

Grant Name	City to Sanctuary Foster Kid Camp Fund
Mission/Project Summary	At Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) we truly believe that outdoor ministry changes lives. When God's creation cross pollinates with physical activity in an encouraging and loving environment, wounds are healed, and hope is restored. Because of this strong belief, we work incredibly hard to make sure that barriers to experience LVR are few and far between. We have teamed up with King's Team, an offshoot of Royal Family Kids Camp, to bring 25 foster youth and 21 trained adults to experience the calmness of our remote location. This lessens the barriers for youth of transportation, emotional deregulation, and finances. \$5,000 would help cover this deficit making it possible for not just King's Team to attend but for camp to stay affordable for all families trying to give their little ones an enriching Christian experience.
Project Description and Details	King's Team brought 24 youth in 2024 and 22 youth in 2025. An almost 1 to 1 youth to adult ratio is necessary for this week as these youth have experienced abandonment, trauma, and neglect often in their past. Many of the trained adult leaders have come year over year developing meaningful relationships as they witness campers face their fears on the high ropes course and in their faith. As one camper, Chase, said "Why would I care, I can't go to Heaven, I have a felony." A returning volunteer, Jonathan quickly explained that Jesus forgives us of our sins and makes us new in the eyes of God. He explained that Chase can and will go to Heaven if he repents and believes in Jesus as his savior. Chases demeanor quickly changed, and I saw as he interacted with more positivity, excitement, and confidence throughout the rest of the week. A literal life changed when Chase was given information in a loving and trusting environment.
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Amount requested:	5,000
Project Goals and Objectives	Each year, we work in advance to cover the deficit we will face from this 40–50-person group that takes half of our beds during the height of our important summer camp season. We have experienced and seen the impact that camp can have on these underserved youth, so we are committed to continuing this partnership and dedicating what resources we can to subsidizing their tuition costs. LWML mites have allowed Lutheran Valley Retreat to invite foster children to camp with less loss of income.
Budget Outline and Financial Plan	At current prices, operating a week of camp averages out to about \$600 per camper. King's Team is a non-profit that runs on volunteers and uses grants for transportation to come to camp. The financial barrier to come to camp is the one that we can feasibly reduce for campers who come with King's Team, and we ask your help in doing so. \$5,000 would subsidize the cost of over half the King's Team youth over the next two years.
Additional Comments or Information	<p>We would love to give you more photos but could only upload one here.</p> <p>Caption: One of our king's team campers was very nervous to jump off the pamper pole, a high ropes element. He received a lot of encouragement from the adult leaders below, trained volunteers he had learned to trust throughout multiple trips to camp. As they encouraged, he joked with them</p>

while he stood on top of the pole until he was calm enough to leap for it. He returned to the ground very proud he had done the mentally tough element.

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Average cost per camper	- \$600
Amount covered by King's Team	- \$155
Amount covered per camper by Mission Grant	- \$445
Amount camper has to pay to attend LVR	- \$0

Total number of campers helped by Mission Grant – 11.23 campers

We would disperse \$2,500 of the funds in 2027 and \$2,500 of the funds in 2028 to cover 6 campers each year.