



Welcome to our campfire webpage!

Won't you join us?

Imagine that you're sitting around a campfire at Camp Fontanelle. The moon and stars are out and shining brilliantly, as if just for us. There are people of all shapes and sizes there, adults who grew up camping and kids who are there for the very first time.

Some of the folks there have never felt Christ's love like this before. For others, this is a happy homecoming, a return to a place where they can always feel God fully present.

The Holy Spirit moves and dances like the flames, moving among us.

Watch the numbers of kids, youth, and adults multiplying.

The Spirit is at work bringing more and more people to Christ through Camp Fontanelle. We are responding to that work with a plan; a plan for a new retreat center to house those kids of all ages. We can only get this done if we all work together.

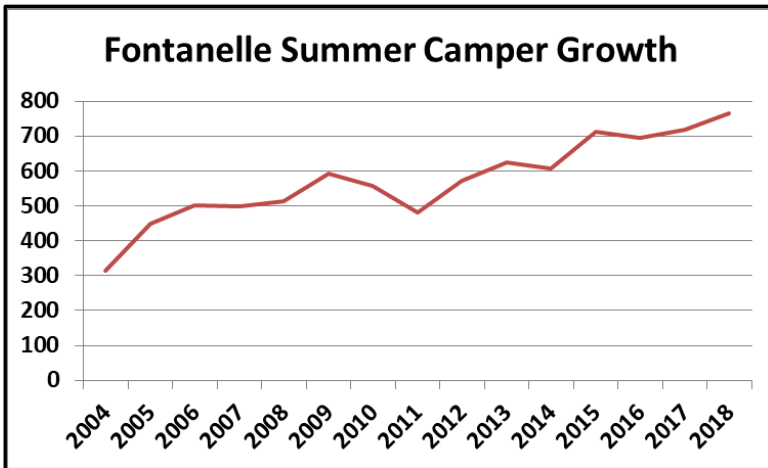
**Won't you and your church join this BUILD TEAM Campfire? Let's build for the Kingdom!**

Here's a linked outline that you can "click" around this webpage, while viewing or you can download a copy to view or print. THANKS for your interest and support:

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## WHY a BUILD TEAM?

Your *Branching Out* Capital Campaign Committee, together with all camp staff, camp volunteers and other campaign team members, **believe in TEAMWORK**. And we all know that it will take an even **BIGGER TEAM** to provide the \$2.7 million funds for the Retreat Center.

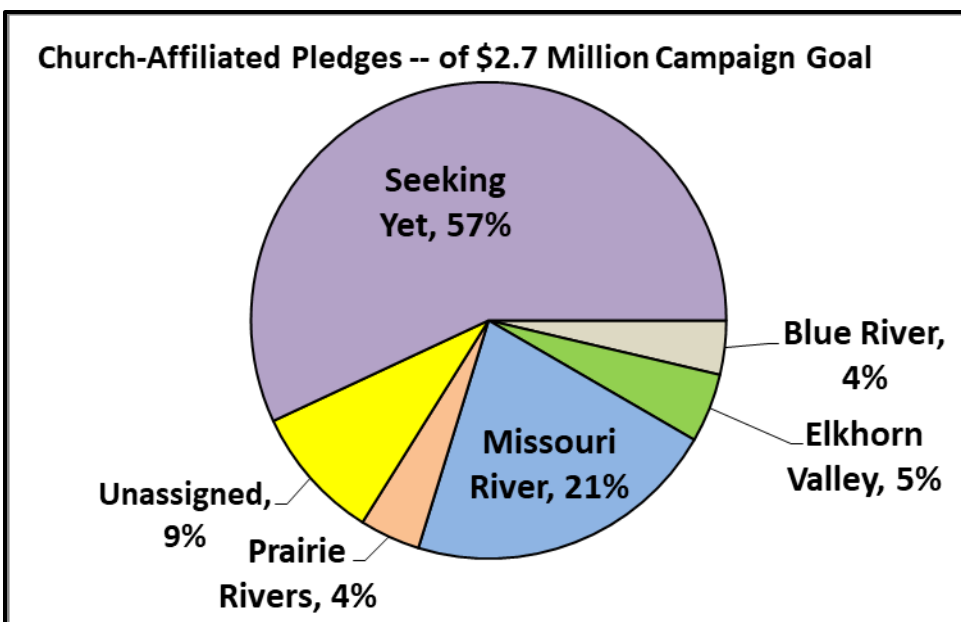


The Retreat Center is needed as soon as possible. **Summer Camp attendance of 765 in 2018 was 47 (or 7%) higher than the record 2017 summer.** We want to provide more lodging so camping and God's work can continue to grow. **Yes, it can grow - if we all work together!**

This living document provides campaign information and celebrates the growing BUILD TEAM - individuals, churches, businesses, and foundations that are doing all they can to do just that - get the Retreat Center built! CHECK BACK OFTEN and ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN!

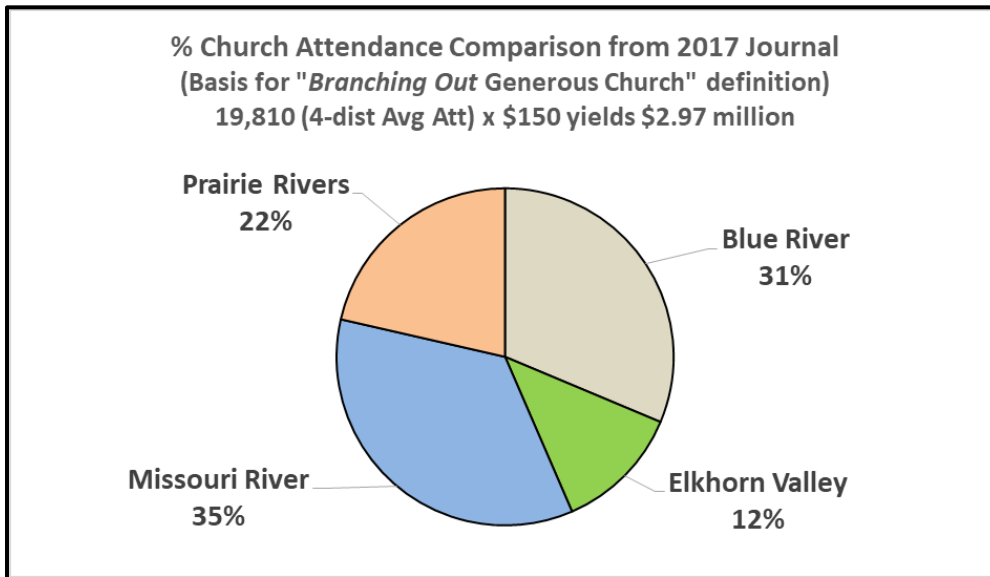
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## CHARTS of PROGRESS



Forty-three percent of the \$2.7 million goal has been pledged, comprised of 34% from UM members in eastern Nebraska 's four districts and 9% from other donors. So *Branching Out* is seeking additional donors and churches who wish to be a part of Camp Fontanelle's growing ministry for the remaining 57% needed to build the Retreat Center.

Please join the BUILD TEAM Campfire.



Our districts have different numbers of churches and church attendees. For example, Missouri River (biggest) has approximately three times as many attendees as does Elkhorn Valley (smallest). A *Branching Out Generous Church* Criteria and Recognition has been developed taking into account the size of the

church as measured by attendance to **proportionately divide up the 2.7 million dollar goal.**

## EXPLANATION: *Branching Out* GENEROUS CHURCH RECOGNITION

A *Branching Out Generous Church* is a church:

- (1) whose members and groups have contributed a total of at least \$150 times their average 2016 attendance as published in the 2017 Journal, and
- (2) whose contributions have come from *Giving Units* numbering at least 10% of the 2016 average attendance.

A family counts as one *Giving Unit*. For a group donation, one *Giving Unit* will be credited for each \$50. Levels of *Generous Church* will be recognized as *Doubly Generous*, *Triply Generous*, *4X Generous*, etc. Churches are encouraged to keep going in their support over the three-year campaign period.

Recognition will consist both of:

- (a) a permanent display at the new Retreat Center, including level of *Generosity* (1x, 2x, 3x, 4x, etc.) and
- (b) a certificate for display at the local church. Finalized recognition depends on completion of pledges.

## RESULTS & CELEBRATIONS in TERMS OF *Branching Out* GENEROUS CHURCH: TOTAL

**4- District Total, District and Church Results as of September 4, 2018**  
(Comparing Donations to Generous Church Criteria – not including pledges until paid)

% of \$ Criteria	% of Participation Criteria	Entity and \$/Giving Unit Results
<b>21%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>Four District Total = 21% dollars and 86% participation</b>

<b>8%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>Blue River District Totals = 8% dollars and 78% participation</b>
<b>20%</b>	<b>256%</b>	<b>Elkhorn Valley District Totals = 20% dollars and 256% participation</b>
<b>38%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>Missouri River District Totals = 38% dollars and 46% participation</b>
<b>15%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>Prairie Rivers District Totals = 15% dollars and 68% participation</b>

### BLUE RIVER

<b>FRIEND UMC is a Branching Out GENEROUS + Church!</b>		
% of \$ Criteria	% of Participation Criteria	Entity and \$/Giving Unit Results
<b>128%</b>	<b>3830%</b>	Friend UMC = 128% dollars and 3830% participation
64%	59%	Lincoln St Paul UMC = 64% dollars and 59% participation
27%	816%	Lincoln St Luke UMC = 27% dollars and 816% participation
12%	32%	Murdock Ebenezer UMC = 12% dollars and 32% participation
9%	277%	Burr UMC = 9% dollars and 277% participation
7%	200%	Martell UMC = 7% dollars and 200% participation
5%	140%	Ithaca UMC = 5% dollars and 140% participation
5%	40%	Lincoln Trinity UMC = 5% dollars and 40% participation
3%	81%	Waverly First UMC = 3% dollars and 81% participation
2%	3%	Lincoln First UMC = 2% dollars and 3% participation
2%	12%	Lincoln Aldersgate UMC = 2% dollars and 12% participation
<1%	2%	Lincoln St Mark's UMC = 0% dollars and 2% participation

### ELKHORN VALLEY

<b>NORFOLK FUMC is a Branching Out GENEROUS + Church!</b>		
% of \$ Criteria	% of Participation Criteria	Entity and \$/Giving Unit Results
<b>157%</b>	<b>2020%</b>	Norfolk First UMC = 157% dollars and 2020% participation
74%	56%	Johnstown UMC = 74% dollars and 56% participation
8%	83%	Laurel UMC = 8% dollars and 83% participation
5%	161%	Albion First UMC = 5% dollars and 161% participation
4%	48%	Orchard UMC = 4% dollars and 48% participation
3%	83%	Newman Grove UMC = 3% dollars and 83% participation
2%	71%	Randolph First UMC = 2% dollars and 71% participation
1%	18%	Bloomfield Christ Memorial UMC = 1% dollars and 18% participation
<1%	14%	South Sioux City St Paul UMC = 0% dollars and 14% participation

**MISSOURI RIVER**

**OMAHA ROCKBROOK** is a *Branching Out* **DOUBLY GENEROUS + Church!**

% of \$ Criteria	% of Participation Criteria	Entity and \$/Giving Unit Results
539%	93%	Fremont First UMC = 539% dollars and 93% participation
326%	50%	Elkhorn Hills UMC = 326% dollars and 50% participation
218%	1224%	Omaha Rockbrook UMC = 218% dollars and 1224% participation
50%	74%	Blair First UMC = 50% dollars and 74% participation
42%	13%	Gretna UMC = 42% dollars and 13% participation
36%	27%	Omaha First UMC = 36% dollars and 27% participation
23%	683%	Humboldt UMC = 23% dollars and 683% participation
8%	148%	Bellevue Aldersgate UMC = 8% dollars and 148% participation
5%	8%	Louisville First UMC = 5% dollars and 8% participation
4%	130%	Hooper Faith UMC = 4% dollars and 130% participation
4%	33%	Fremont Calvary UMC = 4% dollars and 33% participation
3%	97%	Kennard Grace UMC = 3% dollars and 97% participation
3%	15%	Omaha Maplewood UMC = 3% dollars and 15% participation
3%	81%	Omaha Hanscom Park UMC = 3% dollars and 81% participation
3%	9%	Bellevue St James UMC = 3% dollars and 9% participation
1%	26%	Springfield First UMC = 1% dollars and 26% participation
1%	20%	Weeping Water UMC = 1% dollars and 20% participation
1%	19%	Table Rock UMC = 1% dollars and 19% participation
1%	16%	Omaha Olive Crest UMC = 1% dollars and 16% participation
<1%	21%	Omaha Living Hope Mission Congregation = 0% dollars and 21% participation
<1%	9%	Omaha Faith-Westwood UMC = 0% dollars and 9% participation
<1%	9%	Ralston Trinity UMC = 0% dollars and 9% participation
<1%	1%	Omaha St Andrews UMC = 0% dollars and 1% participation

**PRAIRIE RIVERS**

**BEAVER CROSSING UMC** is a *Branching Out* **DOUBLY GENEROUS + Church!**

**COLUMBUS FUMC** is a *Branching Out* **GENEROUS + Church!**

% of \$ Criteria	% of Participation Criteria	Entity and \$/Giving Unit Results
208%	6250%	Beaver Crossing UMC = 208% dollars and 6250% participation
125%	250%	Columbus First UMC = 125% dollars and 250% participation
104%	31%	David City St Luke's UMC = 104% dollars and 31% participation
90%	88%	Bellwood UMC = 90% dollars and 88% participation
61%	91%	Ong UMC = 61% dollars and 91% participation
42%	1250%	Waco UMC = 42% dollars and 1250% participation
21%	350%	Clarks UMC = 21% dollars and 350% participation
20%	91%	Pierce Chapel UMC = 20% dollars and 91% participation
15%	67%	Fullerton Community UMC/Pres USA = 15% dollars and 67%

		participation
13%	31%	Monroe UMC = 13% dollars and 31% participation
12%	355%	Kenesaw UMC = 12% dollars and 355% participation
12%	4%	Aurora UMC = 12% dollars and 4% participation
9%	280%	Holstein Grace UMC = 9% dollars and 280% participation
7%	220%	Superior First UMC = 7% dollars and 220% participation
5%	148%	Geneva UMC = 5% dollars and 148% participation
5%	136%	Exeter UMC = 5% dollars and 136% participation
4%	106%	Bradshaw UMC = 4% dollars and 106% participation
3%	82%	Juniata UMC = 3% dollars and 82% participation
1%	42%	Shickley UMC = 1% dollars and 42% participation
1%	32%	Central City UMC = 1% dollars and 32% participation
1%	19%	Harvard First UMC = 1% dollars and 19% participation

## STATEMENTS of SUPPORT (Read/Submit) (by children, adults, churches, businesses, foundations, counselors, etc.)

**Please send your statement of support** by emailing [dkallesen@neb.rr.com](mailto:dkallesen@neb.rr.com) or phoning/ mailing Doug Kallesen, 3917 Adamy St, Columbus, NE 68601, (402) 563-1570.

- Trent Meyer, Camp Fontanelle Site Director:** *"I grew up attending faith-based camps from age 13, worked at a faith-based camp for a summer in college, chaperoned kids to a faith-based camp during the summer between school years while teaching, and have had the privilege of serving at Camp Fontanelle for 15 summers. I have seen the difference camp can make in the lives of campers from the spectrum of kids who have a faith that grows stronger to the 'pharisee' kid who thinks they know how to earn their way to the 'sinner' camper who thought there was no hope. The reality is that God changes lives at camp and just like with the lost sheep, if even just 1 camper were to come to know the LORD, camp would be a success in God's eyes . . . over the past 3 summers 241 campers have privately indicated that they confessed Jesus Christ as LORD in their lives for the very first time. I ask for your prayers and support in this important and vibrant ministry!"*
- Rev. Janice Japp, Capital Campaign Coordinator, Omaha:** "My family has been involved in Camp Fontanelle since our two children were preschoolers. Most recently our current-college-age students served as summer counselors. My husband Ed Mantler has been a member of the Site Council. I have been a camp dean, barbecue volunteer, pastor-promoter, and now member of the campaign leadership. We have made a decision to become a major

donor to the campaign because we want to share in the vision of allowing more persons to be touched by the mission of Impacting Lives through Intentional Christian Community."

- **Lincoln St Luke UMC-** "We have chosen to support your capital campaign for a new retreat center. We appreciate your ministry with its power to reach young people. You reinforce our Sunday School ministries and touch the hearts of youth who do not have a strong church background. You help youth - campers and staff - discover they are part of something bigger than themselves, and encourage life-long involvement in their churches. Your work will help fill our pulpits in the future. We wish to share in your ministry and believe your Retreat Center can help you reach more people - children and adults - in your mission to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Camp changes lives; we wish to support your part in this mission." Via Jean Pancharoen and Pastor Curt Magelky.
- **Tom & Lynn Ashby, Omaha Rockbrook UMC:** *"We have been supporters of Camp Fontanelle for over 20 years. Our children had great experiences at camp from preschool through high school. The full time staff do a PHENOMENAL job managing the camp and providing enriching experiences for those who attend. Now we encourage and support sending youth from our church so they too can have a fabulous experience."*
- **Larry L. Coleman, Fremont FUMC:** "Attending church camp at Camp Fontanelle in 1960 provided me the space to acknowledge my call to full time ministry. After some 49 years of ministry and 58 years later, I have been moved to be a lead donor and support the Branching Out Campaign any way I can. I believe in church camping and Camp Fontanelle is one of the best! Building the new Retreat Center at Camp Fontanelle is an important way to invest in the future of the church and the lives of children and youth, an effective antidote to the aging out of the church."
- **Scott and Debbie Taylor, Pierce UMC:** "Jesus is Alive at Camp Fontanelle! Debbie and I have witnessed several times, the life-changing power of a few days in that special place with Jesus. We experienced it ourselves as campers in the 1970's, and again when we met as counselors in the 1980's. We experienced it through our oldest daughter when she was a camper in the 1990's, and in the 2000's when our youngest daughter was a camper and then later spent 2 summers as a paid counselor. We have seen and heard it from the dozens of young people we have been blessed to have been able to sponsor over the last years. And, we experienced it again this past summer when our oldest daughter took her son to Guardian Angel camp. The excitement that our grandson felt showed us that Jesus is just as alive at Camp Fontanelle today as he was to those two young campers over 40 years ago."

- **Doug Kallesen, Columbus:** *"Working on this campaign is a blessing by seeing close-up what God is doing and can do (with our help) at Camp Fontanelle. Please take the time to find out about the ministries and need and join in!"*
- \_\_\_\_\_ (we would welcome your statement here - the method to submit is noted above)

## JOINING THE BUILD TEAM CAMPFIRE (Children, Adults, Groups, Churches)

Click on the email address [dkallesen@neb.rr.com](mailto:dkallesen@neb.rr.com) to send an email (or call 402-563-1570, or mail to Doug Kallesen, 3917 Adamy St, Columbus, NE 68601) stating "you wish to join the BUILD TEAM". Include:

- your name(s) and location,
- whether you are an individual or representing a group or church,
- and we will add you to the BUILD TEAM list below. **Your support is appreciated!!!**
- Churches: consider setting a goal either in terms of total dollars or as a share/multiple of your Branching Out Generous Church amount and share it, please.

Generally, BUILD TEAM members:

- give to Branching Out what they can (preferably pledging over 3 years),
- pray for Camp Fontanelle's ministries and the Branching Out retreat center, and
- urge others to do the same!

### MEMBERS of Branching Out BUILD TEAM:

- Terry and Charlotte Abram, Omaha Living Hope UMC
- Tom and Lynn Ashby, Omaha Rockbrook UMC
- Bob Bell, Bellwood UMC
- Larry Coleman, Fremont FUMC
- Earl Higgins, Lincoln St Paul UMC
- Rev. Janice Japp, Branching Out Capital Campaign Coordinator
- Trent Meyer, Site Director, Camp Fontanelle
- Doug and Anne Kallesen, Columbus FUMC
- Pastor Curt Magelky, Lincoln St. Luke UMC
- Scott and Debbie Taylor, Pierce UMC
- Bette and Dwight Trumble, Springfield UMC
- Kent Van Horn, Blair UMC



- **Columbus FUMC** - Goal is \$100,000 -- to be a *Branching Out* Doubly Generous Church - by the Camping Team: Pastor Cindi Stewart, Pastor Joe Krepel, Sarah Borgman, Dick Breuer, Don & Pat Fowler, Peg Jeffres, Anne & Doug Kallesen, Chuck Keep, Justin King, Gordon Kosch, Kristi Nelson, Cindy & Rich Rohde, Mae Walter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (we would welcome your name(s) here - the method to submit is noted above)

## WHAT'S WORKED FOR US!

*This section is an opportunity to share what has worked for you. Then other BUILD TEAM members can benefit and help provide Camp Fontanelle with the retreat center. And the Camp can continue to expand its mission of "Impacting Lives through Intentional Christian Community". To share, click on the email address [dkallesen@neb.rr.com](mailto:dkallesen@neb.rr.com) to send an email (or call 402-563-1570, or mail to Doug Kallesen, 3917 Adamy St, Columbus, NE 68601).*

- **Omaha Rockbrook UMC** (posted Aug 2018) - We start promoting camp the beginning of March. Our church provides scholarships that cover 1/3 the cost of camp. If families sign up for Guardian Angel or Sonshine Camps early, there is a 50% discount! 1/3 of what is left is a VERY appealing amount for young families to pay. This year the Sunday before a camper left for camp, we had a slide during the church services that showed a picture of them and told what camp they were attending. The Sunday after they returned, we had a slide with a photo from camp. This was a very effective way of making the congregation aware of the opportunities for kids. It also helped them to see how impactful camp is for our congregation. We had no problems raising money to become a Doubly Generous Church because people are convinced that their money will be used wisely and well.
- **Columbus FUMC** (posted Aug, 2018) - We asked Church Council to form a Camping Team to promote Branching Out, summer camp attendance, volunteering and participating at camp events. The Camping Team and Council adopted a \$100,000 goal striving to become a *Branching Out* Doubly Generous Church (that is 2 times the Generous criteria). We held 5 in-home information (awareness) gatherings. Nearly all attendees have followed up with a generous pledge or donation. Also five church groups have donated. We currently have \$70,000 in pledges/donations. We will have a three-week all-church promotion in worship during September 2018. We have an option to honor a beloved pastor and his wife who were instrumental in camping and sharing God's love. Church people have been responsive even though we have other major projects, missions and an in-church capital campaign going on. We believe over the next three years we can meet our goal, with God's help.
- \_\_\_\_\_ (we would welcome your sharing here - the method to submit is noted above)



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## RESOURCE LINKS YOU may WISH to CHECK OUT:

### INFORMATION AND RESOURCES:

**"Branching Out Summary Brochure"** is a concise single page of the project, the need, and ministry results for summer camping 2017 (2018 increased by 47 to 765). It is one of the documents found at the site noted just below, then clicking the tab Church Information/Documents and Resources.

**"Branching Out Capital Campaign Information"** link on the right side of [www.campfontanelle.com](http://www.campfontanelle.com) (contains many documents, videos, and other resources for churches to promote *Branching Out*)

Camp Fontanelle website home page [www.campfontanelle.com](http://www.campfontanelle.com)

Camp Facebook page [www.facebook.com/CampFontanelle](http://www.facebook.com/CampFontanelle)

**"Camp Prayer Walk"** link on the right side of [www.campfontanelle.com](http://www.campfontanelle.com) (contains wonderful pictures of the camp and its facilities and provides prayers at each location on the Camp)

Full set of information tabs at the top of the website home page [www.campfontanelle.com](http://www.campfontanelle.com) (About us, summer camp, activities, events, volunteers and giving, and contact us)

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**IF YOU'VE HEARD THE CAMP FONTANELLE MINISTRY STORY, UNDERSTAND THE RETREAT CENTER NEED, HAVE PRAYED ABOUT WHAT GOD WOULD HAVE YOU DO – AND WISH TO MAKE A DONATION OR PLEDGE,** please print and complete the following pledge card and send your donation/pledge to Camp Fontanelle. **THANKS!**



**After seeking God through prayer, I / we give to the Branching Out Capital Funding Mission of Camp Fontanelle:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for 36 months

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year for 3 years

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total gift

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_



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Please write "Branching Out Campaign" in the memo line.

**Mail check or gift to:**

Camp Fontanelle  
9677 County Road 3  
Fontanelle, NE 68044

All proceeds received for the Branching Out Campaign at Camp Fontanelle will be used as described in the literature describing the Retreat Center, furnishings and endowment. In the event of circumstances that require change to your commitments, please call 402-478-4296.