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New Hope Camp and Conference Center, Inc. provides a unique natural setting, a place apart for persons of all ages and faiths to grow in their relationship with God, themselves, and others in an environment of Christian hospitality.

I bring you greetings from New Hope Camp & Conference Center. We are rapidly approaching the end of an incredibly challenging year. In a normal year our operating budget is funded through several revenue streams. About one third of our income comes from hosting retreat groups and meetings. A little better than a third comes from our Summer Camp and Day Camp for children. The remaining comes from a combination of our After-School program, membership pool during the summer, and gifts and support from donors. Unfortunately, this has been far from a normal year.

Starting in mid-March, the After-School program came to a halt, we lost all of our retreat business due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and doubted our ability to run a summer program. Fortunately, by the time June came around we were able to run a limited summer camp program. We were only able to run our Day Camp program at 50% of our normal capacity and were not able to do any residential camp. We were so glad to be able to serve families with a limited summer program. We operated the pool for the children at camp and opened it to membership on the weekends at 50% capacity.



We had a wonderful summer with the children who came. They were so ready to come to camp, even though it did not look like our normal program. We checked temperatures upon arrival, gathered in groups of ten, wore masks, and stayed outside as much as possible. Because we were extremely cautious and planned well, we were lucky and had only one COVID-19 scare.

Here we are in Late November. Our remote learning program has not proven to be as financially rewarding as we hoped. Many families cannot afford the cost of this kind of program. We have used scholarship money to help the families we could.

Small groups have been using our outdoor space for gatherings. Hopefully the retreat business will pick-up in the spring. That will totally depend on what the COVID virus does.



We have economized everywhere we can. We ran camp with as few staff as we safely could and still offer a quality and fun program. Because of the lack of retreat business, we have eliminated the retreat coordinator position. The maintenance and housekeeping staff are operating with fewer hours. We have cut costs wherever we can to survive the year.

Having said all this, it comes down to the fact that without the support of donors, we will not make it financially until the end of the year. We do good, important work, we accomplish our mission which is **to provide, within a unique natural setting, a place apart for persons of all faiths, to grow in their relationship with God, themselves, and others in an environment of Christian hospitality.**

I am asking you to support this ministry with your prayers and financial gifts. Many people love New Hope Camp and want to see it survive 2020. Please consider us with your year-end giving. Would you help us, please? You can send us a check or make a donation on line at our web-site www.newhopeccc.org. We are counting on you to get us to the end of the year and on to 2021.

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