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Dear Name,

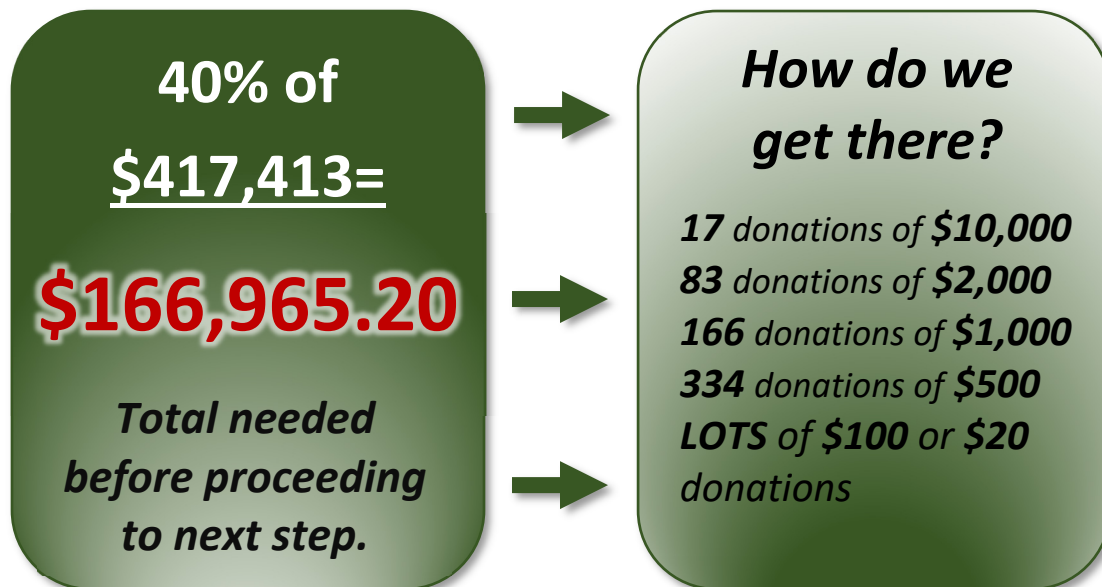
About a year and a half ago, we began contacting you with dreams for the future of SMC; what we called our “Caring for Camp” Campaign. The Board of Directors made a thorough examination of the camp grounds and facilities to determine the most immediate needs as well as an anticipated list of forthcoming improvements to consider, and even a “wish list” of upgrades to further enhance the beauty and functionality of this much-loved haven outside Kingman, KS. Amazing things have happened since that initial letter was sent and we want to share with you what God has done through the servant hearts and hands He has put in our path. *With grateful and sincere hearts, we thank everyone who has given to these efforts so far and helped us reach some major milestones:*

- Over \$520,000 of the \$750,000 initial fundraising goal has been met!
- The following projects have been fully completed:
  - ✿ New girls cabin addressing the overcrowding concerns we had been facing.
  - ✿ New maintenance facility, containing additional bathrooms and laundry facilities, allowing us to be better stewards of our blessings as they can now be stored away from the elements between camp years. And, also, freeing up the safe room to be used for its intended purpose.
  - ✿ New, state-of-the-art crafts building is nearing completion, providing a place for activities/crafts outside the mess hall and providing the perfect environment for fulfilling the Sewing for the Master mission.
- Our Scholarship Fund was *fully funded* very quickly.
- Camp attendance has grown exponentially! We saw an increase of 35%, 67%, and 12% between Early, First, and Third sessions, respectively.

We’ve made many new connections and rekindled relationships with previous campers and their families, plus several area churches. We’re so thankful for all the blessings God has brought to Silver Maple Camp throughout our history, but especially over the last year as these tremendous projects have been undertaken. And we’re equally excited to see what He does during the second half of our Caring For Camp initiative.

**Progress Report**  
*Look what God has done!*

As we wrap-up year two and look with anticipation toward the third and final planned year of this campaign, we invite you to get even more involved as we work toward raising the funds necessary to break ground on the most-requested, and likely the most needed, of our projects to date – updated bath facilities. We'll be very transparent with you...the need is great and urgent. The total price tag to update both bath houses, bringing them to ADA standards and doubling the size of the girls bath house while we're at it, is just over \$417,000. We have the opportunity to apply for a matching grant to help us with a portion of this cost, but must show 40% of the total cost raised before we can apply or break ground. Let us break that down for you.



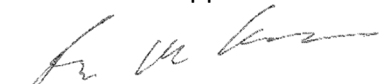
*We Need Your Help!*

What's your number? Every gift makes a difference and every one is needed. We ask that you prayerfully consider what you can give during this season of giving to help us reach this goal and break ground on new bath facilities before the next camp year.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this need in more detail, we welcome your call any time. If you are ready to donate, please complete the enclosed pledge form and send it, along with your gift, to:

**Silver Maple Camp**  
**Attn: David Murphy, Treasurer**  
**700 N 6<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Sterling, KS 67579**

With sincere appreciation for your time and consideration,

  
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