Earlier this year, we heard from long-time camper Taylor about her summers at Flying Horse Farms. As a child diagnosed with juvenile arthritis, she’d never met anyone else like her – or someone who wanted to understand a kid like her. Until...she experienced the magic of camp at Flying Horse Farms.

She met and befriended kids who knew what it was like to live with a serious illness. And because she felt surrounded and welcomed by people who understood her, she participated in activities like swimming and archery without feeling the pressure “to measure up or keep up.” Taylor’s camp experience was transformational.

And she’s not the only one.

When surveyed, 100% of parents, year over year, consistently report feeling their child had an improved self-image after attending Flying Horse Farms in 2021.

I love what Taylor shared, and as you read the stories in this Impact Report, one of the things that will stand out is the power of people coming together.

Children and families have been coming together at Flying Horse Farms for over a decade to find a community that provides a sense of belonging and holistic healing. Once they’ve entered through the Hole in The Wall, they feel at home, knowing the weight of living with a serious illness will be understood by all those at camp.

Flying Horse Farms affords families necessary time to exhale and reconnect while campers discover new strengths, learn new skills, and experience joy that results in reduced anxiety, strengthened family connections, and increased confidence that lasts long after closing campfire. This is the healing effect camp provides from a life of living with daily stress, trauma, and uncertainty.

As a regional asset in holistic healing, Flying Horse Farms is focused on enhancing and expanding opportunities to serve more families than ever before.

This means leaning into trauma informed care and building on our proven mission delivery model, scaling to a year-round, multi-pronged approach that addresses social determinants of health and the role we can play in abating the mental health epidemic facing youth today.

We are all in on the belief that through partnering with healthcare providers, colleges and universities, and mission-aligned organizations we will make it possible for more children with serious illnesses to heal, grow, and thrive.

Thank you to our donors, volunteers, medical partners, supporters, and friends who come together to magnify the impact of camp and are the spark that has ignited our bold vision for what more is yet to come for Flying Horse Farms, this place we call camp. This place we call home.

Nichole E. Dunn
President & CEO, Flying Horse Farms
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In 2021, Flying Horse Farms welcomed 90 families for Family Camp and some much needed respite, joy, and connection. FHF also hosted its first camper-only residential camp program since 2019 when Trailblazer camp, our adolescent and young adult program, returned in November. Children throughout Ohio and beyond also found their way to camp virtually, participating in online Camp-in-a-Box activities, campfires, and cabin chats. In total, 867 children laughed, danced, and felt that kind of belonging and joy that can only come from camp.

**Camper Snapshot**

- **Out of State Campers**: 139
- **COVID Tests Administered**: 1,041
- **Camp Dances Performed**: 144
- **Delicious Meals Delivered to Cabins**: 360
- **Messages Left in the Camp "Guest Book"**: 90
- **Stones Thrown During the Memory Walk**: 116
- **Camp-in-a-Box Mailings**: 213
- **Chicken of Liberty Sightings**: 98
- **Number of Camper Activity Calls**: 9
- **Videos Recorded in the New Spotlight Studio**: 53
- **Virtual Camp Experiences**: 210
After first hearing about Flying Horse Farms from other generous donors in Northeast Ohio, the foundation began supporting camp in 2014.

“From our first visit to the camp, we were impressed with the facilities, amenities, and programs. What resonated with us most, however, was the caring staff and volunteers,” says Pam Eichenauer, The Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation Grants Manager. “It was clear that campers and their families were at the heart of every detail of planning for each camp session.”

Out of an abundance of caution, Flying Horse Farms elected to postpone residential camp opportunities during the height of the pandemic and offer virtual options instead. The change in the camp landscape didn’t deter allies like The Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation, who doubled their annual gift of support to make it possible for children who were managing their complex healthcare needs along with increased isolation caused by the pandemic.

“We were delighted that Flying Horse Farms rose to the occasion and found unique ways to reach campers when in-person experiences were not a safe option,” Pam says. “Camp-in-a-Box allowed kids and their families to enjoy fun experiences at home, and Fireside Chats allowed caregivers to connect virtually for wellness and support.”

Pam and the foundation board agree this sort of inventive thinking aligns with their mission of supporting nonprofits that exemplify strong leadership and creativity.

“We’re grateful for the steadfast backing of The Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation,” says Nichole Dunn, Flying Horse Farms CEO. “It’s because of the confidence partners like this have in us that we’ve been able to grow camp services and expand our mission every year, even during the pandemic.”

“We hope our investments inspire others to contribute as well.”

– Pam Eichenauer, Grants Manager The Kelvin & Eleanor Smith Foundation
To our family at FLYING HORSE FARMS,

While 2021 was difficult for many on so many levels, our family was blessed with opportunities to attend a Flying Horse Farms Family camp, participate in “Camp-in-a-Box,” and volunteer at Light Up Camp—experiences that provided a lot of light and love in an otherwise challenging year!

Diagnosed with a rare medical condition at age 4, our son, Spencer, is now 14 and has spent a lot of time managing diet, medications, and questions from others.

In early February 2021, we learned about Flying Horse Farms and Spencer’s eligibility to participate. While Flying Horse Farms elected not to host residential camping in 2021 due to the pandemic, we were able to attend a Family Camp and knew we would enjoy having time to unwind and have fun together while remaining safe. We knew all of Spencer’s medical needs would be addressed while we participated in camp activities like fishing, archery, crafts, and more. We particularly enjoyed the unique events like opening and closing campfire, dancing after meals, and even proudly telling detective jokes in trench coats and fedoras as part of camp closing ceremonies!

As 2021 progressed, we participated in Camp-in-a-Box, which allowed Spencer to gather online with other campers and do things like make slime and build airplanes! It was in one of those sessions that he learned about identifying his own and others’ personal pronouns as a way of showing curiosity and respect for gender identity. We love the inclusivity that Flying Horse Farms shows to all people!

Finally, in December, we came back to Flying Horse Farms as a family to volunteer for Light-up Camp! Spencer was old enough to volunteer, and the joy I saw on his face as he had the opportunity to lead cars into the camp for the light show was heartwarming. He loved being able to give back to Flying Horse Farms in a fun way!

We learned so much from our experiences at Flying Horse Farms this year. As a new camp family, we were touched by the open-hearted giving and simple fun that Flying Horse Farms provides for its families, its volunteers, and its donors. Spencer is excited to participate in a full residential camp soon, and we look forward to returning to Family Camp as well! We have thought about it often this winter as we’ve curled up in the cozy quilts that were gifted to us when we visited.

For us, Flying Horse Farms is more than a weekend retreat or even a week-long adventure.

It’s a sense of ourselves as a family that belongs with people who understand and can relate to our situation.

It’s a chance to learn, give back and have fun with others who honor the experience of living life to the fullest while managing the unique circumstances that come with having a kid who has a medical condition!

It’s a chance to be part of something important.

— SHANNON NAVIN, CAMPER PARENT
How did you first hear of Flying Horse Farms?
We first learned about Flying Horse Farms through a friend who had been involved with camp since the beginning. We immediately knew we had to get involved. After learning more, Nate joined the Board of Directors, serving on both the Development and the Facilities Committees. It was during his time on the Facilities Committee when we first made the decision to donate a vehicle. Camp meant so much to us, we knew it could be used for camper transportation, camp outreach, and more.

Why do you support Flying Horse Farms?
We support camp because we know how important the experiences are to the children and families who call Flying Horse Farms home. Camp is often the only place where they can safely spend the night away from home and meet other kids or families with similar health needs. After the increased isolation and stress they’ve experienced over the past few years, they need camp more than ever.

What do you think people who haven’t been to Flying Horse Farms should know?
If you’re not familiar with Flying Horse Farms, we encourage everyone to visit for a tour or volunteer for a day. Our dealership employees had the opportunity to spend a day volunteering at a Camp Creator Day, cleaning and preparing camp for the next group of campers. Not a single person came back to the dealership unchanged. Everyone who experiences camp can see the love and dedication put into every aspect, every detail so that every moment of life at camp is as magical as it should be.

What’s your hope for camp for the next ten years?
Our hope is that Flying Horse Farms can continue to grow and expand its footprint so more children can experience the joy of camp and all that it has to offer.

For Nate Tansky and Scott Treadwell, supporting Flying Horse Farms is about making a difference. Over the past several years, they’ve done that and more through Nate’s service on the Board of Directors (2015-2020), their generosity as donors, and through Tansky Sawmill Toyota’s donation of a FHF-branded camp vehicle to bring kids and camp closer together through outreach programs. Their contributions in support of camp’s mission are ensuring children experience camp magic for years to come.

Thank you, Nate and Scott, for making camp possible for more children throughout the years!
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2021 Events & Highlights

**New Friends of Camp**

We were excited to welcome some new friends to camp in 2021! Wolff Bros. Supply, Inc., Huntington Bank, & Vertiv — each of these businesses held their first Camp Creator days at Flying Horse Farms this past year. Their work preparing camp facilities for upcoming camp sessions by setting cabins, cleaning activity areas, and more, was essential to making camp possible this year.

**Lighting Up Light Up Camp**

Flying Horse Farms’ drive-through holiday light display, Light Up Camp, shone even brighter this year thanks to a donation of animated light features from the Rinehart and Shank family. The festive figures included everything from a rainbow-colored bear, to running reindeer, to a jumping jack-in-the-box!

**A Delicious Partnership**

New dining services partner, AVI Foodsystems, brought their culinary and dietary expertise to camp this past summer, delivering delicious food and full bellies to every camp session. Each scrumptious Family Camp meal was delivered to camper cabins to enjoy family style. We heard it was so good some families even took leftovers home with them!

**FAMILY VACATION!**

Families grabbed their cameras, sunscreen, and beachballs and jumped in their minivans for this year’s “Family Vacation”-themed summer camp season. Each weekend session was filled with favorite roadside sites and vacation-themed games and activities, led by the FHF team, volunteers, and the always helpful Camp Concierge.

**Sam’s Fans Spotlight**

Every family had a moment in the FHF Spotlight this summer thanks to support from Sam’s Fans! New microphones, acoustic panels, a drone, and more created a cool, new space for campers to film music videos, record podcasts, and make beautiful music.

**Newman’s Own Foundation Superstar**

Camp friend (and superstar), Jourdan Tucker, was featured in a Newman’s Own Foundation campaign highlighting how they make more possible through their partnership with SeriousFun Children’s Network, of which FHF is a member. Thank you, Newman’s Own for believing in the magic of camp!
Flying Horse Farms celebrated its 10th anniversary of camp by hosting its signature Campfire event—_at camp_! This event combined past fundraisers in Columbus and Cleveland into one exquisite evening under the stars that welcomed more than 400 guests to enjoy a magical night of camaraderie, sumptuous food, and the kind of connection, inspiration, and joy that last long after guests said goodnight.

This historic event raised **MORE THAN $760,000** (the most of any Campfire event ever!) for camp and toward making it possible for children with serious illnesses to heal, grow, and thrive at Flying Horse Farms.

**A Special Thank You to the Campfire 2021 Host Committee**

Stephanie Antunez  
Melanie DeAscentis  
Barb Derrow  
Debbie Lewis  
Andria Mileti  
Donna Raque  
Kathy Starkoff  
Carole Watkins
Flying Horse Farms has always been, in Allie Myers’ words, her “happy place.” She first came to camp after she was diagnosed with juvenile arthritis at age 10. “I felt like taking care of my own health was my whole life at that point,” Allie shared. “And then to just be away from that for a week at camp and forget about it and just be a kid. It was really nice.”

Allie has seven years-worth of memories at Flying Horse Farms as both a camper and a Ranger, including hanging out with friends and competing in the Color Olympics.

Last year, during her senior year of high school, Allie was asked to complete a capstone project and thought of her times at camp. How could she help ensure more kids could create memories like she did? After weighing many options, Allie decided to design and produce “gratitude journals” to sell and then donate the proceeds to Flying Horse Farms.

“Allie has raised over $4,000 for Flying Horse Farms through her capstone project.”

“It’s an honor to accept a gift from any camper,” said Dani Wilkinson, Flying Horse Farms Chief Mission Officer and Camp Director. “Especially in a circumstance like this in which Allie was able to take some of the skills she learned at camp to support other children who will come and find the same sense of belonging, strength, and healing as she did. We’re so proud of Allie and the young leader she has become.”

Here at Flying Horse Farms, we think the world of Allie and are so proud of her. The generous spirit of campers like her, who are excited to give back even when they’ve faced so many challenges themselves, inspires us every day.

What happened with her gratitude journals surprised her.

“I was expecting to only sell 50 — that’s how much we bought originally — and we sold 650.”

Flying Horse Farms lost two friends of camp this past year who exemplified the “Campers First” value in everything they did. Through their efforts, and their skilled hands, campers experienced their first bullseyes and built their first projects in HappyTimes Woodshop. Their collective impact, both the physical touches and those not seen, but rather, felt, will linger long into the future along camp’s paths, cabins, and in our hearts. Thank you, George and Grandpa. YOU WILL ALWAYS HAVE A PLACE AT OUR CAMPFIRE.
The first Berkshire Triathlon was held in Columbus 12 years ago, ending with a party in Samir and Amalee Dahman’s backyard.

“My husband came to me and said, ‘Let’s host a charity event.’” Amalee says. “His idea was to do an unofficial triathlon and then afterwards, host a barbecue for friends. Whatever money people could give, we’d donate to a good cause.” She laughs. “I said, ‘What are you talking about? We can’t just do that.’”

Eventually, Samir convinced her, and they had about 40 participants for the inaugural Berkshire Triathlon that year. The event has since grown and evolved with hundreds of participants raising more than $168,000 for children with serious illnesses to date and the festivities growing beyond their backyard. Flying Horse Farms is honored to be a beneficiary of this remarkable event.

“We feel like we’re really helping give children who go to camp an experience,” Amalee says. “It’s rewarding to know we can provide the opportunity for children to have a week where they don’t have to worry about their illness.”

Just like camp, the Berkshire Triathlon is all about fun. The Dahmans call it a “TRY-athlon” so there is no pressure on participants. There’s no tracking chip and no time being recorded.

Flying Horse Farms counselors and staff have served as race volunteers the past few years, adding a dose of camp spirit to the event. Dressed in costumes, staff have also hosted one of the most exciting portions of the day, the Kids’ 1-Mile Fun Run. Campers and parents also speak to the crowd about what camp means to them.

“They have such a beautiful energy about them and get everyone excited,” Amalee adds. “They help everyone understand the ‘why’ behind the event.”

“My dream is for my children to take over the event when they’re adults, and let it be a legacy of giving we pass down to them, and they’ll pass down to their families.”

Amalee and Samir Dahman with two of their kids at last year’s Berkshire Tri.
Every year, Flying Horse Farms volunteers dedicate hours of time to connect with campers, lead activities, and help make camp magic possible in every way. This past year, their energy and effervescence was as exuberant as ever — even behind masks — with the return of Family Camp.

Flying Horse Farms Volunteer Award winners were nominated by camp staff for going above-and-beyond the call of duty and truly living the value of “Campers First.” Let’s give them a round of applause!

CAMPBASSADOR AWARD
To honor an advocate or organization that has helped to tell the FHF story in the community and to engage new fans, new donations and new volunteers.

Grief, Inc. went above and beyond in multiple ways for Flying Horse Farms in 2021. After a Camp Creator day, led by Board Member Bill D’Onofrio, staff returned later in the year as Family Camp volunteers. Looking ahead to 2022, Greif is now working with FHF to develop leadership training opportunities and increase volunteer involvement throughout the company.

CHEYENNE’S RISING STAR AWARD
To honor a young camp advocate or advocates under the age of 18 who display a value of service in the community.

Allie Myers
By creating and selling gratitude journals as part of a senior year project, Allie raised more than $4,000 for camp so other kids could have the same joyful camp experience she did. Allie then stepped into the spotlight to help raise awareness for Flying Horse Farms by participating in local media interviews to share her camp story. Way to go, Allie!

BILL KREEGER’S “CAMPERS FIRST” AWARD
To honor a camp activity, counselor, or medical volunteer who embodies the value “Campers First” in all they do.

Zak Grimm
“Z” was “All In” all year for campers in 2021 as families returned to camp for residential programming. Not only did Z volunteer at Family Camps and Trailblazer camps, he also dedicated time to pitch in at Campfire and Light Up Camp. A volunteer since camp first opened its gates, he is the personification of the “Campers First” spirit in his commitment to camp.

GOLDEN PLUNGER AWARD
This annual “Best Of” award honors the volunteer who embodies the spirit of volunteerism by living all of our Core Values, especially “All Crew, No Passengers.”

Dr. Joseph Ross
On top of volunteering regularly at camp with his wife, Sharon, Dr. Joe serves on FHF’s Board of Directors and as Medical Board Advisory Chair. Dr. Joe was also integral in making camp possible in 2021. His expertise and counsel guided development of the plan and protocols that kept families, staff, and volunteers safe throughout 2021 camp season, allowing them to reconnect and find respite during the ongoing pandemic.
A camper’s journey is made up of a million milestones – each one made possible by our supporters, just like you. Thanks to each one of the individuals, corporations, foundations, and organizations that propel our work forward, we can offer healing, transformational experiences for children with serious illnesses and their families – always free of charge.

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