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Dear Friend,

You get it. And I'm so thankful.

***One precious child, one sweet life, one at a time.***

With more than 600,000 reported cases of child abuse each year — and nearly 343,000 children in foster care nationwide (according to 2023 statistics) — it can be overwhelming to think there is any way to make a meaningful difference.

But you get it — and so do we. And, together, by God's love and grace, we've made far more than a small dent, we've reached 164,644 — one child at a time ... with lasting hope, memories that heal and bring joy, the promise of a future of worth and purpose ... and so much more.

One child, like Kimmy.

I can barely recount her story without tears. She came to camp, and she was *angelic*. What we didn't know at first was that Kimmy's overly compliant attitude was a defense mechanism — a concrete wall forged by years of abuse ... and neglect ... and loss ... and pain.

She was pulled from a difficult, unstable biological home. Lost her older brother in a car accident. Her middle brother was institutionalized — and she and her remaining brother were placed in a home where she was secretly being abused ...

But she would not report the abuse — because she knew they'd take her away from her only sibling. Fake smiles, obedience and “put on” happiness ... these were the only way she knew to hang on to any sense of security, family, and love.

This is when we first met Kimmy at camp. Smiling through horrific abuse. Defenses up.

**For the first time ever, Kimmy experienced what it means to be *truly* loved for one whole week. She was treasured and valued. She was fed well ... and respected ... and honored. She ran, played, and laughed. She loved “Dress Up” time most of all — it was fun to dress up like a princess!**

Kimmy's life was *radically* changed ... from the heart out.

She came back every summer she could until she was 12 years old ... then, at 16, she returned to serve as a volunteer.

Kimmy says her only happy childhood memories happened at Royal Family KIDS Camp.

She became part of the host church, where she met her husband-to-be. They married in

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2018 and started a family. Two years later, Kimmy became the first former camper to serve as a Chapter Director.

**And, of course, she brought her wedding dress to “Dress Up,” so other girls could feel like princesses, too. She wants campers to know there is joy, hope, and beauty at camp — dreams can come true!**

This is your impact —

*One life at a time*, radically changed ... filled with hope and love; showered with grace, and worth, and purpose; a child, like Kimmy, set free from the excessive and damaging burdens of her past, empowered to move forward towards a better, brighter future.

And every day I thank God that you support this life-changing work, through your prayers and your generosity. Thank you for the beautiful, healing role you play in the lives of so many children like Kimmy!

**Through our Royal Family KIDS Camp and Mentoring programs, you are helping to address the problem of relational trauma and equip local churches to step up with love and hope for children like Kimmy.**

This is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse ... and I feel blessed to stand with friends like you, who are making a REAL impact and bringing LASTING change to the children who so urgently need us ... one life at a time!

Right now, partner churches are gearing up for Royal Family KIDS Camp programs across the country, and I’m inviting you to consider a generous donation at this busy and important time. Your gift will help transform the lives of children of abuse, abandonment, and neglect — your prayers and giving are a critical part of our programs this year.

**Whatever you feel led to give, your personal role in this vitally important work will be deeply appreciated.** Please look over the enclosed information, prayerfully consider your response, and return your gift with the enclosed form today.

Thank you for standing with us.

For the children,



Wendy McMahan  
President

P.S. What difference does *one* changed life make when there are so many thousands of children suffering? Just look at Kimmy! Her life was transformed at camp ... now, she’s helping other children of abuse ... and raising her own family *with love!* Thank you for being one who cares enough to help us reach and change children ... *one life at a time!*





## Royal Family KIDS Camp '24 Coming Soon!

**Y**ou never know who you will reach during a summer of camp ... whose life you will transform, but chances are a child or two, or three, *or more* will be directly impacted by your generosity and your prayers.

Children like Kimmy. And Jose. And Titus. And Rhianna.

They know abuse ... pain ... suffering ... and loss — but they may have never known real love until spending a week at camp!

Today, you can make it happen for more children of abuse, abandonment, and neglect. You can shower love, lasting hope, memories that bring healing and joy ... and so much more.

*Together, we are making a difference ...*

**One Precious Child at a Time!**



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# April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

**M**ore than 600,000 children are abused in the U.S. each year. Thank you for standing with us to reach these children ... and transform their lives with love and hope through our Royal Family KIDS Camp and Mentoring programs.



**For The Children** works to mobilize the local Church to create life-changing moments for children who have experienced relational trauma. In just the past year alone, we have served 6,762 children.



**These are evidence-based programs carried out through local churches which sponsor Royal Family KIDS Camp and Mentoring programs.**

*We're thankful for over 10,000 volunteers from 1,200 churches who make this possible!*

## A special *Thank You* from For The Children President Wendy McMahan

**D**uring National Child Abuse Prevention Month, I want to thank every supporter of For The Children for all that you do! Because of you ...

In 43 states, we have over 1,200 churches supporting 194 chapters dedicated to creating life-changing moments for children in foster care.

These local churches share volunteers and resources with the operational chapters and walk alongside the chapters by covering them in prayer and support.

My dream for churches is that they would be equipped to live out their missional calling. That every church would discover the role God has prepared for them among children who have experienced relational trauma.

Thank you for helping to make this possible ... and for reaching hurting children ... *one child at a time!*



*Wendy*



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