



December 5, 2022

Dear Friends,

Have you ever had a total stranger do something for you at just the right moment?

Something that helps you get through a difficult time?

Thirteen-year-old Olivia does, and she asked me to thank everyone who donates to the Camp Scholarship Fund.

On December 26th of last year, Olivia's father, Jeff, lost a three-year battle with colon and bone cancer. Her Uncle Steve was there for her, helping her deal with her grief and finding things for her to do, including volunteering at Firefly, his company that serves people with developmental disabilities.

On May first, Uncle Steve died unexpectedly. Olivia's Mom, Tamara, was still dealing with the paperwork associated with her husband's death. As executor of her brother's estate, Tamara was now feeling overwhelmed by the responsibilities. All of this while dealing with the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) that is attacking her body.

On top of all that, Tamara could see her daughter was overcome with anxiety. "I needed Olivia to have a fun experience and get away from the stress here," she says.

Olivia's cousin, Emily, is a counselor at camp and helped Tamara apply for a scholarship for Olivia.

"The camp was super fun," Olivia recalls. **"It was a break from everything I was having to deal with."**

One night at the campfire helped her feel closer to God, and her Uncle Steve. "I saw a firefly. It landed on me and I thought that was really cool."

Creating lifelong memories, making new friends and drawing closer to God is what makes camp at Marmon Valley so special for hundreds of kids each summer. Unfortunately, **90 kids were still on the waiting list when the eight weeks of camp ended.** **We've got a plan to make room for those kids. It's the Vision For The Valley.**



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The \$1million dollar campaign will fund construction of a new 36 bed bunkhouse with plenty of showers and restrooms (see renderings at the end of this letter). That makes it possible for 160 more boys and girls to experience a week of Christ-centered camp fun each summer.

More than **100 feet of commercial grade waterslide** was donated by King Island's Soak City Water Park and campaign funding will cover the cost to install it, providing more fun for campers at our lake. A new archery/axe throwing shelter will allow campers do those activities rain or shine, as the whole area will now be under roof.

Money is in the Vision budget to upgrade locks for all the cabin doors and better security lighting throughout camp.

Finding quality counselors is a challenge and we plan to **beef up our recruiting and leadership training for summer staff.**

Finally, some of the campaign funds will go toward camp scholarships, ensuring we will be able to meet increased demand and any unexpected economic challenges, like a pandemic. I've attached a sheet with more information on the campaign and some renderings of the projects.

Thanks to generous friends like you, **we've already raised more than \$600,000 in donations and pledges.** I would like to ask you to help us finish the campaign. You can use the enclosed envelope to make a one-time donation or you can make a secure online donation to our campaign fund at the National Christian Foundation. Just click on the Donate Now button below.

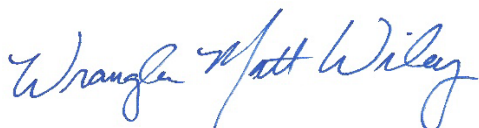


If you would like more information or prefer to meet in person, contact me at the office or by email at: mwiley@marmonvalley.com

If you would like to make a pledge to the campaign, payable over 3-5 years, please fill in the attached Letter of Intent and return it to me.

Whether you can make a six-figure donation or a more modest gift, **every dollar brings us closer to turning the vision into reality, for Olivia and generations of campers to come.**

In His Service,



Wrangler Matt Wiley
Camp Director

LETTER OF INTENT

vision for the valley campaign

Mr. Matt Wiley
Camp Director
Marmon Valley Ministries
7754 State Route 292
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Dear Matt,

Date: _____

We are pleased to support Marmon Valley Ministries and the Vision for the Valley Campaign. Please accept this Letter of Intent as evidence of our intent to commit \$_____.

This commitment will be paid over a period of ____ years, beginning in (month) _____ of

(year) _____ and payments will be made:

_____ Annually in (month) _____
_____ Semi-annually in (month) _____ and (month) _____
_____ Quarterly in _____, _____, _____, _____ (list months)

Other instructions regarding our gift (if applicable):

In recognizing our support in printed publications, please acknowledge this gift as follows:

A gift from: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Sincerely,

(signature) (Spouse, if applicable)

Print Names: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to Marmon Valley Ministries & in the memo section write: Vision For The Valley campaign. Mail payments to:

Matt Wiley
Marmon Valley Ministries
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Questions? Contact Jim Schroeder at 614.937.6930 or by email at jim@marmonvalleyministries.org

THE VISION

Blazing a Trail for Future Generations

We are committed to maintaining and growing our connection with youth and families for generations to come. We are forward-thinking and setting goals to meet the needs of those God brings to our farm: spiritually, physically, and relationally.

CAMP ENHANCEMENTS

Embracing Growth for Years to Come

Each season, our camps and retreats are reaching capacity. With the expected population growth in our county and the surrounding communities, we are striving to allow as many memorable experiences on the farm as possible. We will increase both our overnight and daytime capacity, as well as increased security measures.

DISCIPLESHIP & LEADERSHIP

Moving Mentorship to the Next Level

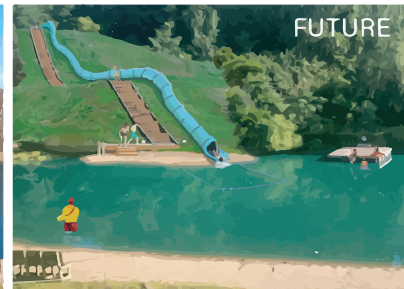
Meeting the needs of our campers spiritually and with character development, while building strong relationships is our highest value. We plan to increase training and additional staff members dedicated to enhancing our discipleship and outreach missions.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Extending Opportunity to All

Each summer we receive hundreds of applications for partial and full Camp Scholarships. Each camper must show financial need and why they desire to attend. Our goal is to be able to accept every true need and desire presented, and honor them with a memorable experience that will impact the camper and their family for a lifetime.

FACILITY UPDATES



To learn more about the campaign visit the campaign website by scanning the QR code or use your browser to visit:

www.marmonvalley.com/vision-for-the-valley