



Please join me in supporting this fund to ensure that the magic of camp is available for generations to come!
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MIDDLESEX YMCA

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"All children are different, and one of the few things they all have in common is the desire to be recognized, acknowledged, and be thought of as important. Imagine, a child who has grown accustomed to being ignored finally having their voice heard. Imagine the impact that would have on them when that moment finally comes...At camp, it didn't matter if I was always ignored at school, it didn't matter if I was bullied, or if I was thought of as the weird kid, none of that carried over. At camp, I could finally be who I wanted to be, and I found, to my surprise, that people liked the real me." Brendan, Former Camper and Counselor at YMCA Camp Ingersoll.



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Our "Camp Family" empathizes with these feelings of acceptance, and our goal, for the last 57 years, has always been to make an Ingersoll experience affordable for all families. While we are committed to making camp accessible for another 57 years, we are asking for your support to ensure our facilities can meet the needs of future generations through the newly established **Friends of Ingersoll Fund**.

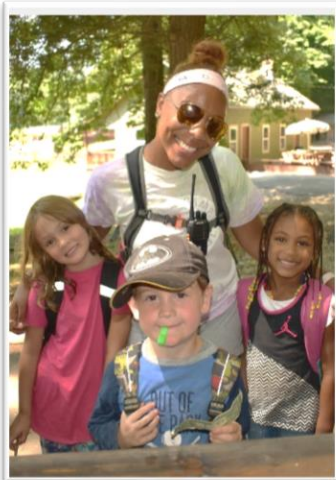
We often say camp is a journey. Along their journey, campers develop skills that help them grow into caring, honest, responsible and respectful adults. Our facilities need to change with our campers, and the **Friends of Ingersoll Fund** will be used to repair, restore and transform our camp grounds. Our first priority is to raise \$25,000 and transform our climbing wall to provide a safer, sustainable climbing experience with the addition of longer lasting materials and new challenges. Upon completion, we will move on to other projects including Longhouse renovations, a bathhouse septic upgrade, and beach restoration.

Brendan's story of purpose and belonging began at Camp Ingersoll. Join us and continue to write the uplifting story of countless campers and families by supporting the **Friends of Ingersoll Fund** and the opportunities it will create for our community.

Thank you so much for your heartfelt consideration and your support.

Sincerely,

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