

Growth-Filled Youth Camp Made Possible by Camperships

A/U Ranches campers Brin and Nina have been coming to Youth Camp at Sky Valley Ranch for several years, each time for one session. “They have asked to stay two sessions every single year, and I have always had to say no,” says their mom, Kameron.

But this year was different. “During first session, I was contacted by the A/U Ranches to let me know that if my children wanted to stay, there were funds available,” Kameron recalls. “It was so wonderful to hear that news. I signed a few papers and they were good to go. With our current financial situation, we would not be able to send our children to one session, much less two, without aid from the Campership Fund. This was an answered prayer for us.”

Brin and Nina love the atmosphere at camp. “The most beneficial part of camp for me was the kids’ interest in God, and Christian Science,” says Brin, who’s in 7th grade and saw this in daily activities and conversations. “It was inspiring, seeing these young children, no older than 7 or 8, aspiring already to become closer to God.”

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“All the loving people really make you feel at home,” adds Nina, a 5th grader. “Every session that I come back, there are smiling faces, old and new, that greet me like I am their sister, even if I have never seen them before in my life. It’s so amazing how camp can change a person forever just with that loving, caring and supporting atmosphere.”

Each child also felt a shift in thought during camp. Nina was able to overcome fear on the new high ropes course (which was built through support from the Campaign), and during second session, she earned the leadership award in her mountaineering group for helping a fellow camper who was struggling. Brin had a nearly instantaneous healing of a leg wound, and he joyfully completed the Challengers Outcamp major during second session, which involved a seven-day overnight trip and four 14,000-ft peaks. (See next page for their accounts of these healings.)
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Supporting the Cause of Christian Science

BY **CHERIE BURTON, CHAIR,**
BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN

It was 1958 when I fell in love with Cap’s vision for Christian Science youth by becoming a charter Round-Up Ranch camper. Since that time I have been involved in and dedicated to perpetuating that vision.

Being a Christian Scientist with various avenues of participation in its movement has blessed me in countless ways. It’s fun to demonstrate what we learn in Sunday School and rewarding to take it to a larger arena. Camp, DiscoveryBound and serving on the Adventure Unlimited board have done that for me!

One of the early accomplishments of the Bridges to the Future Campaign was meeting the Paulson Matching Grant. Now we have another matching challenge
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Total funds given to the Bridges to the Future Campaign: \$8.6 million
Total funds to be raised: \$7.9 million



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grant from Dick and Ginny Voell of \$250,000 for the Campership Endowment Fund.

Essential to this progress is gratitude! And we are grateful – to the hundreds of donors who have so generously given \$8.6 million to the Campaign to-date. Yet, in terms of completing the Campaign, we still have approximately \$7.9 million to go.

So, why would/should you give to this effort?

- Because you want Christian Science experiences to be there for children and families next year, the year after, in 10 years and beyond.
- Because the Adventure Unlimited laboratory is supporting the cause of Christian Science, where participants expand and grow in their use of these laws of God.
- Because if we, as Christian Scientists, don't value our organizations, who will?
- Because the world has need of it!

I hope you will join me in this important work with a gift to the Campaign today.

Campership Matching Funds

GOAL: \$250,000

**Pledged & Received:
\$159,694**



Needed: \$90,306

From Brin: “I began to change my thought”

A healing I had at camp was not strictly physical. I have always enjoyed questioning Christian Science, and have always struggled with its fundamental views. One day, while returning to cabins, I seemed to have cut my leg badly. I looked at the wound, and began to think: If God is in complete control, how could he let anything negative control me? If God was in control, why was there this seeming force that caused chaos?



The next day, during lesson study, I asked these questions, and was told the simplest advice: There cannot be this force. If God is in control, you can make the choice to accept this pain that your material body claims, or you can understand that this is simply not your own mind, which is always receiving God's constant commands.

In that moment of realization, I began to change my thought according to this one. From then on, as simple as it may have been, I used that thought. My leg wound disappeared almost instantaneously after I realized it could not exist in the atmosphere of good.

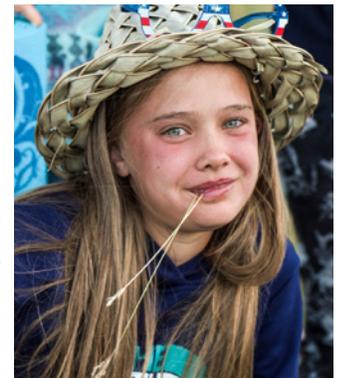
From Nina: “I could trust that I was safe”

During second session on the high ropes course this year, I had an amazing chance to prove the omnipotence of divine Love. I was feeling great on the walk up, but as soon as I saw the course, my stomach flipped. I felt like I was never going to be able to make it up there, let alone complete any of the elements. I didn't know what to do.

All of a sudden, I had the thought to turn to prayer. The first idea that I started to work with was trust. That session I had really been working with this idea of trust – to trust Mind that I was right where I needed to be, and that I couldn't fall out of Love's arms. As I was climbing up, this thought of fear came up again – fear that I wasn't going

to make it, that I was going to fall and that I wasn't safe. Again, I turned my thought to that idea of trust. I could trust that I was safe and that I was cared for. I had every right to have fun and do my best.

After that, I had a great climb up, and whenever I felt that lie of fear or unsureness, all I had to do was to turn my thought onto trust. I had an awesome day on the high ropes course and grew metaphysically as well.



Internship at the Monitor Ignites New Perspective in NLC Teen

BY EMMA WESTERHOF

Over the last several years, the DiscoveryBound National Leadership Council (NLC) was expanded from one class of 20 teens to two classes through Campaign support, doubling the reach of this vital program. The account that follows is from Emma Westerhof, NLC Class of 2016E. As part of the NLC fourth-year curriculum, Emma interned at The Christian Science Monitor, reporting to its editor, Marshall Ingwerson.

In the weeks prior to my internship, I was in a very unhappy place. I didn't like who I was, I had just lost someone I really cared about, and I wasn't doing a good job of coming through for others, especially my family. I also didn't feel like Christian Science had much importance/influence on the world, and that thought scared me.

When I got to the *Monitor*, not only was I overjoyed to see myself exhibit qualities I had longed to express during the school year, but I also felt like my Christian Science horizons had expanded. I was surrounded by many high-functioning, professional CS adults who worked for the newspaper I respect the most. They didn't seem naïve or unaware of the world's issues; instead, they faced down error

and shone the light of honesty on current events and global problems to bring about a greater good. This made CS feel very relevant to me.

My internship made me feel independent, empowered and capable of facing new challenges and taking on more by myself, as well as completely connected to God. I can't thank the NLC enough for this life-changing experience.

Your gift to the Campaign in the enclosed envelope helps support the longevity of this vital program. Thank you!



A Path to Love

Dorian Watkins started attending Sunday School at the Elyria, Ohio, Christian Science church when he was in seventh grade. Nette Bemis and other members of the Elyria church drove Dorian and several other children who were new to the teachings of Christian Science to their church each Sunday morning, and also brought them to local DiscoveryBound (DB) Outreach events.

"Before I was going to Sunday School, I was a little bit lost," says Dorian, who graduated from Principia College in 2015. "I grew up poor and didn't have very much. I knew I had a strong belief in something higher but I didn't know what."

Dorian's first DB Outreach event preceded his freshman year of high school. These events, he says, "were a way for me to get to know other Christian Science youth but also be myself. I didn't feel like I had to be someone I was not, and everyone was very accepting."

He continues, "Before Sunday School, a lot of my morals and standards were from fear rather than love. I lived in constant fear of doing the wrong things and being punished in heaven or after death for whatever wrong I had done. Sunday

School and going to Principia Upper School opened up my thought to the good in all mankind and the unconditional love God shares. This was the basic framework that kept me in CS for a lot of my younger years. I experienced many healings and a complete transformation of character that I am very grateful to have had."

Attending DB Outreach events also played a role in the change in his life path, he adds. "I think it gave me a way to see that being good and practicing Christian Science wasn't a bad thing," Dorian says. "To see people from all over the world who believed and thought similar to me and helped me think deeper was great. I think the openness and the understanding and friendships I made while on these trips were some of the highlights of my time with DiscoveryBound."

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Dorian is now a house parent at Principia Upper School and has been providing CS treatment to those requesting it.

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"This year, we moved to a small town and the adjustment was a little tough for my kids," Kameron says. "When I saw them at the first session banquet, I was overcome with gratitude to see them happier than I had seen them in so long. Camp brings out the best in them and allows

them to surrender to their true spiritual self. They come home shining! My kids look forward to camp all year."

Through December 31, 2016, your Campaign gift to the A/U Ranches Campership Endowment Fund will be doubled by a \$250,000 matching grant from Dick and Ginny Voell.



Headquarters Construction Begins

Phase one of the long-awaited, much-needed renovations to the HQ building in Greenwood Village kicked off in July. Our deep thanks go to all the generous donors to the Campaign who made phase one renovations possible. Funds are still needed to complete phases two and three.

How You Can Help

Here are some ways you can make a difference in the Bridges to the Future Campaign:

- Metaphysically support Adventure Unlimited.
- Be an ambassador by telling the Adventure Unlimited story and your own.
- Visit AdventureUnlimited.org/campaign-giving to donate by credit card or mail your contribution in the enclosed envelope. (Please note "Bridges to the Future" on your check.)

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