



# RIDGECREST<sup>+</sup> FOUNDATION



MINISTRIES

*2023 Impact Report*

# Letter from the CEO



## Friends of The Ridgecrest Foundation,

*“Something very different takes place in the life of faith: each person discovers all the elements of a unique and original adventure...every time that there is a story of faith, it is completely original... **God never resorts to mass-producing copies.**”*

– Eugene Peterson (*Run with the Horses*)

During 2023 at our camps, we impacted 5,000 lives for God’s glory through discipleship and adventure – the most ever. At our conference center, we impacted 61,000 lives for His glory through purposeful hospitality – 6,000 more than in 2022. In total, that’s enough people to fill every seat at the 2024 Super Bowl, **and** sell concessions, **and** check tickets at the entrance gates, **and** play **and** officiate the actual game. And because God creates and loves us *individually*, each person has a unique story about what God is doing in their lives.

Our hope is that the testimonials in this report accomplish two things. First, to express our gratitude for what God has done and what many of you have supported prayerfully and financially – thank you! And second, to encourage you, because God has a unique and original faith adventure for you as well.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.* – Romans 15:13 (ESV)

By God’s grace and for His glory,



**Art Snead**  
**President/CEO**

# 2023 - The Numbers



*Lives Impacted Onsite*

**65,827**

*(6,000 more than last year!)*



*Heard the Gospel*

**29,262<sup>+</sup>**



*Minister Getaways*

**3,065**



*Trained for Missions*

**8,564**



*Experienced Relational  
Discipleship*

**4,261**



*College-Aged Adults  
Served and Discipled*

**337**



*Attended Family Camps*

**971**



*Volunteers*

**210**

*(Including 79 first-time volunteers!)*

## ***Volunteer at Ridgecrest***

Are you looking for a place to get away from the ordinary and focus on how God can use you to serve others? For much of Ridgecrest's history, men and women of God have brought their incredible heart and passion to serve in Ridgecrest's volunteer ministry. Our volunteers are key to Ridgecrest's ability to effectively and fully serve our guests. Your cheerful smile and helping hands make a huge impact with the various hospitality needs on campus. Volunteers leave a lasting impression on literally thousands of people—we can't thank you enough!

Find out more or apply to volunteer today at:

[RidgecrestConferenceCenter.com/volunteer](http://RidgecrestConferenceCenter.com/volunteer)



# *Fun Numbers*



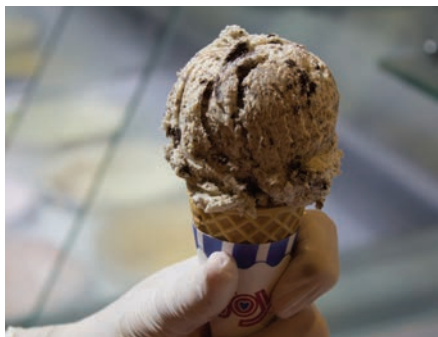
***137,400 Chicken  
Fingers Served***

***750,000 Pounds  
of Laundry***



***63,873 Drinks  
Served at Clouds***

***10,983 Bottles of  
Cheerwine Consumed***



***48,433 Scoops of  
Ice Cream at  
Nibble Nook***

# Projects

## The Conference Center



***Campus Exterior Signage***



***Dining Room Renovation***



***Buildings Painted***

## Boys Camp



***Climbing Wall***



***Activities Building Renovation***



***The Forge***

## Girls Camp



***The Courts and Store***



***Clothing Store Expansion***



***Bell Tower***



*"Camp has been my place where I can follow Jesus with abandon. It is a place where I have made great friends and had so much fun. I look forward to coming back to camp every year."*



*"I loved the support system from our counselors, the staff, and, overall, the girls at camp. Everyone is growing their relationship with Christ while also encouraging others in their walk with the Lord."*

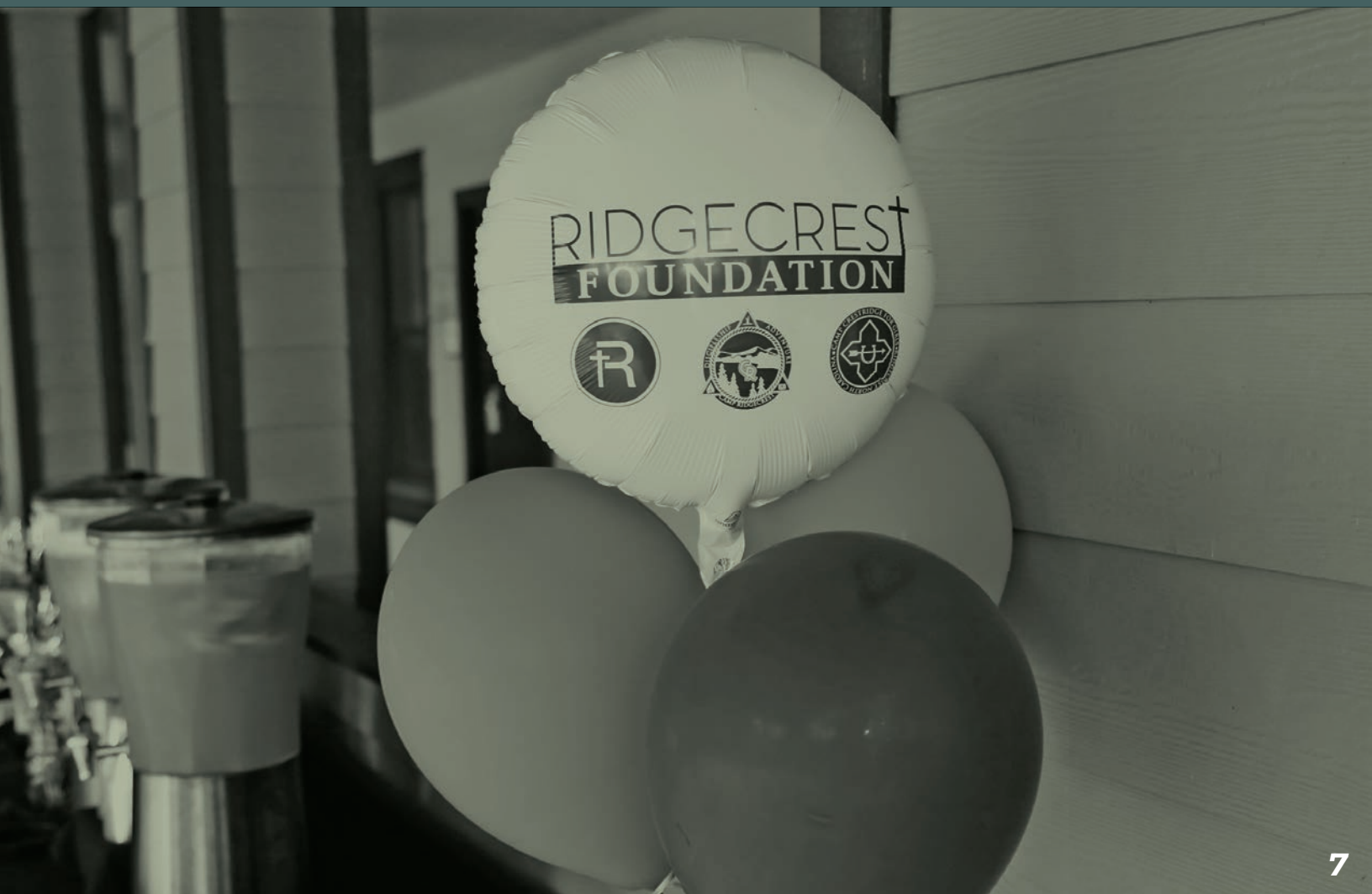
# ImpAct Campaign Update

Only three years ago, The Ridgecrest Foundation accepted stewardship of Ridgecrest. In doing so, we took a BIG step of faith and incurred a BIG load of debt - almost \$16M. Our ImpAct Campaign objective is to eliminate this debt so we are fully free to step into what God has next for Ridgecrest Foundation Ministries.

Three years later - through God's grace, the generosity of many, and responsible stewardship of our resources - we've paid off \$12M, leaving only \$4M to go! We are laser-focused on being debt-free a year from now, and we hope you will consider helping us get there. You can find more information about supporting the ImpAct Campaign below - we will be honored and grateful for your support!



[RidgecrestFoundation.com/donate](https://RidgecrestFoundation.com/donate)





*"I've met many new friends and formed great relationships. I love spending time at camp. I have grown with God by spending quiet time with Him. Best summer ever!"*



*"The Conference we attended was exceptional. The hospitality was incredible. The staff were kind and courteous. They exemplified Jesus through their service!"*

# Praying for Our Future

*"Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go...to the land that I will show you.' So Abram went..." (Genesis 12:1, 4)*

In the future, we want people to look back at our stewardship of Ridgecrest and say, *"So they went."*

We believe 2024 will be a great year of mission accomplishment and a year of important preparation for the years ahead. Even as we focus on impacting lives in the present, we are prayerfully seeking God's direction and exploring possibilities that would significantly increase our ability to impact lives for God's glory in the future. As He continues to reveal His plans for Ridgecrest, we look forward to sharing these opportunities with you!

Will you join us in praying for our future? Specifically, please pray God will give us wisdom, discernment, clarity, and a steadfast commitment to follow His lead for His glory - always!

With hope God will use Ridgecrest to impact your life in 2024,

The Ridgecrest Team



# *Legacy Impact*

Nothing produces multi-generational impact like a legacy gift. By making Ridgecrest Foundation a beneficiary of your estate, you are creating a lasting impact that will preserve and expand the future of these ministries for generations to come!

**Ridgecrest Foundation's legacy impact giving opportunities, some of which are listed below, range from bequests to donor-advised funds.** In addition to supporting Ridgecrest's mission of Impacting Lives for God's Glory, a legacy impact gift can provide substantial tax advantages for you.

- Will
- Insurance Policy
- Revocable Living Trust
- Real Estate
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Retirement Plan

**If you have questions or would like to make a legacy impact gift today, please contact our Development Team at 828-669-3760 or [adam.tomberlin@ridgecrestnc.com](mailto:adam.tomberlin@ridgecrestnc.com).**

## *Ridgecrest Foundation Development Policy*

**It is the policy of the Ridgecrest Foundation to honestly and accurately share with interested friends the challenges and opportunities we face in our ministry. We share our needs and potential solutions so stakeholders can consider partnering with us through prayer and/or financial support as the Lord leads and enables. We believe motivation for joyful giving comes as God moves the hearts of people. Our role is to inform and provide opportunity without imposing undue obligation or pressure.**



*"Camp has impacted my life so much. It helps you better understand Jesus' word and His plans for your life. Camp also impacts my life because I get to try new skills. It makes me adventurous and brave."*



*"From the moment that you drive up to the facility, you see the cross, enter through a secure gate with a smiling face, and you know you are in a special place. It warms my heart to truly see how Ridgecrest is 'Impacting lives for God's glory through purposeful hospitality.'"*



*"I have been coming to camp for five years. Every time I come here, I grow closer to the Lord, and this year is no different. I've met so many new friends and counselors that have helped me grow closer to God."*



*"Camp has impacted my life by introducing me to Jesus and allowing me to be the best version of myself. Camp also allows me to express myself to my friends and let them help me with my problems."*

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