



Branching Out Campaign News - Fundraising and Construction

(July 28, 2019)

FUNDRAISING Status:

2,151,361.78 pledged (gross)
1,870,040.66 donated (gross)
209,182.04 expenses
1,039,141.38 net donations needed to 2.7 million net

DONOR Makeup:

437 unique donors:
278 identifiable families in UMC's
122 UMC groupings
37 other donors

THANK YOU ALL!!!

STATUS OF *Branching Out* Generous Churches (based on donations received and participation level):

BLUE RIVER: Friend-1x, Hallam-1x

ELKHORN VALLEY: Johnstown-1x, Madison Trinity-5x, Norfolk First-2x

MISSOURI RIVER: Blair-1x, Elkhorn Hills-4x, Fremont Calvary-1x, Fremont First-4x, Omaha Rockbrook-3x

PRAIRIE RIVERS: Beaver Crossing-2x, Columbus First-1x, David City-1x, and Bellwood-5x

REPORT on *Branching Out* Generous Church "Goals" (based on pledged \$ portion of criteria only):

1 church at 14x GC
1 church at 7x GC
2 churches at 5x GC
2 churches at 3x GC
4 churches at 2x GC
9 churches at 1x GC
30 churches have PLEDGED
at least 40% of GC level

A UM Church is a **Branching Out Generous Church** when its collective donations, individual and grouped, reach 2 levels: (1)-\$150 times their average attendance, and (2) 10% of their average attendance are participating in the giving. These 2 criteria effectively result in one dollar per worship attender every week for 3 years and show widespread support for the campaign. They receive certificates for display at home and permanent recognition at camp. **THANK YOU Branching Out** Generous Churches!!!

GOALS:

- Complete fundraising and make final decisions on the project by end of 2019.
- Break ground for the retreat Center at the September 15 barbecue and celebrate the future while we celebrate the past 60 years of camping ministry.
- Every UM church in eastern Nebraska's four districts contribute something to the building project and be visible in their support of the church and camping ministry partnership This, by having their name on something, at least a brick. And not just churches but many individual families, too – think & pray for 1,000+ bricks to be sold.
- Develop widespread enthusiasm and appreciation for the Camp Fontanelle ministries and opportunities to serve not only kids, but entire families, adults, and special need situations with these better facilities.

NEWS:

- Camp Site Council is working with an architect to refine building design and obtain a construction cost estimate.
- Subscribe to the weekly *Branching Out* prayer newsletter by contacting dkallesen@neb.rr.com or 402-563-1570.
- THANKS, God and staff, counselors, and volunteers for another great summer camping season!

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