

2024 Year In Review

Friends of Camp Christopher supports the ministry of Camp by providing funding for camperships, staff support, and camp facility enhancements through volunteering, fundraising and donations.

Some thoughts from FoCC President Jerry Antonucci



As we turn the page on 2024, let us take a moment to remember Friends of Camp Christopher events. Your organization has had a busy year! Friends of Camp Christopher members volunteered at a couple of Camp Christopher 100th Anniversary celebrations and gave their assistance to the Staff Reunion and Fall Festival. We volunteered at the Cuyahoga Falls Riverfront Irish Festival and received a donation for our efforts. On July 2, fourteen of your friends came out to Camp to give of their time and talents to help Camp Maintenance Man (and FoCC Treasurer) Larry Furman beautify Camp. A great time was had by all on a productive day.

2024 brought some changes to our leadership. We had some longtime committee chairs transition off the board this year. I would especially like to thank Tim Lilley and Patti Longville for their many years of dedication and service to our organization. Tim relinquished the reigns of Webmaster/Historian but has graciously continued to help as we find a replacement. Patti turned over the duties of the Dinner/Reverse Raffle committee to Margie Sovacool. Margie and her committee did a great job organizing this year's event, raising over \$10,000. Kathy Prochnow passed the torch to Irene Lawrence as the Sunshine Committee chair, spreading the love of "Friends". Mary Truax is the new chair of Staff Support, and according to many on camp staff, her committee did a bang-up job. The entire board worked hard in 2024 to make Friends of Camp Christopher a crackerjack organization.



Vice-President Kitt Kurtz and Friend Mary O'Connor spearheaded a project to rejuvenate the Holy Family Statues. After our August 24th Membership Meeting attendees gathered for a formal blessing of the site with comments from local craftsman Joseph Heindel and Sister Joanne Caniglia of the Dominican Sisters. In the best tradition of the volunteer projects which have been part of the Friends of Camp Christopher DNA, the wooden trio was given new life.

Through your generosity, Friends of Camp Christopher plans to make a donation of \$10,000 to Camperships in 2025. Our funds in the Akron Community Foundation continue to grow and we are confident that in time it will help stabilize and increase our commitment to Camperships.

Here's to a satisfying 2024 and an even greater 2025!



