



TRAILWAYS CAMPS, INC.

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What's It All About?

Annual Report 2022/2023



VISION

We envision a community of uniquely created individuals in relationship with one another.



MISSION

Enabling adults with special needs, and those who care for them, to grow their social, emotional and spiritual relationships.

We Know the Void...

Last year, an estimated 600 adults aged 18-21 exited from Lee County special education programs. Several hundred more exited from Hendry, Glades, Collier, and Charlotte counties' programs. Where did they go? Day activities service providers have limited spots available for new entrants. Job carving, training, and location services are extremely limited. Social programs available through churches, community organizations, and nonprofits are limited. Respite services are sparse for parents caregiving into their 70s, 80s, and beyond.

Robert and Ben Miller were born with a rare disease and severe disabilities. They showed us a void in the world of activities for adults with such challenges. We want to fill the void with good ol' camping fun in a safe, nurturing environment. From sing-alongs, arts & crafts, fishing, horses, and campfires to talent shows and much more, we bring campers to nature while creating an extraordinary community experience.

We are ONE family.

WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO CARE, with the resources we have from working together for nearly 60 years.



Founders, Sharon and Jerry Miller



The Bottom Line ...

- Riverside Retreat owners communicated that Trailways Camp will have a place for our sessions as far into the future as we wish.
- Trailways Camps, Inc. received 501(c)3 approval and a designate EIN Number – 88-2818905.
- The Board of Directors grew from four to nine members.
- The Advisory Committee was activated.
- Several hundred adults participated in Trailways Camps sessions and events.
- Several hundred families and caregivers received support, respite, and peace in their hearts as they witnessed the joy.
- Several hundred volunteers received as much as they gave.
- Diagnostic labels didn't define who could participate.
- Age of adults was not used to define who can and who cannot.
- Adults with special needs grieving for the passing of loved ones had a place to receive comfort, support, and spiritual encouragement.
- Giving toward costs continued as voluntary gifts.
- 100% of campers, caregivers, staff and volunteers expressed a desire to "come back."
- Expenses \$204,891,
Cumulative Fund Balance \$36,328



TRAIL.WAYS Forward...

In the year ahead we would like to add...

- One more community partnership
- Twenty more families to those who receive respite care
- Twenty more adults with special needs into the family of those who have received fun, friends, and support
- A Decade Celebration of the "I AM SPECIAL" Camper Reunion Event
- A Fun Day for those adults hoping to return to camp, but can't because WE ARE FULL!

We invite you to join us.



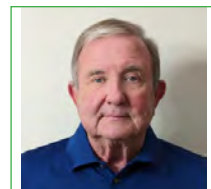
Our Board of Directors



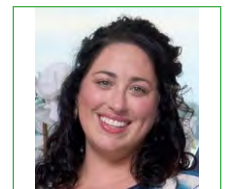
Sharon & Jerry Miller



Kristina Beuning



Tom Chambers



Megan Feeney



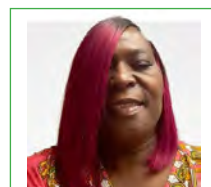
Lewis Miller



Fred Richards



Randy Stitt



Annie Williams

Opportunities for Giving

Camper Sponsorships

- \$ 25 – One Activity session
- \$ 200 – One Event/Field Trip
- \$ 550 – One Camper for a day
- \$1,140 – Lodging and Meals for one camper
- \$2,300 – One Camper for a camp session

“I AM SPECIAL” Event Sponsorships

- \$ 500 – Entertainment
- \$1,000 – Facilities
- \$1,000 – Respite Care Raffle
- \$1,000 – One Table –
(4 campers, 2 caregivers, 2 volunteers)

VISION Sponsorships

- \$ 2,300 – Special Friend
- \$ 3,000 – Hope Giver
- \$ 5,000 – Connector
- \$10,000 – Ambassador
- \$15,000 – Advocate
- \$25,000 – Sustainer

Other Ways to Give

- Visit <https://www.trailwayscamps.org/give/>
Appreciated Securities, a donation as a
Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) as
a direct transfer of funds from your IRA,
a legacy gift from your estate. A copy of our
Major Gifts Policy is available upon request.
- To donate by credit card visit
<https://www.trailwayscamps.org/give/>
- To donate by personal check or QCD
distribution send to: Trailways Camps, Inc.,
c/o Sharon or Jerry Miller
3502 Harbor Court, Fort Myers, Fl. 33908

To register as a
camper or volunteer visit
www.Trailwayscamps.org



Camp Director

Jamie Senkleleski

Advisory Committee:

Georgia Baker, Jeff Blackford,
Lee Bettenhausen,
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Special Thanks To:



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Trailways Camps, Inc. is an exempt organization as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code - EIN:88-2828905

