



# Camp Fire

## River Bend



# ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

# 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 2017/18, we served more than 800 unduplicated youth and their families across 3 programs (Camp Tannadoonah, Camp Fire Club, and Camp Fire After School).

Attendance at Camp Tannadoonah was similar to last year, with 962 participants (compared to 960 in 2017). Our camp participants represented 5 countries and 18 U.S. states, and our staff and volunteers represented 8 countries and 6 U.S. states. We were also fortunate to have three summer-long volunteers from the AIESEC global volunteer program.

We provided over \$41,000 in scholarships for 85 sessions of camp, with funding from United Way of St. Joseph County, the Birch Lake Yacht Club House Walk, the Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, the Kiwanis Club of South Bend, and many individual donations.

Our traditional club program served 17 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 January, we started a second after school program site, at Sam Adams Elementary in Cassopolis, MI. Between our two sites (at Good Shepherd Montessori in South Bend and Sam Adams in Cassopolis), we served an average of around 25 kids each day in the after school hours.

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 two talented new members to our board. Tom Edgerton and John Michel 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 the brand new Welcome Center building in June, just in time for the start of camp. We also

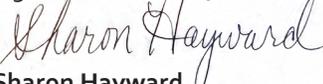
renovated Wallace, and improved the storage in our boat shed at the waterfront. We purchased new soccer goals, kayaks, life vests, and a few new stand up paddleboards this year, as well. We added three permanent "9 Square in the Air" games for campers to play during down time, and we continue to work on a renovation of Morris Lodge. We made many other improvements, large and small, all around camp.

Through the amazing generosity of our donors and the efforts of our fundraising committee, we raised over \$40,000 for camperships, and nearly \$25,000 for the new building fund. We were also granted \$25,000 in funding from United Way of Southwest Michigan for each of the next three years, to fund the after school program at Sam Adams Elementary in Cassopolis. The camp store was completely remodeled, and renamed the Phair Trading Post, in honor of John and Barb Phair, who have made many generous contributions to support Camp Fire over the years.

Our council took over the Camp Fire Online Store in May 2018, and we've enjoyed tackling this new challenge this year.

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 for 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**  
President, Board of Directors

  
**Amber Grundy**  
Executive Director



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

September 30, 2018

Total Current Assets	\$286,027
Total Long-Term Assets	\$495,188
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$781,215</b>
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Total Liabilities	\$23,482
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Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$697,347
Board Designated	\$49,737
Temporarily Restricted	\$10,649
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$757,733</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$781,215</b>

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Financial information is based on the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2018. 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, 2018, 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 85.6% of the fiscal year expenses, while the expenses for fundraising, online store, and administration represented just 14.4% of the fiscal year expenses. The council spent \$213,323 on capital improvement projects, including a new Welcome Center, renovation of a camper cabin, renovation of the staff bathrooms in Main Lodge, renovation of the Camp Store, now known as the Phair Trading Post, new ovens for the kitchen, and new equipment for several camp activities.

In January 2018, expanded our After School program to a second site, at Sam Adams Elementary in Cassopolis, Michigan, and received a three year pledge for funding for this program from the United Way of Southwest Michigan. We hope to continue to expand our outside-of-school programs in the coming years.



Good Shepherd Montessori Extended Day

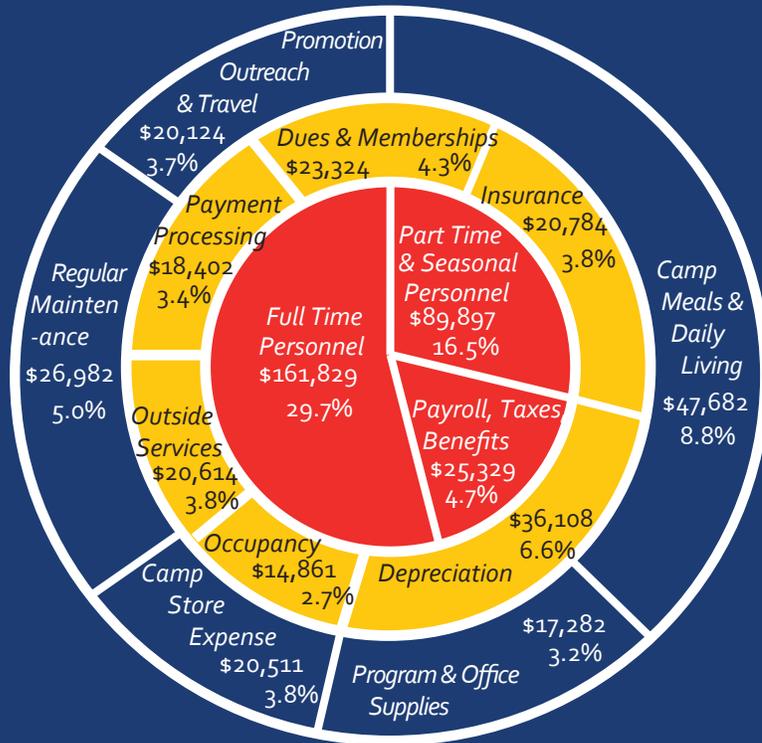
## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES BY CLASS

For year ended September 30, 2018

	Admin	Programs	Unrestricted Fundraising	Camp Fire Online Store	Total Regular Inc. & Exp.	Capital Projects
Total Revenues	\$848	\$593,489	\$4,071	\$10,975	\$609,383	\$23,411
Total Expenses	\$63,704	\$466,463	\$7,375	\$7,407	\$544,949	\$213,323
Change in Net Assets	\$(62,856)	\$127,026	\$(3,304)	\$3,568	\$64,434	\$(189,912)

## EXPENSES

For year ended September 30, 2018



832 UNDUPLICATED PARTICIPANTS ACROSS THREE PROGRAMS

58% FEMALE, 42% MALE,

\$41,373 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+

Follett Notre Dame Bookstore  
John and Barb Phair  
United Way of Saint Joseph  
County Indiana

\$2,500-\$9,999

Kiwanis Club of South Bend  
Rich and Cindy Krupp  
Notre Dame Old 2 Gold  
United Way of Southwest  
Michigan  
Patrick and Jeannie Welch

\$1,000-\$2,499

Birch Lake Yacht Club House  
Walk  
New York Life Foundation  
Ben and Vanessa Wozniak

\$500-\$999

Mike and Renee Chapple  
Tim and Carol Curran  
Bob and Beth Kenagy  
Bob and Debbie Larkin  
John and Maggie Michel  
John and Sharon Powell  
Dan and Sharon Waxman

\$250-\$499

Janet Hartwig  
Kohl's Foundation  
Michelle Swain



## GIFTS UP TO \$249

Dann and Brigitta Adkins  
Tammy Alby  
Amazon Smile Foundation  
Fred and Stacia Andriano  
John Blankenship  
Tyler and Laura Burton  
Scott and Shelley Chakan  
Dave and Catherine DeFauw  
Rich and Beth DeYoung  
Dave and Cathy Drzewiecki  
Giles and Sandy Duffield  
Tom and Carolyn Edgerton  
Steve and Dana Fitzgerald  
Fresh Thyme Mishawaka  
Chas and Amber Grundy  
Dan and Mary Grundy  
Michele Harlow  
Michelle Hartwig  
Rob and Sharon Hayward  
Robert and Emma Jordan  
Sariina Kalli  
Dave and Laura Keeler  
Tom Kuhn and Jan Temple  
Liberty Mutual  
Todd and Tonya Marentette  
Julie McClanahan  
Laura Ann McGillem  
Bryce Milligan  
Mike Puccinelli  
Buzz and Linda Rasmussen

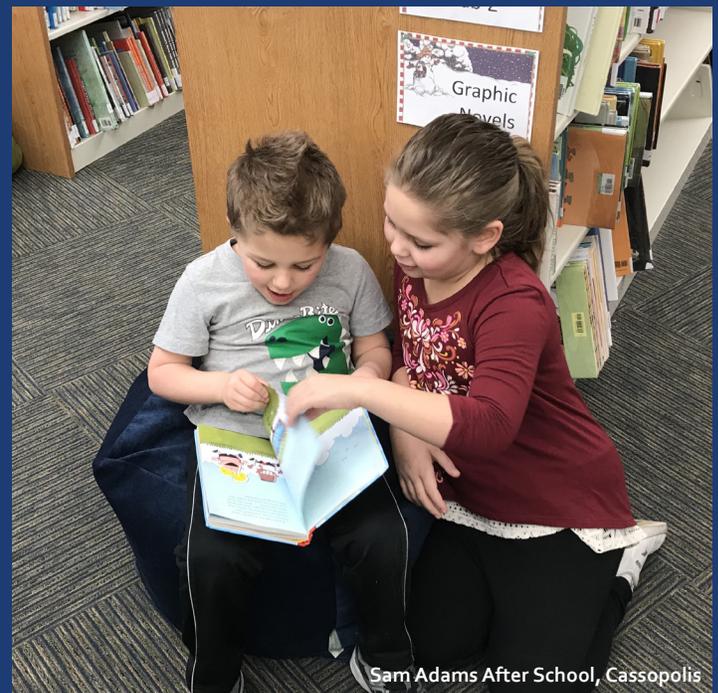
Cindy Zesinger Rheinhardt  
Theresa Roche  
Laura Rozzi  
Meghan Russell  
Katie Sopczynski  
Sammi Strain  
Abbie Thompson  
John Travnik  
Joanne Salvi Vanover  
Larry Wagner  
Molly Lynn Westrate  
Willow Wetherall  
Susan Wilder

## GIFTS-IN-KIND

Dave Bannow (The Boat Shop)  
Paul and Carol Borowski  
Cultivate Culinary  
Chas Grundy

## TRIBUTE GIFTS

In Memory of Dr. G. Richard  
Green  
Anonymous



Sam Adams After School, Cassopolis



Sam Adams After School, Cassopolis

# CAMP FIRE RIVER BEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*President*—**Sharon Hayward**, University of Notre Dame; Elkhart, Indiana  
*Vice President*—**Cindy Krupp**, retired USAF; South Haven, Michigan  
*Secretary*—**Andrew Roche**, Creative Design Solutions; South Bend, Indiana  
*Treasurer*—**John Michel**, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame; South Bend, Indiana

\***Shelley Chakan**, South Bend Tribune; Elkhart, Indiana  
**Karen DelleDonne, Ph.D.**, Trinity School at Greenlawn; Granger, Indiana  
 Thomas Edgerton, retired owner, Edgerton Travel; Lakeville, Indiana  
 \***John Engel**, University of Notre Dame; **Niles**, Michigan  
**Phil Iapalucci**, Indiana University South Bend; Granger, Indiana.  
**Michael Lacognato**, Laidig Systems; Granger, Indiana  
**Cory Marlow**, Financial Partners, Inc.; Vandalia, Michigan  
**Robert Pence**, retired Partner, the Mosaic Company; Marshall, Michigan  
**Colin Raybin**, Indiana University South Bend; South Bend, Indiana  
**Patrick Welch**, AlphaGraphics; Vandalia, Michigan  
 \* **Completed term of service within the fiscal year**

## VOLUNTEERS

### Camp Fire Committees

Bob Bienz  
 Donna Bittner  
 Shelley Chakan  
 Kathie Gries  
 Tom Kuhn  
 Bob and Debbie Larkin  
 Mike Sheffieck  
 Jan Temple

Nury Sanchez  
 Marti Strain  
 Zachary Swintz  
 Phil Vitale  
 Troy Williamson

### Club Leaders

Becky Gill  
 Catherine Laskowski  
 Peggy Laskowski  
 Rosanne Markham  
 Tonya Rhodes

### Camp Tannadoonah

Brigitta Adkins  
 Jamie Borders  
 Dave and Cathy Drzewiecki  
 Jared Emery  
 Scotty Fargo  
 Mahinar Galal  
 Israel Garza  
 Marianne Gomez  
 Chas Grundy  
 Rick and Tish Harman  
 Bruce Hartwig  
 Heather Holleman  
 Bill and Sherry Holleman  
 Mark and Jennifer Liddell  
 Serve with Liberty

### Pancake Breakfast

Karen DelleDonne  
 Dave and Cathy Drzewiecki  
 John Engel  
 Lois Groszek  
 Chas Grundy  
 Rob and Sharon Hayward  
 Sherry Holleman  
 Cindy Krupp  
 Bob and Barb Pence  
 Laura Pence  
 Andrew and Yolanda Roche  
 Patrick and Jeannie Welch

## FULL TIME COUNCIL STAFF 2017/2018

*Executive Director*—**Amber Grundy, Ph.D.**  
*Program Director*—**Michelle Hartwig, M.S.**  
*Assistant Program Director*—**Steve Smith. (June 2018 - present)**  
*Facilities Manager*—**Bob Larkin (through February 2018)**  
*Facilities Manager*—**Bryson Beck (March - May 2018)**  
*Facilities Manager*—**Bob Herwick (June 2018 - present)**  
*Customer Relations Manager*—**Leigh Stoffer (April 2018 - present)**



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# OUR PROMISE



Mishawaka Catholic Club

**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.



Good Shepherd Montessori Extended Day



Camp Tannadoonah



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THANK YOU!