



December 1, 2021

Dear Friends,

Imagine it's a hot July morning near a construction site in a Dayton residential neighborhood. **Two eleven-year-old girls are sitting at a small card table.** The sign on the table advertises the baked goods they are selling: cookies, crumble cake, muffins, cupcakes, and chocolate covered pretzels.

The sign also makes it clear they won't be keeping the money. It will all be donated to the Marmon Valley Ministries (MVM) scholarship fund so other kids can come to the camp they love.

Claire Duwel & Rylee Bourne came to camp the previous three summers. Both like to bake and love to give back. Once they decided to do a fundraiser, they asked Claire's mom, Jen, to help them choose a charity to give the money to.

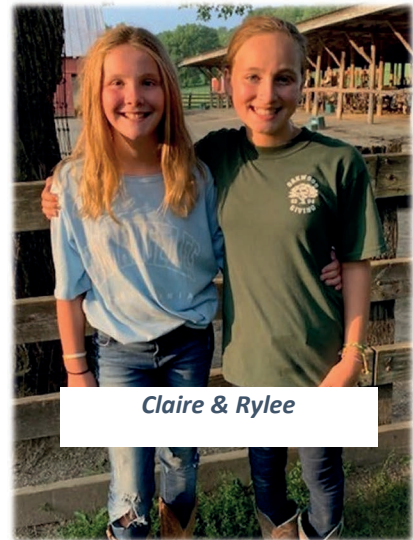
Jen, a former Marmon Valley camper, immediately thought of MVM. "We went on the website and looked up the scholarship video about kids who used the scholarship fund to go to camp and we watched it."

According to Claire and Rylee, they immediately decided to give whatever they raised to the scholarship fund, **knowing exactly what the impact of their donation would be.**

"We just love Marmon Valley, the community and all the counselors are so nice," Claire says. "So we just thought, why don't we pick the scholarship program and help kids go to camp so they can have fun, too, just like the fun we have."

It took them less than five hours over two days to sell nearly 6 dozen baked goods, **taking in \$150 total for the scholarship fund.**

When customers asked about what the camp was all about Rylee says, "We told them about the horses, all the fun activities like swimming and square dancing...and how you draw closer to God through Bible study."



Claire & Rylee

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Several people paid for their items and told the girls to keep the change. **One customer even gave them a \$20 donation because he wanted to help kids saddle up.**

This past summer, 82 kids were able to come to camp with assistance from the scholarship fund, more than \$40,000 total.

Will you partner with Rylee and Claire by donating to the scholarship fund? If you can match their **\$150 donation**, that will cover the cost of **one day of camp for one scholarship camper.**

A full week of the Original Horse Camp costs \$745. We ask scholarship families to pay \$150 if they can (even allowing them to make it in payments), meaning it takes **\$595 to send a kid to camp for the week.**

A donation of \$63 is all we need to feed a scholarship camper for the week.

\$35 of each scholarship goes toward **the cost of the horse the camper will ride all week.**

Any amount you can give helps.

May the Lord bless you and your family as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wrangler Matt Willey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Member, Board of Directors

P.S. In order to qualify as a tax-deductible gift in 2021, mailed donations must be postmarked by midnight on December 31, 2021. To make a secure online donation, go to www.marmonvalley.com/donate. Online donations must be processed by midnight on 12/31/21 in order to qualify for a tax deduction in 2021.

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