

*The  
Campership*



**ANNUAL REPORT** 2019

# 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,

Helping children attend camp is what The Campership Fund (TCF) is all about. When we look at the missions of each camp (see back cover), it's obvious that providing an atmosphere where Christian Science is practiced and loved is at the core of what each camp practices. We love helping families send their children to camp where they blossom in their understanding and practice of Christian Science. And we are always grateful for those who join with us!

2019 was an exceptional year—one of growth and blessings for many in several areas. We can't help but feel this growth was God's activity and love for each of us. In working with our 2019 metaphysical theme, we saw that God's abundance is working through each of us and blessing each of us—from our donors, to our volunteers, and on to campership recipients.

Inside this report you'll see evidence of "the amplitude of God's dear love" through a major expansion, offering help with family camp and increasing the level of financial support (pages 4 and 5). You'll also meet Connor, a first-time camper who shares what camp meant to him.

You'll learn about our new Outreach Program designed to help assure that

others know about the CS camps and TCF, and to encourage them to attend camp whether they are children or adults. To lift the program off the ground, we thought it would be helpful to know each camp—so Katie Stewart, our new Outreach Ambassador, and I visited all six camps gaining more appreciation and love for each one! See Katie's story on page 10.

If you would like to be involved with helping to assure that individuals are able to attend one of these wonderful camps, we invite you to participate—just look at "Ways to help" on page 6.

Thank you for your part in helping to send our children to one of the camps for Christian Scientists!

Enjoy,  
*Cosy*

Cosy Schneberger, Executive Director

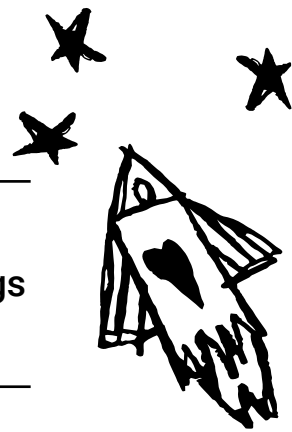
### 2019 Metaphysical Theme

All perfect gifts are from above,  
 And all our blessings show  
 The amplitude of God's dear love  
 Which every heart may know.

—Hymn #342 by Laura Lee Randall

## A Story of Growth this Year!

More than any other year, The Campership Fund grew to bless others. Here are some of the ways we grew along with the blessings it meant for others in our CS camp community.



### Expanded Mission – Added Family Camp

After 27 years, we offered camperships for children attending Family Camp. This helped 46 children attend the various Family Camps.

### Expanded Coverage – Added 22 States

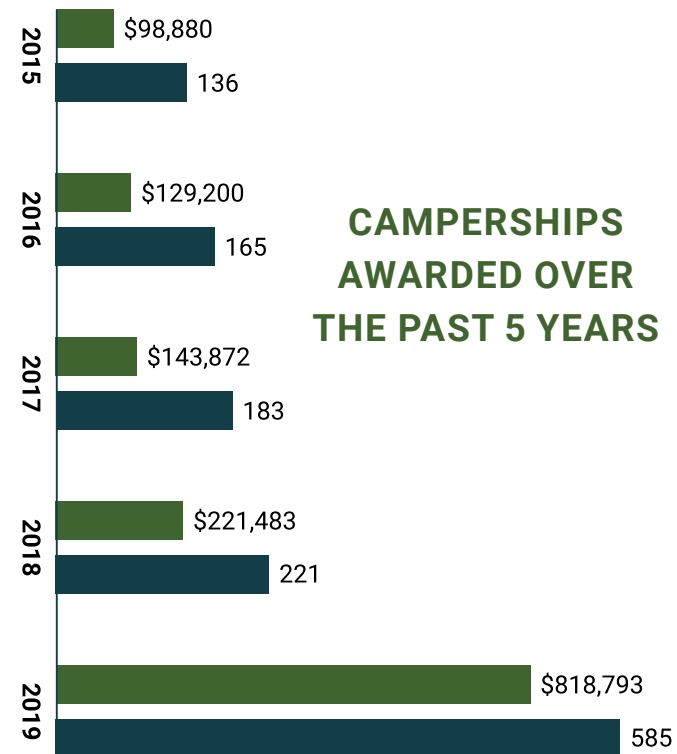
In 2019, The Campership Fund provided financial support to bless families in 37 states and the District of Columbia—more than double in size from 2018.

### Increased Campership Awards

In 2019, we removed the limits on the award someone can receive. Previously families could receive up to 75% of tuition up to \$1,500 per child. Families can now receive funding up to 75% of the total tuition for camp. This is a huge help for those attending more than one week of camp.

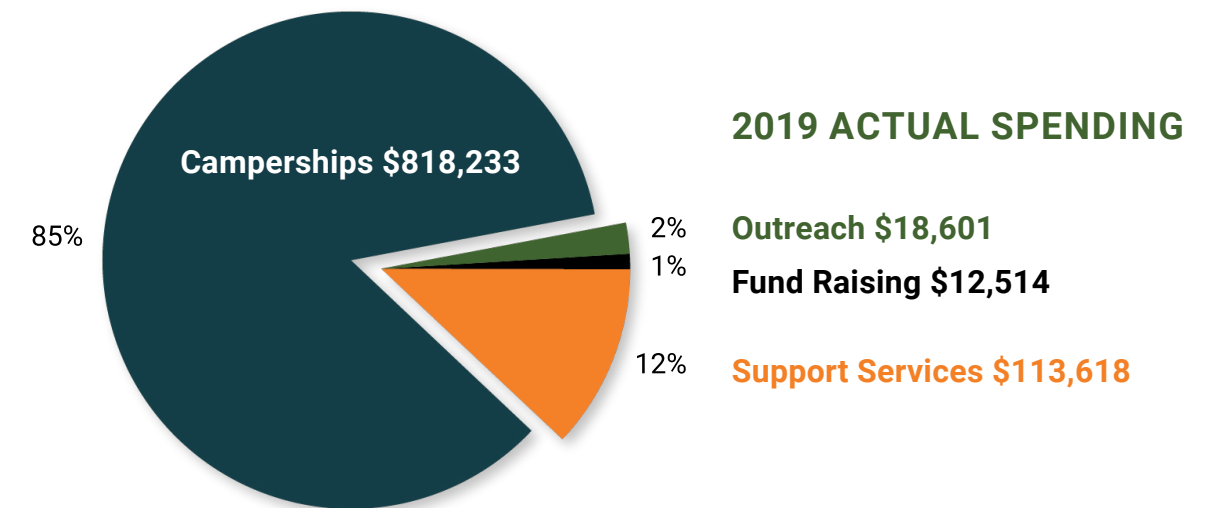
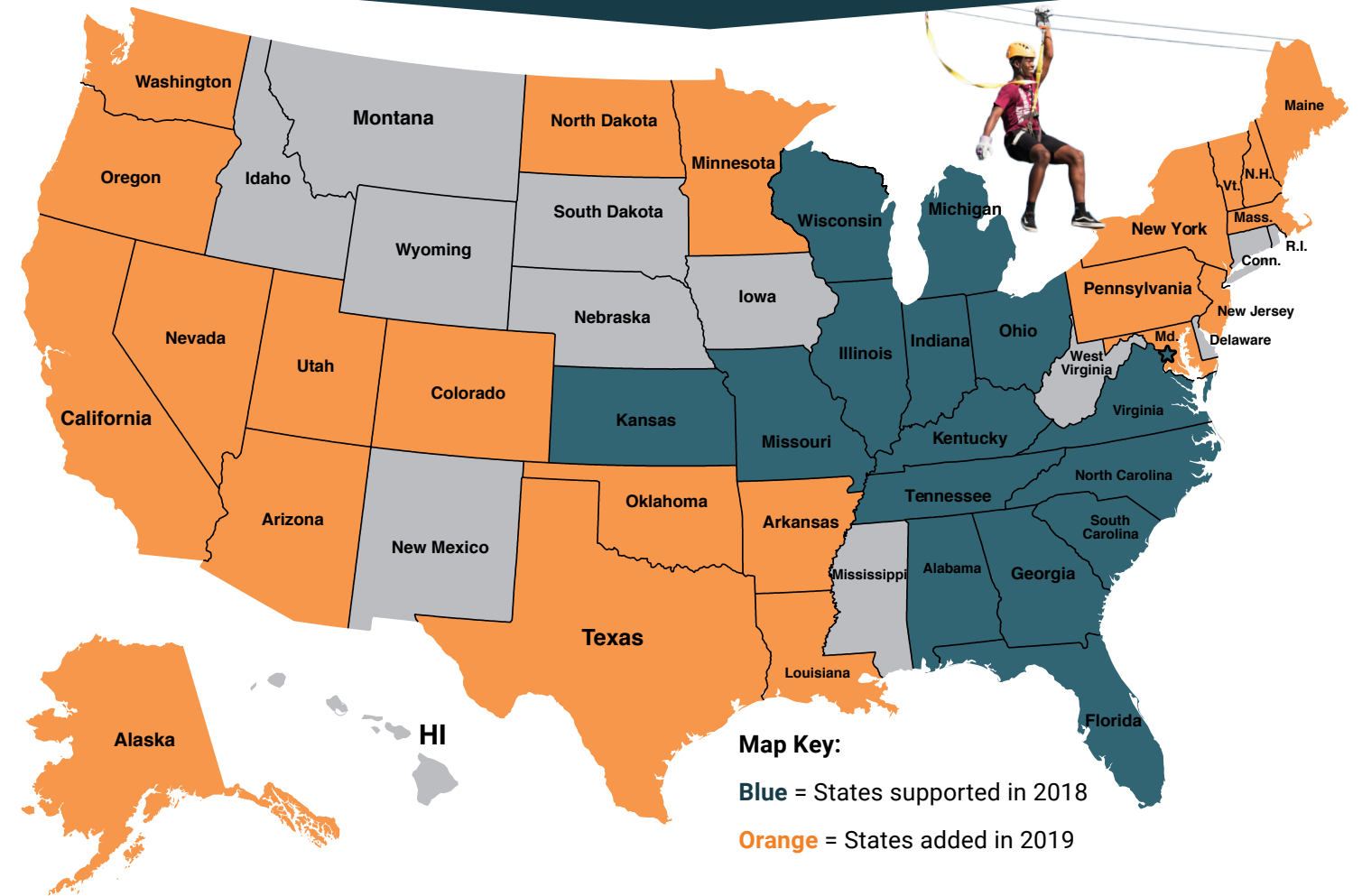
**270%**  
increase in campership funding

**164%**  
increase in campers supported



This map shows the 15 states where we helped families in 2018 and the additional 22 states we expanded to in 2019.

By the end of 2019, we had expanded to all 50 states.





## *Ways to help:*

### **Join our Founders Society**

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

### **Host a TCF Outreach Event in Your Area**

Help others learn about our wonderful camps and funding options by hosting a camp show for your Sunday School and friends.

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

### **Join our “Continuing the Blessings” Club**

Join members of this club to give back and help others be able to attend camp. “Freely ye have received, freely give.” (Matt. 10:8)

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

Join our wonderful team of volunteers throughout the US and Canada who 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 get ready. This is a wonderful opportunity to embrace camp!

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

## *Gratitude for Our Donors*

### **Donor funding helped families more than ever!**

**W**hat incredible gratitude we feel for our donors! They make it possible to provide camperships to so many. Our donors come in many forms from individuals to churches, CS organizations, CS associations, and foundations.

The individuals are often those who went to one of the camps themselves, grandparents, and those who have previously been recipients of campership grants. This year, more than ever, donor support has carried the blessing of camp to new heights. Over

\$819,000 in campership funding helped 585 children attend camp in 2019.

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**This would not have been possible without the generous support of those who understand the value of these camps.**



## *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
- \$500 – a 3-day overnight canoe or hiking trip
- \$750 – a TCF Outreach Event in your area

- \$1,500 – a week at camp for one child
- \$2,000 – Family Camp for a family of four
- \$4,000 – a camper’s summer as a CIT
- \$5,000 – a summer experience at camp
- \$10,000 – a cabin full of children for one week
- \$25,000 – one cabin filled with children for a three-week session

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

## Outreach Program

**One of the most significant improvements to The Campership Fund was the formation of our Outreach Program.**

This new program has two purposes: (1) to develop a network of volunteers throughout the United States who love the camps for Christian Scientists and are passionate about helping others learn about them; and (2) to provide information about these camps to others through TCF Outreach Events where an all-camp video is shared.

### Our Network Of 2019 Volunteers – TCF Representatives

*Jack Kavanagh recently joined our team as Outreach Director to help enlarge our network of volunteer Representatives and train them.*

Representatives are our boots-on-the-ground. They reach into their churches and Sunday Schools nationwide to assure that church families know about the camps for Christian Scientists and that funding is available through TCF. They represent TCF at camp shows and host virtual camp shows. And they vet our applicants to determine a family's financial need and recommend solutions. We could not assist local Christian Science families without them.



#### Interested in being a TCF Representative?

We are always looking for individuals interested in volunteering as a Representative to help in your local area or state.

If you are interested in helping in this role, please email [jack@campershipfund.org](mailto:jack@campershipfund.org)

### TCF Outreach Events

*Katie Stewart, our new Outreach Ambassador, will be reaching out to share information about the six camps for Christian Scientists and the funding that is available through our Outreach Events.*

This coming year, aided with a new all-camp video featuring all six camps for Christian Scientists, families can see each camp in action. Families will be able to ask questions and learn about funding for camp. If they'd like follow-up with a camp, we can arrange it.



#### Contact Me

If you, your family, or your church community would like to learn more about the six camps and how TCF can provide financial support for those who need it, please let me know! I would love to set up an Outreach Event either in person or virtually.

Email: [katie@campershipfund.org](mailto:katie@campershipfund.org)

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

*Finances should never be a reason for a child to miss out on attending these inspiring camps!*



# Our Outreach Beginning

## An All-Camp Adventure to Know the Camps First-Hand

By **Katie Stewart, Outreach Ambassador**

Last summer, Cosy Schneberger (our Executive Director) and I visited all six camps for Christian Scientists. From June to August 2019 we traveled from Colorado to Pennsylvania, up to Michigan, on to Maine, over to the heart of Missouri, and finally up to our neighbor in the north: British Columbia, Canada. Whew! It was quite an adventure and a rare privilege!

We learned a lot about each camp program from the huge variety of activities to the various levels of challenge they offer.

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**But perhaps most importantly we learned that each camp is incredibly unique and that there truly is a camp program perfect for everyone.**

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And although they are different, they all share the common foundation of Love—rooted in the daily practice and application of Christian Science.

These visits helped us establish relationships with camp administrators, learn more about each camp and their outreach strategies, and gain a clearer understanding of how TCF can support the camps throughout

the year. As the TCF Outreach Ambassador, I look forward to sharing the love and appreciation I've gained for each camp and to helping even more Christian Scientists find their camp home.



If you'd like to know TCF's rigorously tested very official ranking of camp-regional ice cream shops, send me an email and I can share...

# There truly is a camp program for everyone.

## Each camp provides:

- ▶ **Summer Camp** for children from June through August offering activities such as waterskiing, sailing, mountain biking, rafting, horsemanship, team sports, kayaking, etc.
- ▶ **Family Camp** as a wonderful way to be together as a family and introduce camp to young family members so they will be comfortable attending camp. Many families hold family reunions during this time while enjoying all the activities camp has to offer.
- ▶ **Off-season Programs** 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. These are wonderful for families, individuals and friends.



## Did you know?

- ▶ **Camp Bow-Isle** spent their first summer camping in repurposed circus tents! And, surprisingly boasts the shortest commute of all the camps to/from a major airport.
- ▶ **Camp Newfound** for Girls is the oldest of the camps (est. 1914) and their brother camp, **Owatonna**, used to be called 'ROPIOA' (Reflections Of Perfection Is Our Aim).
- ▶ **A/U Ranches** helped develop the first professional standards for commercial whitewater rafting in the 1980s. Pretty rad!
- ▶ At **Crystal Lake Camps**, close to half of the campers and staff come from outside the United States. During our visit, all announcements were given in three different languages!
- ▶ **CedarS Camps'** boasts a number of natural caves—including one that became the site of an archaeological dig that turned up a number of Native American artifacts.
- ▶ **Camps Leelanau and Kohahna** are situated within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, surrounded by preserved historic pioneer homes from the late 1800s.

## FROM CAMPERS AND PARENTS

### Camper Connor and Mom (Susan) – CedarS

Connor attended CedarS Camps on his own for the first time this past summer—something he was feeling a bit nervous about! Over his two-week session, he was able to step outside of his comfort zone, try new activities he couldn't do at home, and make new friends who also practice Christian Science.

"I am very grateful that I got the opportunity to have this great experience. I enjoyed having the chance to do fun activities such as kayaking, horseback riding, or caving, that I can't do at home. At camp I got to be a part of a cabin and make new friends. I was glad to have the practitioner talks in the morning, and the CS atmosphere was very good."

His mother, Susan, was nearby for the first week of Connor's session while she worked as a parent volunteer. Connor felt he was ready to stay for the second week of camp on his own, which was a big step! Susan shared how grateful she was that Connor was able to express more independence.

"I know firsthand what a pivotal role camp

can play in helping children learn to rely on Christian Science as they grow up. I am so touched and immensely grateful that the Campership Fund is making it possible for young Christian Scientists to have this experience."



*Susan and Connor at CedarS*



*Connor and a new friend*

### Caroline (9) and Penelope (14), and their Mom Cookie share about Summer Camp and Family Camp – Leelanau & Kohahna

Caroline LOVES camp—a lot. In her one page thank-you note, she used the word "love" NINE times! Her sister, Penelope, feels the same. They both shared with us how they love participating in the wide variety of activities they can choose from at camp, the deep dives into Christian Science, the great counselors and fellow campers that make up their camp family, and the tasty food! According to Penelope, "All of these things add up to laughs, and smiles, and confidence all throughout the time you're there and at home."

Caroline and Penelope's mom, Cookie, experienced camp for the first time as an adult at Family Camp. "We just love the opportunity for all different activities—some as a family and some, just as importantly, independently." Speaking about sharing the experience with her husband who was not raised in Christian Science, Cookie told us, "He was so impressed with all the other Christian Science Families at camp. We just don't know many people our age reliant solely on CS, so we enjoyed being able to relax and feel supported."



*Family Camp at Bow-Isle*

Dear camp New found

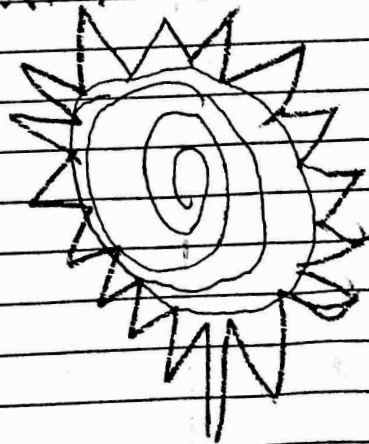
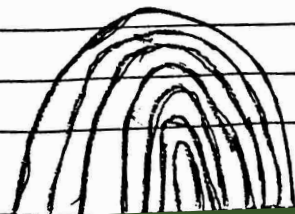
I Love to do art and rock climbing  
and capture the flag also I loved  
that we went on the Big flow + for  
free. I got to jump off the high  
Dive at the Bigfoot.

at first I was nervous that I would  
not make friends but I really liked  
the performance.

It was my year at camp and I was  
only five. it was amazing.

summer day and we went on  
a slip and slide and I hope we  
do it again this year but it is a  
long journey

Love G



G's parents contributed to the letter, describing a healing that she experienced after falling out of her bunk and hitting her head:

"She worked with a practitioner and the Camp Nurse to address her issue. After working with the thought that we can never fall out of God's Love and coming to a better understanding of the Scientific Statement of Being, Grace was back to her true self and was able to resume activities with her cabin mates.

When we picked up our daughter from camp a few weeks later, she told us over and over about this healing. She wanted us to know that she was able to conquer many fears with the lessons she learned from this healing and her deeper understanding of God and her own reality as God's perfect child. Knowing that our children are being raised to be thinkers, taught to address fear and error with Truth, and shown the example of the Christ is an incredible blessing to us."



Dining Hall, Crystal Lake Camps



Gymkana, A/U Ranches





# Camp Missions

## A/U Ranches

“to provide recreational adventure, leadership, service, education and community activities that foster spiritual growth and healing in an environment where Christian Science is lived.”

## Bow-Isle

“to offer an outdoor, recreational, cultural and spiritual program to enable individuals and families to recognize their spirituality and cherish each other through the practical application of Christian Science.”

## Crystal Lake Camps

“cultivating individual and collective growth in Christian Science through living, playing, and learning in a natural setting with a global family.”

## CedarS

“TO GIVE each camper an appreciation of spiritual sense and an abundance of wholesome, joyous activity.”

## Leelanau/Kohahna

“to offer quality camping programs that provide young Christian Scientists with an opportunity to learn about their true identity, shed limitations, and deepen their understanding of Christian Science.”

## Newfound-Owatonna

“We serve campers in a place where Christian Science is lived and loved, through overcoming limitations, nurturing spiritual growth, promoting spiritual discovery, and having fun.”

Leadership from CS youth organizations at A/U, Fall 2019



## Why our donors love and support the camps

We find our donors love the camps' spiritually driven missions where Christian Science is embraced and encouraged in all camp activities. This helps campers meet challenges, become leaders, grow spiritually, and shed limitations all while having amazing experiences and lots of fun.