



CAMP WASHINGTON REPORT
FOR THE
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What a wonderful summer! Warm days, cool nights....such a treat for staff and campers alike.

We welcomed many new campers and provided financial assistance to 56 campers totaling \$20,860 this year. Monies raised for financial assistance continue to come from The Bishops' Open for Camp Washington, our partnership with The Bishops Fund for Children and contributions from individuals, organizations and parishes. Your generous support helps provide a life changing experience for many of our campers.

In addition, thank you to our volunteer Chaplains, the Revs. Kurt Huber, Bob Stocksdale, Elsa Worth, Mo Lederman, Adam Yates, Mark Byers and Allison Read who brought an experience of a living Christian Community to Camp Washington, making it that special place to be.

This summer, after our program closed, Camp Kesem, a non-profit, student-run organization from Yale, provided a week-long, free summer camp for children with a parent who has (or has had) cancer. We are pleased to have hosted this wonderful group and look forward to their return next summer. Thank you to Elizabeth Peters and Luke Scaros for volunteering at the waterfront that week. You're the best!

We continue to host Natures Classroom students during the week each fall and spring where they learn about the environment and their responsibility to it. On weekends from September through June, we welcome groups of all faiths to enjoy our beautiful and sacred grounds for their spiritual time away.

Did you know we prepared and served 42,000 meals last year?!

Now to the sad part of this report.

I am saying good-bye to all of you who I have served for 16 years and am walking straight to, if not running toward my retirement. Many of you have laughed with me, cried with me and most certainly prayed for me through the years and I am most grateful for it.

I am leaving a part of my heart with Camp Washington. As I go forth I ask you all to pick up that baton and pass it to the children. Look around your parish, your neighborhood or your city/town and change a life of a child by sending them here to camp.

Good-bye to my dear friends and colleagues within the Diocese. And to Diane Atwood and Ben Thompson, Matt Cornish, Dick Sheldon and all of the summer staff, I love you all.

Peace,
Jean Handler
Executive Director