

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to share my heartfelt appreciation for the incredible journey we have experienced together over the past five years at Camp Amplify.

Being a traumatized child in a homeless shelter brings with it an over sense of uncertainty, fear, and not belonging. This unknowing, unsafe environment can deeply affect their emotional well-being and development. Recognizing these challenges, Camp Amplify has committed itself to fostering an inclusive environment where every child feels integrated and valued, even during seasons where differing beliefs might create barriers.

Reflecting on these years, I am filled with gratitude for the community and friendships that have blossomed through countless adventures, shared joys, and even moments of tears. More than five years ago, I had the privilege to meet a passionate couple whose dedication to investing in a community different from their own inspired a profound love for God expressed through the ministry of summer camp. Their vision ignited a spark within me that has only grown stronger over time.

Since then, Camp Amplify has become a place of new adventures, fresh behaviors, and cherished memories. Our group has celebrated inclusion and embraced the challenges within impoverished and homeless communities, advocating for children with disabilities to have the opportunity and right to attend summer camp. This commitment has been warmly welcomed by the entire camp community—staff, counselors, and campers alike—who have opened their hearts and minds to the realities of poverty, addiction, and homelessness.

Over the last five years, we have been privileged to meet countless counselors, campers, and special guests, all contributing to an enriching environment punctuated by meaningful worship and fellowship. Some of my most treasured memories come from the end of each camp week: while it was often a bittersweet moment to say goodbye and head home, even the tears shed on the bus rides were accompanied by songs of worship and joy. These moments serve as a powerful reminder of how safe, accepted, and valued the children felt during their time at camp.

Camp Amplify is both inspiring and vital, as it nurtures hope and resilience in children who might otherwise feel overlooked or forgotten. By creating a welcoming space that embraces their unique stories and challenges, Camp Amplify not only supports their emotional, physical, and spiritual growth but also helps them reclaim a sense of belonging and purpose.

More importantly, Camp Amplify holds a steadfast belief that every child-regardless of their struggles or the hardships they face- is capable of and willing to know God.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Together, we have created a space of hope, love, and transformation that continues to impact lives profoundly.

Warm regards

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