



# A New Day Dawning

2021 Annual Report  
CAMP ALEXANDER MACK





# From the Executive Director

**The way of the righteous is like morning light that gets brighter and brighter till it is full day.**

Proverbs 4:18 (CEB)

Dear Friends of Camp Mack,

I recently stood in the cold morning air facing eastward awaiting the sunrise. The sky was filled with deep blues and purples transitioning into red until the sun crested the horizon. In that moment, everything changed. The darkness was replaced with bright orange and yellow light that gradually brightened until the sun revealed the day.

The writer of Proverbs reminds us that looking for and following God's path begins slowly with only promise, but we can be sure that the promise will be fulfilled if we watch and wait with faith and expectation.

As we reflect on 2021, we know that there is **A New Day Dawning** for Camp Mack. Our programs are coming back with new life and vitality. New ideas have come forward, and we look with anticipation for the ministries they will provide. We have been blessed with a caring community and reminded daily of God's great love.

With great expectation, we await the morning light. Likewise, we anticipate the many ways Camp Mack will impact the lives of people in need of the Good News and the sanctuary of this community.

Thank you for your prayers and the many contributions of time and money that empower our ministry of hospitality.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gene Hollenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gene" being more prominent.

Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director

***Camp Alexander Mack provides a sanctuary where people connect with God, experience creation, and build Christian community.***



# A New Day Dawning

The song *10,000 Reasons* by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin says this in the first verse:

*The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

A New Day is Dawning and we sing God's praises for what has been accomplished. We look forward to the future with confidence and hope, and when we move on to the next opportunities God brings us, our songs will continue.

There is an excitement that we can feel here at Camp Mack. We see the impact of physical improvements and the joy of our guests. We hear laughter, the sounds of worship, and the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit in silence. The expectation of what God can do in this place and with this ministry brings us to the edge of wonder.

Camp Mack is developing long-term strategies to use our facilities in the best possible way while maintaining the character and beauty of our landscape. We are reaching out to find new relationships and ministries to extend God's love and care.

Just as the wise builder in Matthew 7 builds on the rock, so Camp Mack builds on a foundation of strong financial support, dedicated volunteers, traditions of excellence, and a desire to continue providing sanctuary to all people. From this solid position, new opportunities to reach out, in ways we haven't imagined, will be realized.

Let us look toward the horizon with great expectation; then, we can truly *sing like never before*.



# CELEBRATIONS



With the help of our financial supporters and volunteers, 2021 was an exciting year full of accomplishments. We thank God for so many wonderful gifts, particularly the people who keep this ministry strong.

In 2021 we:

- Welcomed campers back in a safe environment
- Completed a solar energy project providing cleaner energy and more stable finances
- Completed the Esther and John Hamer Health Center
- Completed phase two of the Peace Garden overlooking Lake Waubesa
- Served a growing number of people in personal and family retreats
- Welcomed several new groups to the Camp Mack community
- Completed a three-year strategic plan and developed a plan for the next three years
- Made improvements to many buildings and structures
- Received grants for CPR training, Wi-fi improvement, and building improvements



# Each new day at Camp Mack brings opportunities for:



Exploring Creation



Playing hard



Working together



Learning new skills



Developing leadership



Having fun



Facing new challenges



Praising God



Serving others

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Unaudited reports from December 31, 2021

## Summary of Financial Position



	2021		2020		2019*	
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>						
Cash and other assets on hand	\$	69,703	\$	100,817	\$	65,379
Restricted assets	\$	739,989	\$	788,396	\$	990,409
Inventory	\$	26,798	\$	23,153	\$	23,153
Fixed assets	\$	4,423,407	\$	4,193,572	\$	3,792,468
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,259,897</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,105,938</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,871,409</b>
<b><u>Liabilities and Equity</u></b>						
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>						
Payables and Deposits	\$	18,022	\$	16,548	\$	9,419
Funds held in trust	\$	16,153	\$	5,431	\$	926
Indebtedness	\$	641,719	\$	531,870	\$	196,225
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>675,894</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>553,849</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>206,570</b>
<b><u>Equity</u></b>						
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$	704,805	\$	656,276	\$	600,794
Equity Accounts	\$	150,764	\$	150,764	\$	150,764
Opening Balance Equity	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Retained Earnings	\$	3,745,061	\$	3,914,308	\$	4,293,475
Net Revenue	\$	(16,627)	\$	(169,259)	\$	(380,194)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,584,003</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,552,089</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,664,839</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,259,897</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,105,938</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,871,409</b>



## Summary of Financial Activities†

	2021	2020	2019*
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
Retreats and Events	\$ 89,802	\$ 113,260	\$ 202,333
Brethren Camps	\$ 134,718	\$ 74,999	\$ 210,652
Other Camps	\$ 153,743	\$ -	\$ 173,901
Other Income	\$ 38,541	\$ 70,162	\$ 58,712
Individual Gifts	\$ 265,387	\$ 244,398	\$ 132,611
Allocated Gifts	\$ 99,551	\$ 159,248	\$ 21,896
Fundraising Activity	\$ 38,210	\$ 52,597	\$ 64,842
Grants	\$ 157,041	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 976,993</b>	<b>\$ 714,664</b>	<b>\$ 864,947</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Operations	\$ 372,220	\$ 431,948	\$ 519,748
Facility/Maintenance	\$ 184,714	\$ 142,925	\$ 141,200
Administration	\$ 255,381	\$ 97,559	\$ 180,651
Fundraising	\$ 6,305	\$ 1,365	\$ 14,996
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 818,620</b>	<b>\$ 673,797</b>	<b>\$ 856,595</b>
<b>Operational Balance</b>	<b>\$158,373</b>	<b>\$40,867</b>	<b>\$8,352</b>



† The operational balance does not reflect depreciation, endowment funds, or fundraising for capital projects.

\* Revenue and Expenses from 2019 reflect adjustments made after a professional review and compilation of financial statements. Adjustments covered a four-year period and were recorded in December 2019.



# PLANTING THE FUTURE Capital Campaign

The *Planting the Future* capital campaign began in 2019 with the goal of raising 1.1 million dollars to establish a strong foundation for the future through strategic planning and the development of an outdoor education program. With these goals completed, the rest of the funds were to be used for modernization of our facilities.

We had hoped to complete the campaign in 2021, but the pandemic interrupted, so our goal now is to finish at the end of 2022. The financial report of the campaign shows that we are very close to reaching our goals.

Already, the funds have paid for the Esther and John Hamer Health Center and attached restrooms between the John Kline Welcome Center and Quinter-Miller Auditorium. This building has been an incredible benefit to our campers and guests. We also have nearly completed the Peace Garden, a beautiful destination within Camp Mack. The last phase will be finished in the early fall of 2022.

The next step is the transformation of Ulrich House into an adult retreat center. This work will begin in the summer of 2022 with the installation of an elevator to reach all three levels of the building. When the building is complete it will have new family restrooms, newly refreshed rooms with sound insulation and upgraded electrical service, air conditioning, and new carpet and furnishings.

If you would like the latest information about how you can participate through volunteering or financial contribution, please call the camp office or check out [cammack.org/planting-the-future](http://cammack.org/planting-the-future).



## Planting The Future Financial Report

	Budgeted	Spent
Strategic Planning	\$ 133,000	\$ 133,000
Staffing	\$ 79,000	\$ 78,293
Outdoor Education	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Campaign Expense	\$ 68,000	\$ 48,107
<b>Total Initial Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	<b>\$ 279,400</b>
Health Center	\$ 285,000	\$ 309,785
Ulrich House	\$ 515,000	\$ -
<b>Total Modernization</b>	<b>\$ 800,000</b>	<b>\$ 309,785</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,100,000</b>	<b>\$ 589,185</b>

Cash on Hand	\$ 294,772
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 73,769
<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>\$ 589,185</b>

**Amount Raised**                    \$        **957,726**

**Amount to Goal**                    \$        **142,274**



# 2021 CONTRIBUTORS

We are truly thankful for these families and individuals who gave so generously this year.

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# 2021 Contributing Churches, Businesses, and Organizations

Amazon Smile  
Anderson Church of the Brethren  
Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren  
Bethany Church of the Brethren  
Blissville Church of the Brethren  
Bremen Church of the Brethren  
Buck Creek Church of the Brethren  
Buffalo Church of the Brethren  
Camp Creek Church of the Brethren  
Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren  
Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren  
Cender & Company office staff in memory of  
Wilma Cender  
Columbia City Church of the Brethren  
Community Foundation of Elkhart County  
Creekside Church of the Brethren  
Crest Manor Church of the Brethren  
Eel River Community Church of the Brethren  
Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren  
The Eloise Eberly Trust  
Goshen City Church of the Brethren  
Guernsey Church of the Brethren  
Hand Family Foundation  
Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren  
Huntington Church of the Brethren  
Kokomo Church of the Brethren  
Kosciusko County Community Foundation  
Lafayette Church of the Brethren  
Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren  
Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren  
Little Pine Church of the Brethren  
Living Faith Church of the Brethren  
Lower Deer Creek Church of the Brethren  
Manchester Church of the Brethren  
Maple Grove Church of the Brethren  
Marion Church of the Brethren

Middlebury Church of the Brethren  
Milford Kiwanis  
The Millwood Window Store  
Nappanee Church of the Brethren  
Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren  
New Paris Church of the Brethren  
North Webster Church of the Brethren  
North Winona Church of the Brethren  
Northview Church of the Brethren  
NUCOR Building Systems  
Nu-Mill Inc.  
Peru Church of the Brethren  
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Pine Creek Church of the Brethren  
Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren  
Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren  
Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren  
Plymouth Church of the Brethren  
Portland Church of the Brethren  
Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren  
Pyrmont Church of the Brethren  
Rock Run Church of the Brethren  
Rossville Church of the Brethren  
Salamonie Church of the Brethren  
Shepherd's Heart Fellowship  
South Central District Church of the Brethren  
Steffen Giving Fund  
Union Church of the Brethren  
Union Center Church of the Brethren  
Union Grove Church of the Brethren  
Upper Fall Creek Church of the Brethren  
Wabash Church of the Brethren  
We Grow With Love  
West Goshen Church of the Brethren  
White Branch Church of the Brethren







# GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways you can support the ministry of Camp Mack.

Donate anytime by **mailing a check** or by clicking on **DONATE** at **CampMack.org**.

Donate your time **volunteering** in the kitchen, counseling campers, or fixing up camp. Volunteers make a lasting impact on Camp Mack and the people who come here.

Be part of a Camp Mack **fundraising event**: the Annual Dinner, 5K Run/Walk, Camp Mack Giving Day, and the Camp Mack Festival.

## Giving Communities

Waubee Lake has sustained Camp Mack for generations. **The Waubee Community** recognizes those individuals who contribute on a monthly basis to sustain Camp Mack in all seasons. Automatic giving can be set up through the Camp Mack website or your bank.

The Artesian Well has provided water for many years. **The Artesian Community** recognizes individuals who have included Camp Mack in their planned giving. These gifts help to grow Camp Mack's endowments and fund other special projects.

Please send checks to:  
**Camp Alexander Mack**  
**PO Box 158**  
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Online: **Campmack.org** and click "Donate" in the top right corner

Connect with **Todd Eastis** at **[todd@campmack.org](mailto:todd@campmack.org)** or **574-658-4831** to learn more.



# From the Indiana Camp Board Chair

Working to establish policies and make decisions that will support Camp Mack's mission – "to provide a sanctuary where people connect with God, experience creation, and build Christian community" involves much directed activity behind the scenes. I am pleased to report that Camp Mack is served by a Board of deeply committed, skilled individuals working together to plan for and implement the actions necessary to address both current needs and to prepare to serve new constituents. 2021 saw the completion of the Hamer Health Center that, with its central location, not only provides for the health needs of campers, but also provides accessible restroom facilities for those using Quinter Miller Auditorium.

Coping with the pandemic has been a significant challenge, but having faith that Camp Mack would handle it successfully, the Board decided to use this time of reduced customer services to address a number of physical plant maintenance issues and to install solar panels to reduce energy costs and set an example of conserving creation for all who use the Camp. The Finance Committee has completed the implementation of procedures to provide ongoing monitoring of both revenue and expenses to help ensure financial stability into the future. We are now prepared, thanks to the generous support of grants and the Camp Mack family, to significantly expand services.

2021 was also the occasion of the development of our next three-year Strategic Plan. This plan includes the development of a ten-year Master Plan, expanding the outdoor education programs and marketing them to public schools and others, and expanding retreat and team building programs. With the continued support of our expanding constituent groups, we look forward to additional growth to sustain our current programs and extending our critical mission to others. Thanks for all you do to support the mission of Camp Mack.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Jim Shively'.

Jim Shively  
Board Chair



# Indiana Camp Board

Jim Shively – At large representative – Board Chair  
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**Mission:** Camp Alexander Mack provides a sanctuary where people connect with God, experience creation, and build Christian community.

**Vision:** To be a sanctuary where all who are served find a safe environment where they can learn of Christ, renew their spirit, and experience God.

## Our Philosophy

BELIEVING that the quiet beauty of a natural setting creates a strong sense of the reality of God, **we will develop** this center in ways that will enhance its use as an environment in which persons are moved into a closer relationship with our God and all of creation.

BELIEVING in our deep connections to all living things, **we will share** that belief so that through our programs and experiential opportunities persons will be challenged to take added responsibility for the human and natural world in which God has placed them.

BELIEVING that the closeness of shared life at this set apart place can provide a model for what it means to be the body of Christ, **we will seek** to involve leaders who themselves earnestly seek to know and share God's love and are able to shape experiences in which that love can be reality for others.

BELIEVING in the God-gifted value of each person, **we will seek** ways to help persons value themselves and to discover and develop their own skills. We will provide quality Christian education, including serious Bible study, encouraging them to hear the call to a deepened faith and discipleship to Jesus Christ.

BELIEVING in the shared ministry of the church, **we will nurture** strong relationships with congregations, districts, the denomination, and ecumenical groups. We will also seek to help persons of all ages understand and internalize the values of the church, attempting to strengthen their ties to local churches and encouraging a greater sense of identity with the Church of the Brethren and believers everywhere.