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To whom it may concern,

This past July, The Tarvers invited youth from my Boys & Girls Club to attend their week-long summer camp, Camp Amplify. We were new to the summer camp experience, so were unsure what exactly to expect. Our children and staff were met with so much love and support, and that love and support has extended well past that week of camp.

The camp experience alone was one our members will never forget. Many of the featured activities were experiences that our youth rarely, if ever, get to partake in. This includes zip lines, ropes courses, paint ball, lake games, and more. One of the highlights for campers was when the Tarvers announced a surprise trip to Dollywood. This was such a treat for many of those in attendance who never get the opportunity to attend large theme parks.

As much fun as there was to be had with the camp activities and surprises, the true lasting memories of the camp came from the relationships that were built with camp leadership and counselors. The Tarvers did an excellent job assembling and training counselors who were able to meet the children where they were and provide valuable mentorship and spiritual leadership. These connections became evident when it came time to depart for home at the end of camp. Many a tear was shed with warm embraces during final goodbyes. The bus ride back home was full of conversations hoping to see the counselors again someday.

As mentioned earlier, service and support from the Tarvers and Camp Amplify did not end after the bus ride home. Their servant hearts have been evident by the time they have taken to travel to visit with our Club leadership so we can discuss growth and improvement for the camp. They have also worked with us to plan leadership trainings and activities for both our Club staff and members. It is rare for a community partner to want to grow a relationship to this extent, and continue to provide support. The Tarver's gift of service has been greatly appreciated.

Our Club looks forward to this year's Camp Amplify and their plan for growth. We are also very excited to see the impact they can have on our staff and members through their leadership training this school year. They have a clear vision of what the Lord is leading them to do, and we are so grateful they have included the Vestal Boys & Girls Club as a part of this journey.

Kind regards,

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