



THE POWER OF LEAVING A LEGACY

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

~ Matthew 6:21

Calvary Endowment Board

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Outreach Endowment Fund Helps Camp Wapo Expand with Purchase of Wilderness Canoe Base

By Patricia McNevin

Calvary Lutheran Church donated a total of \$50,000 to Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp (Camp Wapo) and its Renewal Campaign to purchase the Wilderness Canoe Base (WCB) in the Boundary waters—it was the largest single congregational gift to the cause. Half of that gift was given through the Outreach Endowment Fund, which supports outreach efforts outside Calvary.

WCB originated with founders Hamm Muus and Oz Anderson, along with Plymouth Christian Youth Center, in 1956. Muus and Anderson, students at Luther Seminary, wanted to reach out to at-risk youth in the urban city. As nature lovers, Muus and Anderson wanted to expose urban city youth to a profound worship immersion in God’s creation. WCB started from an internship in Grand Marais while Muus and Anderson were at Luther Seminary. They knew the area



and visited with local landowners to discuss their vision.

The locals showed them an island on Seagull Lake. The island was bought on a handshake. They established the core principles of Christian

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Reflections on Wilderness Canoe Base

From Pastor Jeff Krogstad

Julie and I had the delightful privilege of spending a night at Wilderness Canoe Base (WCB) on our way out of the Boundary Waters in August. Nestled right up against the pristine wilderness, set along paths weaving through stately pines and birches, WCB is a gem!

This camp is one of the most beautiful and unique properties I’ve ever experienced. The camp property sits astride two different islands, as well as a sliver of the mainland. Most transportation in and out is by boat. An impressive suspension bridge provides walking access between the two islands... or between the dining hall and the sauna if, like me, you know your priorities!

We shared a delicious supper with staff. With shining eyes they told stories of campers experiencing the gamut of wonder, excitement, and pride in achievement through taking up the challenge of a backcountry canoe trip. These staff persons have seen firsthand the power of wilderness in helping campers understand the Gospel in a new way.

I’m so excited that Calvary helped Camp Wapo to purchase WCB’s property, to preserve and enhance the legacy of this beautiful camp as a place that helps bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ! ■



Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and serving others in Christ’s name
The purpose of the Calvary Endowment Funds is to enable individuals to make gifts that have impact beyond the life of the donor.

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community: regular practice of service to one another, worshipping together, devotions and Bible study—the basic tenets of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book *Life Together*.

After a while, PCYC found it challenging to run WCB and were having issues maintaining it. So Camp Wapo stepped in and leased the camp. The camp was leased from PCYC for 14 years before Camp Wapo decided to purchase WCB. They created the Renewal Campaign with the goal of raising \$1.3 million.

This campaign is at the heart of Dr. Paul Hill’s, work as Camp Wapo’s executive director. He is a product of Wilderness Canoe Base. He was a camper in 1966 and 1967, a swamper in 1968 and 1969, and a guide in 1970 and 1971.

“It completely changed my life,” Hill said. “I wouldn’t be a Christian right now if it weren’t for Wilderness Canoe Base. I probably would have been addicted to drugs and alcohol.”

Now Hill is “paying it forward” and his job is done with “great joy” for other at-risk youth to experience Christ through nature.

So far, Camp Wapo has collected \$1 million dollars for the Renewal Campaign; they only have \$300,000 left to meet their goal. Calvary’s gift assisted in obtaining a loan with the Mission Investment Fund to start the process of purchasing the Wilderness Canoe Base. It was purchased in late October.

Hill said, “Calvary is a big user of WCB. There’s always been that connection.”

It is a great gift to maintain this connection through our partnership with and support of Camp Wapo. May God continue to bless WCB’s impact and the lives that are changed there. ■

Balances of Funds (as of October 31, 2015):

Outreach Fund	\$694,729
Dornbusch Congregational Ministries Fund	\$94,079
Paulson Family Scholarship Fund	\$299,288
Helgeson Memorial Visitation Fund	\$131,638
Duelo Camper Scholarship Fund	\$64,887
Nelson Missionary Scholarship Fund	\$273,409
Lindberg Youth Fund	\$312,127
Total	\$1,870,157

Recent Grants (April-October 2015):

Outreach Fund:	
Rabondo Community Project (Kenya)	\$2,000
Lake Wapo Bible Camp (WCB)	\$25,000
Surprise Church (technology updates)	\$19,700
Dornbusch Congregational Ministries Fund:	
Pre-K HighScope curriculum	\$464
Calvary Childcare replacement equipment	\$2,500
Duelo Fund camperships	\$5,655
Lindberg Youth Fund (various)	\$9,000
Nelson Missionary Scholarship Fund (5 recipients)	\$8,380
Paulson Family Scholarship Fund (10 recipients)	\$14,650

Endowment Fund Spotlight: Nicholas Duelo Camper Scholarship Fund



Nick Duelo

In 2003, Calvary members Pete and Judy Duelo suffered what no parent would ever want to experience: the death of a child. The Duelos lost their 22-year-old son Nick in a car accident one blustery, ice-slick day in February.

But faith remained their anchor even during their most difficult days—they found peace not only in their own faith, but also in the knowledge that Nick gave his heart to Christ and had developed a deep faith of his own before he passed away. The Duelos knew that Nick’s experiences as both a camper and counselor at Camp Wapo had much to do with his knowing and following Jesus before his tragic death.

To honor their son’s memory and to help other young people enjoy Camp Wapo, the Duelos launched the Nicholas Duelo Camper Scholarship Fund in 2003. The fund provides “camperships” to students (grades 2-12) who might otherwise not be able to afford going to camp.

Since its founding, the fund has awarded more than \$33,000 for 136 camperships. In 2015 alone, the fund supported 18 students with \$5,655 in camperships ranging from \$150 to \$410. To be considered for camperships, applicants complete a very simple form available at calvary.org/endowment.

Anyone may contribute to the Nicholas Duelo Camper Scholarship Fund by 1) making a financial gift by check payable to Calvary with “Duelo Scholarship Fund” written in the memo line and/or 2) participating in the annual benefit golf tournament held in the fall. All contributions are appreciated and needed! ■

More Information

- Are you interested in more information about making a gift to the Endowment Funds?
- Are you aware of a ministry or organization that might benefit from a grant from the Endowment Funds?

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