



# CAMP CHANGES LIVES!

*Building a home for All*





a place to:

Be Loved  
Be Love to others  
& know you are Beloved by God!

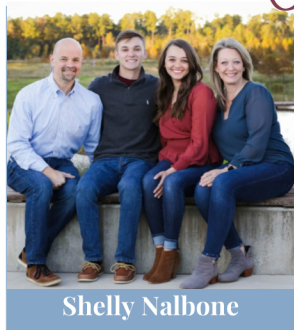
In the summer of 2020, Beloved and Beyond was established by Glen and Laura Elder along with two other families, the Davenports and the Fergusons, all with a passion and calling to serve children and adults with special needs. The ministry hosted its first event, a respite retreat, at a rented camp in East Texas in December 2020. In spite of the pandemic, families desperate for respite encouraged the ministry to proceed with a retreat for their loved ones. The weekend was a wild success for campers, volunteers, and staff isolated by the pandemic. Caregivers received much needed rest and all were reminded of the beauty of community. Beloved and Beyond began planning for its first full summer in 2021 and rented camps across Texas the first two summers, changing locations five times and traveling over 1,400 miles each summer.

In September 2022, Beloved and Beyond acquired an existing camp in Rosebud, Texas. Opening in May 2023, with the addition of a pool and improvements to the existing facilities, this new camp home will allow Beloved and Beyond to grow in its mission of spreading the hope and love of Jesus Christ with individuals of differing abilities. These campers will impact the lives of countless youth and adults by solidifying the profound truth that we were ALL created in the image of God and that we ALL have purpose.

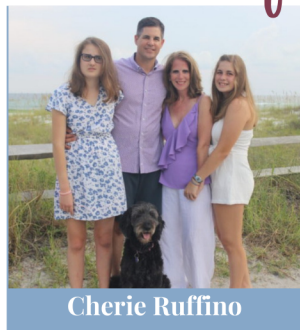


Every term ends with "cross carry" a time of reflection, prayer, worship, and remembering the campers who have gone to be with Jesus.

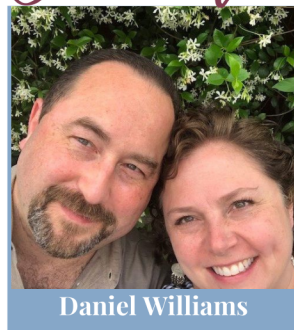
## BELOVED AND BEYOND LEADERSHIP *Board of Directors*



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Founders



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Board Chairman



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**"Selfless and All In!" our Board is sold out to advancing the mission. All eight members and their families have served at camp, generously and wholeheartedly supporting Beloved and Beyond.**



# OUR "WHY"

Beloved and Beyond is often called "Heaven on Earth" due to the overwhelming loving and accepting community that forms each week of camp. It is a place to BE loved, to BE love to others and know you are BELOVED by God regardless of physical or intellectual limitations. It is challenging to concisely describe all that camp entails and all the ways lives are changed.



Glen & Laura Elder  
Founders

Camp allows ALL campers to gain confidence in trying new activities, grow socially, and live together in community with others who share similar experiences. Campers and volunteers of ALL abilities grow in their understanding of how much God loves them exactly how they were perfectly created in their mother's womb (Psalm 139:13).

Camp changes the lives of young volunteers (approximately 100 per week), summer staff (approximately 90 young adults) and camper parents and caregivers. Volunteers range from the age of 13 to adult; however, a large portion of our volunteers are high school students. For many it is their first time experiencing what a blessing it is to selflessly serve by putting the needs of someone else before their own. Comments like "This was the hardest and best week of my life!" and "Can I come back next week?" truly show that camp changes lives.



Our Board

Summer staff also selflessly serve our campers and volunteers. Our college age staff are disciplined in leadership skills while they tirelessly and joyfully give unconditional love and care.

Parents get much needed respite from 24/7 caregiving. A parent with a special needs child may never experience an empty nest. Camp provides parents with much needed rest for the soul and body.

## We believe our mission impacts FOUR different groups of people:

- Campers of all abilities from ages 7 to 55 enjoy friendship and community, learning how they are loved.
- Volunteers starting as young as 13 years old learn the joy of embracing individuals with differing abilities and the blessing in serving others. (Volunteers of all ages can participate.)
- Young college staff develop into servant hearted leaders and many go on into careers in the mission field, medical field, education and business looking for ways to have relationships with people in the special needs community.
- Parents and caregivers receive much needed rest and gain peace and confidence that there are others who love and embrace their child besides themselves.

We invite YOU to join the mission of Beloved and Beyond in changing lives through camp by creating a completely accessible camp for everyone regardless of their abilities.

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

*Matthew 25:40*

# Testimonials:

"Our daughter loves this camp! It provides her with an amazing experience that she keeps within her all year long. The staff and volunteers involved are both well trained and selfless workers. They demonstrate deep compassion and share the love of Christ. She forms a bond with them that lasts past camp and shows their authentic love. Beloved and Beyond is a great opportunity for a person with special abilities to have a real camp adventure in a safe and loving environment."

**-Camper Parent**

"We can't even put in to words how amazing the entire team is at Beloved and Beyond camp! Our 22 year old daughter has been attending camp with the Elders since she was about 11 years old and it is her favorite place!! Our other two daughters have also attended camp as siblings and as volunteers and it is life changing for them, too. This is truly a place where the special needs community can feel loved and share unique indoor and outdoor experiences with others! I highly recommend Beloved and Beyond camp."

**-Camper Parent**

"I have volunteered at Beloved and Beyond for two summers. I originally heard about camp through a school service hour requirement, and signed up, feeling nervous about what to expect. I can fully say that camp is so much more than service hours- not only have I learned more about myself, more importantly, I've been able to make the most amazing long-lasting friend-ships with friends of all abilities. And with most people being from Texas, I've really enjoyed being able to stay in touch with the campers I got to be buddies with, and spend time with them and their families throughout the year, even when we're not at camp. I originally signed up for service hours, but went back again that summer and again the next summer, because Beloved and Beyond was such a meaningful experience. I can't wait to go back this summer."

**-Volunteer**

"My daughter had an incredible experience at Beloved and Beyond Camp! This camp is the highlight of her year and also provides a much needed respite for parents and caregivers."

**-Camper Parent**

## BELOVED & BEYOND DISTINCTIVES

### FAITH LED

We believe God uses camp ministry to change lives for His Glory. Beloved and Beyond is one of the few Christian camps in the country that specializes in ministering to children and adults with special needs, their families, and those who are called to serve them.

This camp is a place where people of all abilities will BE Loved and know they are BELOVED by our Maker! It is where volunteers can learn to BE love to others. We welcome campers of all faith traditions.

### 1:1 CAMPER TO COUNSELOR

We are committed to a one counselor to one camper policy designed to create space for trust, safety, and relationship bonding. With this approach, both campers and counselors (buddies) have the opportunity to experience true transformation and a deep understanding of one another.

We value the commitment of these volunteers as they serve on a six day mission, being the hands and feet of Jesus to our life-changing campers.

### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Our founders, summer leadership team, and Board of Directors have over 50 years of combined leadership and service experience in special needs camp ministry. Glen and Laura Elder have built and led multiple camp ministries over the past 18 years.

Beloved and Beyond established history of creating a transformational experience in a camp setting.

Our clinic is led by one of our Board members, a licensed pediatric nurse practitioner, who brings in nursing students and other licensed medical staff to volunteer in our clinic.

### PASSION FOR PEOPLE

We have a passion to invest in our campers, volunteers, and staff to develop them for future service where ever God takes them. We also have the incredible opportunity to empower our amazing adult campers that wish to come back to camp as "Beyond Team" volunteers and learn to serve where they have been served.

We are ALL fearfully and wonderfully made and believe everyone can understand the gospel. We are commanded to love the least of these and have been called to serve them well.

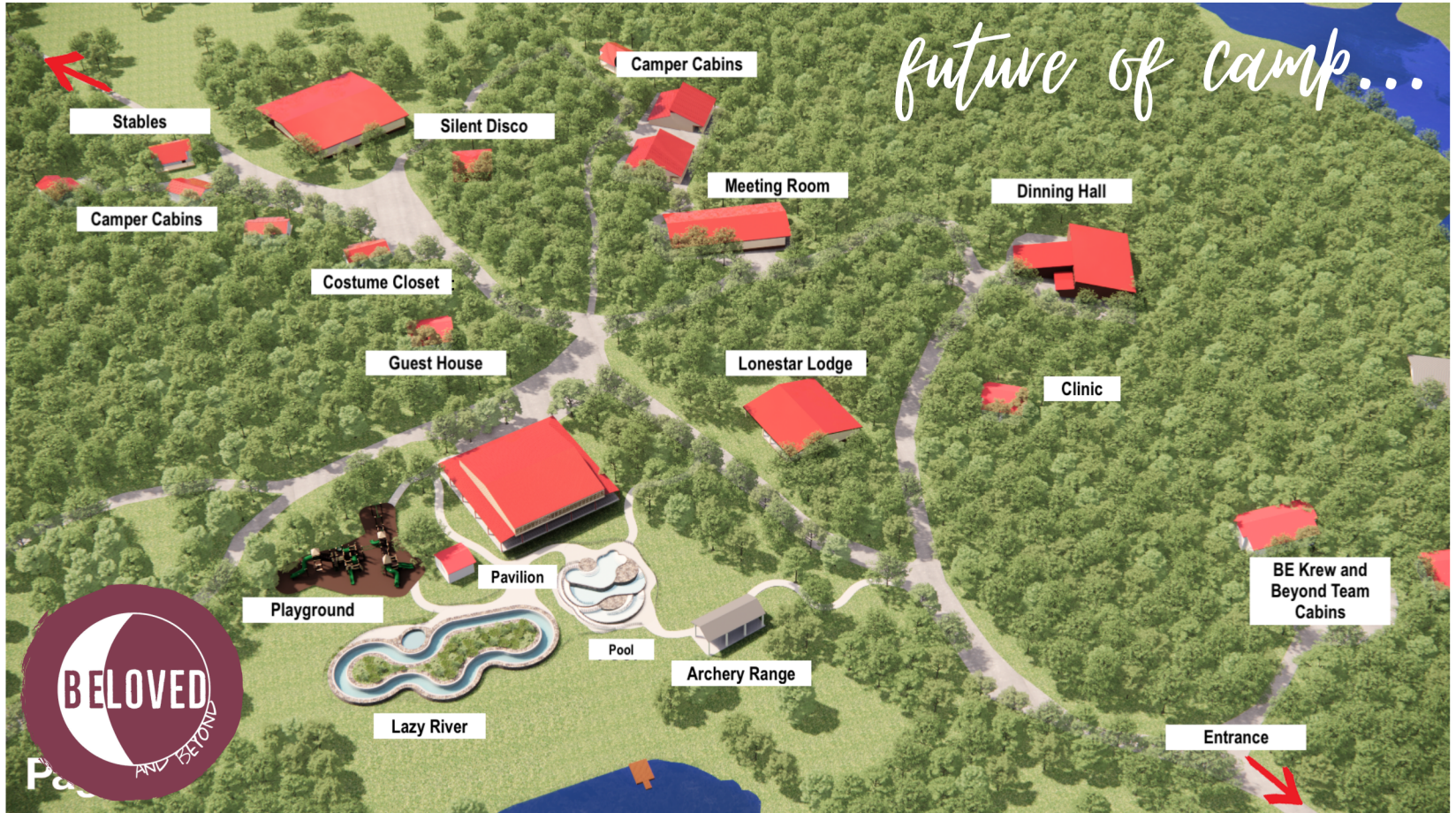
# CAMP CHANGES LIVES!

Funding for renovation and expansion of the Rosebud property

Featuring 350 sprawling acres with expanded accessible amenities

Designed to position Beloved and Beyond for sustainable and strategic growth

Completed, it will serve 680 campers and 1,100 volunteers each summer



*Join Beloved and Beyond as we faithfully embark on this journey to establish a permanent camp, creating a home for all.*



# CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

With the launch of Phase I underway, Beloved and Beyond has successfully acquired a new camp property. This beautiful facility increases Beloved and Beyond's capacity to host special friends as campers and as Beyond Team participants (adult job training program), as well as camper siblings, volunteers and college age staff. It also gives Beloved and Beyond the opportunity to host retreats year round.

The second component of Phase I will focus on enhancing the property to foster an environment that is accessible, functional, safe and beautiful. Our plans include the following features:

## Accessible Facilities & Equipment by Summer 2023

**Completed\***

**Due to be completed by June 1, 2023\*\***

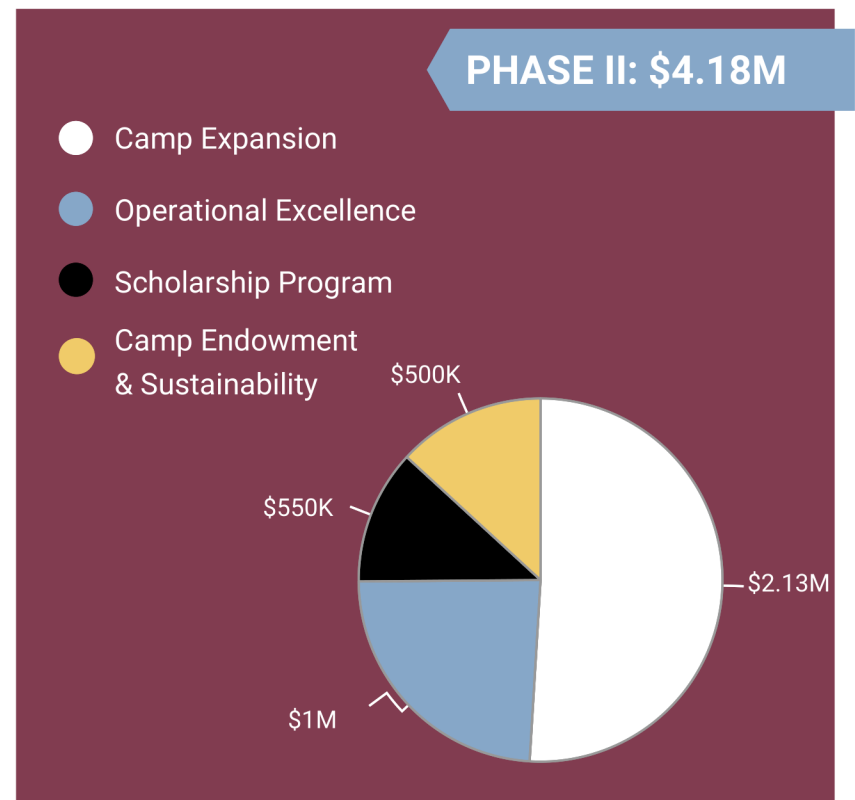
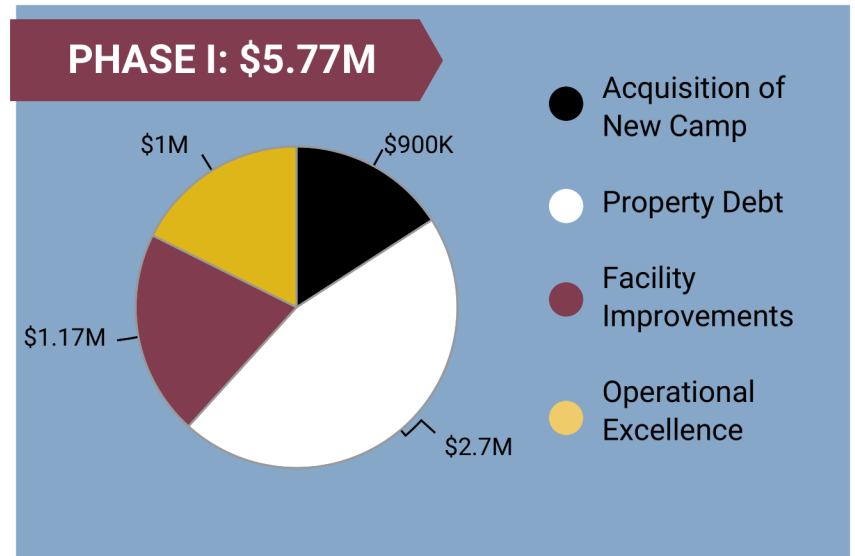
- 240 Beds\*
- 12-acre Spring Fed Lake, Canoes, & Docks\*
- Pavillion\*
- Meeting Rooms\*
- Low Ropes Course\*
- Horse Stables\*
- Archery Range\*
- Pool \*\*
- Double Zip Line\*\*
- Two Person Giant Swing\*\*
- Expand Dining Hall Deck\*\*
- Accessible Bathrooms\*\*
- Asphalt and Concrete Paths\*\*

## Future Phase I & Phase II Projects

- Pay off Loan
- Expand Dining Hall
- New Cabins
- Guest Lodge
- Accessible Adventure Park
- Accessible Treehouse
- Covered Riding Arena
- Transport Train
- Lazy River

*"For you created my inmost being: You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made: your works are wonderful. I know that full well."*

*Psalm 139:13-14*



# INVITATION TO RESPOND

*how will you partner with us?*

Beloved and Beyond relies on financial assistance from generous people willing to support our mission. The impact of your support will provide a safe, life changing experience for campers, Beyond Team, volunteers and college age staff, and secure the future of Beloved and Beyond.

There are several ways to give. We welcome both one-time gifts and multi-year pledges.



## Gifts can be made in a variety of ways:

Online through the giving link on the Beloved and Beyond website at [www.belovedandbeyond.org](http://www.belovedandbeyond.org)

Matching gifts through your employer

Securities and stock transfers\*

Planned gifts and bequests

Automatic payment with camp registration/tuition

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## Naming Opportunities:

Investments in the Camp Changes Lives! campaign will have a transformational effect on the future of Beloved and Beyond. As part of the campaign, there will be a number of opportunities for named investments. Please consider how you can support Camp Changes Lives! and its mission to impact the Beloved and Beyond Community. We invite you to explore these opportunities. For further information, please contact us.

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## *Our Mission:*

Beloved and Beyond exists to spread the hope and love of Jesus Christ with people who have differing abilities through camps, socialization and on the job training while growing the community to embrace the same.



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