmosphere of camp that made the trip so worthwhile - to feel God's Love, see it expressed by staff and fellow families, and share it with others. My favorite part was going to sleep each

night and talking about our highs, lows, and grateful's for the day. (It tended to be a long conversation each night!)

– With love, Todd Schauman

Family Camp exceeded all our expectations! It was very precious to me to be able to enjoy the Family Camp experience I remembered as a child with my own family now as an adult. We loved the spirit of camp, Christian Science and fun that we experienced as a family this summer. Without the help of camperships we would not have been able to participate in this great blessing. –a parent

... as a new dad in a new family, I would like to mention how great it was to be surrounded by so many families with younger and older children. It felt great to connect with others that shared both my faith and a similar home life setting. That was one of the great things about Family Camp, that we were introduced to other Christian Science families. – a parent

Thank you so much for the campership that allowed our family to go to Camp this summer. We have been struggling with harmony in the household this year, and all the sibling squabbles just melted away. The uplifted spiritual sense and love that surrounds you at camp was needed more than ever this summer.



Not living near a Sunday School for the kids to attend, being able to supplement their Zoom classes with family ranching at A/U really helps them stay excited about Sunday School. It also provided an opportunity for my husband to see what Adventure Unlimited is all about. Matt did not grow up in Science, and for him to make connections with other dads and to experience firsthand the joy and freedom

at the ranches showed him much more than my years of telling ever could.

We are still full of the gratitude from our rich and wonderful time at the ranches. As a young family with three kiddos, we would not have otherwise been able to afford going to camp.

– Sincerely yours, The Mulicas

# ADULT PROGRAMS

Normally, each camp holds various programs for adults during the fall and winter with a variety of themes—Christmas or Winter Camp, Bible Study, Military Weekend, Women's Weekend, Creative Arts Week, etc. This year, we helped fund adults who attended Mini Camp at the A/U Ranches and Winter Camp at Crystal Lake Camps.





## *Ways to help:*

### **Donate**

At [campershipfund.org/donate](http://campershipfund.org/donate)

Or send a check payable to:  
The Campership Fund  
P.O. Box 410553, St. Louis,  
MO 63141

### **Join our Founders Society**

Honor those individuals who founded the camps to serve Christian Scientists with a \$1,000 gift.

### **Join our Camp-Passionate Society**

Members of this Society are those who show their camp-passion by giving on a monthly basis.

### **Volunteer as a TCF Representative**

Join our wonderful team of volunteers throughout the US and Canada to help spread the word about our six camps and all the various programs they have.

Contact [Jack@campershipfund.org](mailto:Jack@campershipfund.org)

### **Join us for a Work Weekend**

Join us during a work weekend to help camps close up after the season or get ready for the upcoming one. This is a wonderful opportunity to embrace camp!

Contact [Jack@campershipfund.org](mailto:Jack@campershipfund.org)

### **Attend the Camp of Your Choice!**

## *Gratitude for Our Donors*

Foremost in our thoughts is the deep appreciation for each of our donors. You are the ones that make it possible for all these

children to attend camp and have those experiences that will change their lives. As one grateful parent shared:

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Thank you to all whom make opportunities available for all to learn, grow, and share... you are opening life experiences and opportunities for so many in ways you may not always hear, nor truly appreciate the influence and experience provided.

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**You are making a huge difference and changing individual lives!**

## *Campership Giving List*

### **Here's a glimpse of what a donation will provide:**

\$75 – an afternoon of sailing,  
horseback riding, or rafting

\$200 – a day at camp for one child

\$500 – a week of Family Camp for  
a child

\$1,500 – a week at camp for one child

\$2,000 – Family Camp for a family of  
four

\$5,000 – a summer experience at camp

**All guaranteed with friendships, laughter, singing, challenges, healings, traditions, growth, and love!**

## *Meet our new Executive Director*

# KAKI GREEN



We are delighted that Kathryn Green, better known as “Kaki” is joining us as our new Executive Director. As a lifelong, fourth generation Christian Scientist, Kaki has served in several capacities in her Association and Branch Churches.

She comes to us with a desire to work within the Christian Science community and a love for the Christian Science camps. Kaki has already blessed TCF as one of our Representatives for Florida and her two children spent several summers attending one of the camps where she has volunteered.

Kaki lives in Jacksonville, FL. She started her career as a Certified Public Accountant and when her children were young, she became a teacher. She’s enjoyed many years as an educator, a mentor to teachers, and more recently as an Assistant Principal.

Kaki, who starts in her new position in mid-June, brings with her a deep love for children along with an enthusiasm, dedication, and an ability to work well with others. She is already blessing the CS camp community through her new role. You can reach Kaki at [kaki@campershipfund.org](mailto:kaki@campershipfund.org).