

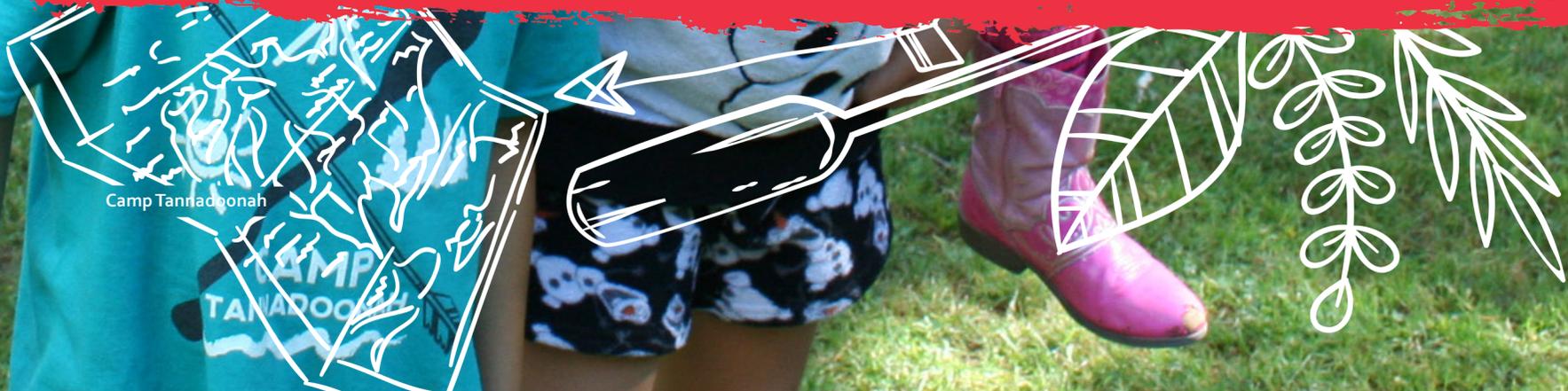


# Camp Fire

## River Bend



# ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017



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# LETTER FROM OUR LEADERS

## DEAR CAMP FIRE FAMILY,

Because of your support of Camp Fire over the past year, we are proud to share with you the impact we had on the youth in our community. In 2016/17, we served more than 800 unduplicated youth and their families across 3 programs (Camp Tannadoonah, Camp Fire Club, and Good Shepherd Montessori Extended Day).

Attendance at Camp Tannadoonah increased by 5.6% (from 909 total camp sessions to 960 total camp sessions). Our camp participants represented 5 countries and 14 U.S. States, and our staff represented 14 countries and 6 U.S. States. We were fortunate to have six incredible volunteers from the AIESEC global volunteer program. We provided nearly \$35,000 in scholarships for 76 campers, with funding from United Way, the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, the Kiwanis Club of South Bend, and many individual donations.

Our traditional club program served 32 youth in three clubs. We had five fabulous volunteer club leaders this year: Becky Gill, Catherine and Peggy Laskowski, Rosanne Markham, and Tonya Rhodes. The three clubs participated in many activities throughout the year, and completed several service projects. Thank you for your time and dedication to your groups!

In August, we started a brand new extended day program at Good Shepherd Montessori School in South Bend. During the months of August and September we served 42 youth, and averaged 17 youth per day. We are working to expand this program to other schools, and are excited to see where this program takes us in the coming year.

One of the things we're most proud of is the proven, measurable outcomes that are achieved through our programming: life skills, social skills, independence, conflict resolution, confidence, empathy, inclusiveness, and teamwork. Our survey data continue to show that both parents and youth see significant growth in these important "indicators of thriving" after participation in our programs.

With the help of our dedicated Board Development Committee, we were able to add three talented new members to our board. Michael Lacognato, Patrick Welch, and Karen DelleDonne are now serving on the Camp Fire River Bend Board of Directors. We are happy to have them as part of our team and are grateful they have decided to join us!

We continued to improve and expand our facilities at Camp Tannadoonah. We opened a beautiful new camper cabin in June, which allowed us to increase our camp capacity by 20 youth per week. In September we broke ground on our new Welcome Center, which is scheduled to be completed in March of 2018.

Over the past year, we also fully renovated two cabins, started a major restoration of Morris Lodge, rebuilt the gazebo, put new roofs on 3 buildings, ran water and electricity to the sports field, and made many other improvements, large and small.

Through the amazing generosity of our donors and the efforts of our fundraising committee, we raised nearly \$36,000 during the Give Local St Joseph County day of giving on May 9th, 2017. We also received over \$23,000 in contributions for the restoration of Morris Lodge, and nearly \$20,000 for the new building fund.

Another exciting new adventure for us in the coming year is the Camp Fire Online Store. We were chosen by Camp Fire National Headquarters to host the site, and manage the inventory for all Camp Fire merchandise, beginning in April 2018.

A huge Camp Fire THANK YOU to our outgoing board Treasurer, John Engel, who has been an amazing contributor to Camp Fire in so many ways. We are pleased that John has agreed to continue to serve our organization as a member of the finance committee.

Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, and staff members for your generosity and steadfast support in making all this possible, and for your shared passion helping our Camp Fire youth find their Sparks. We are excited about what we can achieve together in the coming year!

Light the fire within,

*Sharon Hayward*  
**Sharon Hayward**  
President, Board of Directors

*Amber Grundy*  
**Amber Grundy**  
Executive Director



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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Financial information is based on the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2017. The complete financial statements have been determined to represent fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of Camp Fire River Bend as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

For regular income and expense, the program-related functional expenses represented 90% of the fiscal year expenses, while the expenses for fundraising and administration represented just 10% of the fiscal year expenses. The council spent \$126,020 on capital improvement projects, including a new camper cabin, new roofs on 3 buildings, new windows for Morris Lodge, and the beginning of the new Welcome Center (to be completed in the spring of 2018).

In August 2017, we began a new extended day program at Good Shepherd Montessori School in South Bend, which will provide a new revenue stream for the council. We plan to continue to expand the outside of school time programming, reaching new schools and communities in the future.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

September 30, 2017

Total Current Assets	\$342,364
Total Long-Term Assets	\$336,840
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$679,204</b>
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Total Liabilities	\$7,450
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Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$628,523
Board Designated	\$34,398
Temporarily Restricted	\$8,783
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$671,754</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$679,204</b>



Good Shepherd Montessori Extended Day

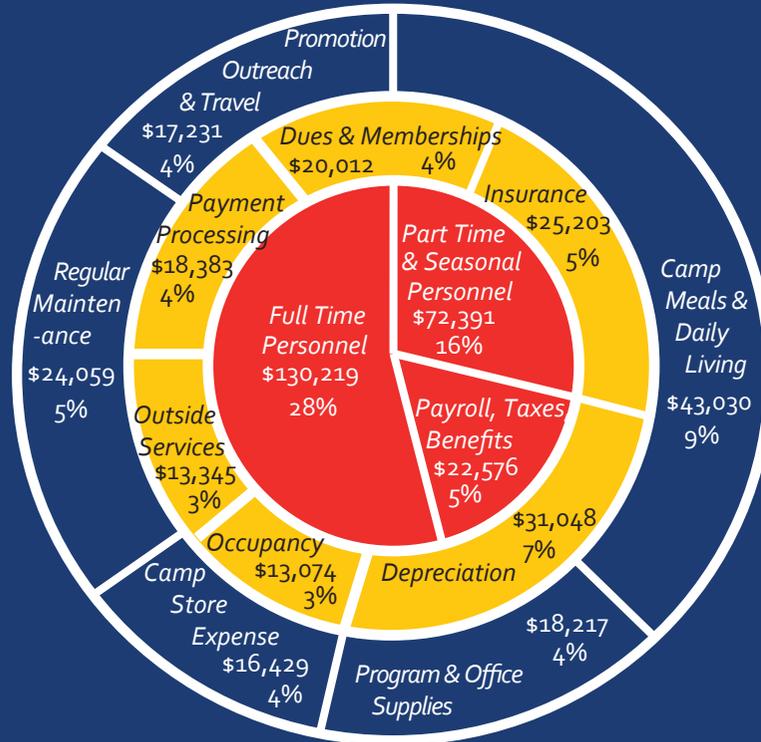
## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES BY CLASS

For year ended September 30, 2017

	Admin	Programs	Unrestricted Fundraising	Total Regular Inc. & Exp.	Capital Projects
Total Revenues	\$962	\$519,709	\$15,135	\$535,806	\$42,516
Total Expenses	\$37,460	\$420,756	\$7,030	\$465,246	\$146,020
Change in Net Assets	\$(36,498)	\$98,953	\$8,105	\$70,560	\$(103,504)

## EXPENSES

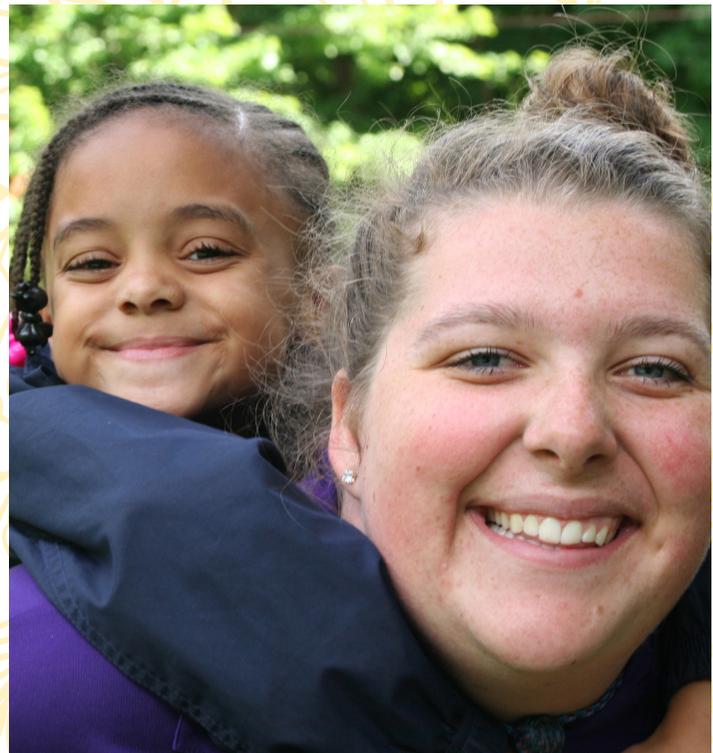
For year ended September 30, 2017



805 UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS ACROSS THREE PROGRAMS

56% FEMALE, 44% MALE,

\$34,636 AWARDED IN SCHOLARSHIPS



Camp Tannadoonah

# WE SALUTE OUR DONORS



On behalf of the youth and families who have benefited from Camp Fire over the last year, thank you for supporting us in fulfilling our Promise, so youth can find their sparks, lift their voice, and discover who they are.

## **\$10,000+**

Leighton Foundation  
John and Barb Phair  
United Way of Saint Joseph  
County Indiana

## **\$2,500–\$9,999**

Follett Notre Dame Bookstore  
Bryce Milligan  
New York Life Foundation  
Lisa Rodriguez  
Patrick and Jeannie Welch

## **\$1,000–\$2,499**

Nick and Gretchen Batalis  
Tom and Barb Cassidy  
Scott and Shelley Chakan  
Al Choitz  
Paul and Celia Fallon  
Chas and Amber Grundy  
Kiwanis Club of South Bend  
Rich and Cindy Krupp  
Tom Kuhn and Jan Temple  
Dennis and Judy Leatherman  
Dan and Tricia Luck  
Ben and Vanessa Wozniak  
Bob Wozny

## **\$500–\$999**

Todd and Laura Elliott  
First Source Bank  
David and Nina Frurip  
Bill and Sherry Holleman  
Knut Rockne Kiwanis  
Paula Kocken  
Barb and John MacDougal  
Jack and Mardy Miller  
Tom and Jennifer Nevala  
Bob and Barb Pence  
Carol Rhudy

## **\$250–\$499**

Paul and Carol Borowski  
Matt Cain  
Dick and Peggy Cowen

Dave and Julie Deahl  
M. Bruce Harlan  
Bob and Beth Kenagy  
Joe and Karen Koch  
Joseph and Tina Mott  
Andrew and Yolanda Roche  
Ralph Shive  
Pete and Dana Soldato  
Jonathan Treash  
Peter and Denise Trybula

## **Gifts up to \$249**

Sue Abshagen-Wilder  
Amazon Smile Foundation  
John and Jennifer Ball  
Satish and Christine Barnabas  
John and Jessica Basham  
John Benjamin  
Neil and Laura Best  
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Karen Brovold  
Scott and Laurie Coffel  
Ross and Marie Christianson  
Charlotte Curdes  
Mary Ann DeWald  
Bill Doba  
Shirley Drinkall  
Terry and Carol Dugan  
Greg and Mindi Dugard  
Helen Dunlap  
Jeff Dunlap  
Bob and Jennifer Early  
Zachary Early  
Doug and Judie Eichorst  
K. Elliot  
Mary Jane Erler Estate  
Greta Fieweger  
Mike and Liz Fieweger  
Mark and Mary Firtl  
Anne Freihofer  
Jane Goldsberry  
John and Lois Groszek  
Dan and Mary Grundy  
Michael and Stacey Hall  
Hardings Market  
Christopher Hartz  
Rob and Sharon Hayward  
Kathy Heiderman  
Michael and Colleen Hensel  
Stephanie Hostetler  
Martin Hutti and Charlene Lenyo-Hutti  
Phil and Carol Iapalucci  
Amy James

Rebecca Jellison  
Tom and Mary Kagel  
Kalsec Inc.  
Michael and Karen Kazmierzak  
Melissa Klaer  
Marty and Ann Kleva  
Diane Knoepke  
Chet and Vivian Kolber  
Kari Krieger  
Michael and Kristin Lacognato  
Bob and Debbie Larkin  
Kelsey Leigh  
Sheral Litell  
Michele Lucchese  
Angie Mannon  
Pat and Tessa McGann  
Donna Meyer  
Jennifer Micinski  
Vickie Miller-Hall  
Ross and Kris Mohlo  
John and Tina Nurkowski  
Joe and Becky O'Connell  
Old 2 Gold at Notre Dame  
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Bob and Rachel Oppman  
Ashley Overholser  
Norma Pence  
John and Betsy Pendarvis  
Dennis and Claudia Phipps  
Peter Pica  
Kellie Porter  
Karen Putt  
Steve and Jerrienne Rain  
Buzz and Linda Rasmussen  
Kathryn and Michael Red  
Ray and Diane Ritchey  
Geri Rizzo  
Margaret Roesch  
Tom and Mary Ronczy  
Shannon Root  
Sarah Ruppensburg  
Chris and Ann Schelle  
Hazy and Fran Scholl  
Tom and Alesha Seroczynski  
Mike and Julie Sheffieck  
Sarah Singleton  
Carmen and Debbie Soldato  
Martin and Amy Stone  
Sarah Talbot  
Margie Trybus  
The Upper Crust  
Frank and Vivian Waldron  
Dan and Sharon Waxman

Doug and Julie Weaver  
Craig and Cyndi Weyers  
Gary and Ellen West  
Kate Willms  
Kristy Wiseman  
Ron and Linda Witchie  
Edward and Doris Wood  
Margaret Wood  
Diana Wozny  
Yankee Candle  
Millie Zelasko

## **Gifts-in-kind**

Andrew Roche  
P.J. Vandewalle

## TRIBUTE GIFTS

### **In Memory of Dr. G. Richard Green**

John and Brenda Cooney  
Kathryn Green  
Bruce and Ann Nattinger  
Lynette Schaefer Reid

### **In Memory of Earl Troeger**

Richard and Barbara Green

## THE LEGEND TREE

Established in 2009, the Legend Tree recognizes individuals who have made lasting contributions to Camp Fire and Camp Tannadoonah. They exemplify the Camp Fire core values and mission. These are people whose dedication and commitment to Camp Fire have left a positive mark on our people, programs, and places. Their stories become legends, and to mark this honor we place a brick around the Legend Tree in their name.

### **2017 Legend Tree Honorees**

Dan and Tricia Luck  
Mike Sheffieck



Good Shepherd Montessori Extended Day

## CAMP FIRE RIVER BEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*President*—Sharon Hayward, University of Notre Dame; Elkhart, Indiana  
*Vice President*—Cindy Krupp, South Haven, Michigan  
*Secretary*—Andrew Roche, Creative Design Solutions; South Bend, Indiana  
*Treasurer*—John Engel, University of Notre Dame; Niles, Michigan

Shelley Chakan, South Bend Tribune; Elkhart, Indiana  
 Karen DelleDonne, Ph.D., Trinity School at Greenlawn; Granger, Indiana  
 Phil Iapalucci, Indiana University South Bend; Granger, Indiana.  
 Michael Lacognato, Laidig Systems; Granger, Indiana  
 \*Amy Lutz, Frankie's by the Tracks; Vandalia, Michigan  
 Cory Marlow, Financial Partners, Inc.; Vandalia, Michigan  
 Robert Pence, retired Partner, the Mosaic Company; Marshall, Michigan  
 Patrick Welch, AlphaGraphics; Vandalia, Michigan

\* Completed term of service within the fiscal year

## FULL TIME COUNCIL STAFF 2016/2017

*Executive Director & Camp Director*—Amber Grundy, Ph.D.  
*Asst. Camp Director & School Year Programs Director*—Michelle Hartwig, M.S.  
*Facilities Manager*—Bob Larkin



Camp Tannadoonah

### VOLUNTEERS

#### Camp Fire Committees

Donna Bittner  
 Greg Dugard  
 Kathie Gries  
 Tom Kuhn  
 Mike Sheffieck  
 Jan Temple

#### Camp Tannadoonah

Krysley Alarcon  
 Hunter Allen  
 Carolina Alvarez-Ruiz  
 Ani Bedevian  
 Mia Borowski  
 Marc Caenepeel  
 Joe Deahl  
 Sara Drake  
 Dave and Cathy Drzewiecki  
 Mindi Dugard  
 Steve Freeto  
 Gamma Phi Beta of  
 Valparaiso University  
 Chas Grundy  
 Rick and Tish Harman  
 Heather Holleman  
 Bill and Sherry Holleman  
 Callahan Kagel

Bill and Patty Karban  
 Parker Klein  
 Mark and Jennifer Liddell  
 Gabriel Morais  
 Kelsey Roberts  
 Serve with Liberty  
 Phil Vitale  
 Alexandre Wajntraub  
 Jaidaa Yasser

#### Club Leaders

Becky Gill  
 Catherine Laskowski  
 Peggy Laskowski  
 Rosanne Markham  
 Tonya Rhodes

#### Pancake Breakfast

Dave and Cathy Drzewiecki  
 John Engel  
 Jan Hartwig  
 Rich and Cindy Krupp  
 Tom Kuhn  
 Jason and Elise Laatz  
 Michael, Maya, and Ty  
 Lacognato  
 Bob and Barb Pence  
 Andrew and Yolanda Roche  
 Jamie Schnoor and Laura  
 Pence

# OUR PROMISE



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## YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO SHAPE THE WORLD.

Camp Fire provides the opportunity to find their spark, lift their voice, and discover who they are.

In Camp Fire, it begins *now*.

## LIGHT THE FIRE WITHIN

YOU CAN BE A CHANGEMAKER. HELP YOUTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY GROW, SUCCEED, AND THRIVE.

## HELP KIDS THRIVE NOW

Visit [donate.riverbendcampfire.org](https://donate.riverbendcampfire.org) to donate today!

*Your contribution helps a kid or teen get the life-changing life skills they need to be the best person they can be today.*

Contributions may be unrestricted, or designated for camperships, programs, facilities improvements, or the new building fund.



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THANK YOU!