

A.L.I.V.E.

Advancing Lives in Victory Eternally

Dear Camp Family,

January 2020

Winter is officially upon us. Even though it is cold and unpredictable, I do enjoy the beautiful scenery that we get to enjoy that comes with winter. I saw a phrase a few years back that went something like, "We must endure the winter to truly appreciate the spring." I believe we can relate to it in many areas of our lives.

In the literal sense, we just had our first power outage for 2020 recently. We were without power for twelve hours. Power outages help us to appreciate the electricity, heat, flushable toilets, and more that we are blessed to have. We had some additional A.L.I.V.E. funds that we were able to purchase a new small generator during our outage. These are a great need to help keep camp refrigerators and small things going as needed. Unfortunately, we lose power here more often than we would like, but certainly frequently enough to have a need for generators for sure. Like this recent outage, we had a group of people here when the power went down, so we are thankful for even the small generator to help with the small things. In the future we will pray for Generac generators with automatic transfer switches, but for now, these help a lot.



The last letter we sent out, we asked for funds to help us purchase water fountains for camp. We were able to purchase four of the water fountains pictured to the left. They have all arrived at camp and are waiting to be installed. We also, were able to purchase eight additional water filters for these units, so we are stocked with those for the time being. We are holding off purchasing the fifth one we thought about purchasing until we have all the other four installed and see what the need is at that point in time. We will still have enough money in the A.L.I.V.E. fountain fund to finish that project off with any materials needed for installation.



With additional A.L.I.V.E. funds, we also were able to purchase two new microwaves for our White Oaks lodge and our medical station. They were without microwaves and so we purchased two of the microwaves pictured to the right. Thank you for helping make all these purchases happen.



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Getting us started for 2020, we would like to start collecting money to purchase some new mattresses for the cabins. Some of the mattresses are getting quite old and in need of replacing. We are looking to replace 100 mattresses. We have gotten quotes from two mattress companies that make camp approved style mattresses. Mattresses for camps need special covers that are bed bug proof, are water proof so they can be cleaned and sanitized easily, meet certain flammability standards, and are durable to handle the use they get in the spring, summer, and fall months.



Depending on the thickness we desire and the quantity we order, the mattresses will cost about \$90.00 each to \$110.00 each. To replace all 100, we will need \$9,900 to \$11,100. This is a large expense to be able to replace them all so we know we may need to order in smaller quantities as we have funds to do so. The new mattresses would look like the ones in the picture.

Many of the oldest mattresses we have are thin and hard. At times campers have even doubled up the mattresses to try to add comfort. Most campers and faculty are here for a whole week and so we want them to be comfortable and to enjoy a good night sleep. We have replaced some

mattresses over the years and the newest mattresses are the ones people who arrive early run to claim first. Everyone should be able to have a good mattress. Help us make that happen for the campers and faculty!

In addition to the 100 cabin mattresses that we would like to replace, we also need to replace several of the covers that go on mattresses in our lodges. We need to replace them with a cover like the above mattresses have on them so that they meet the same standards as the cabin mattresses. Some of our lodge mattresses already have the good covers, so only some will need to be added. This is less expensive as buying the whole mattress and cover set, but they are all different sizes as we have full size and twin size beds and the mattresses are different thicknesses so the cost varies for each mattress.

In the end, we are estimating about \$15,000 for both cabin mattresses and the lodge covers. Thank you in advance for helping us replace the old mattresses and covers around camp.

Love,
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