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Camp served 1,360 individuals, 1,911 times
Weekend Respite served 95 individuals, 419 times
Ventures Travel served 322 individuals, 430 times
True Strides served 86 individuals, 1,996 times

Staff recruitment expanded into
19 states and 12 countries.
We talked with over 600 students at 40 college recruitment events.
True Friends established two new full-time, year-round positions.
True Friends programs and services by
21,583 individuals, 1,449 times
Equaling $517,992 value

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$2.2 Million in Camp Courage
Renovations
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In 2018 Development raised
$4,395,666*
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Forever Friends Legacy Society
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FSA Core Donors
Organizations 11%
Business/Corporations 7%
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Charitable Fundraising Report

Individuals 29%

Foundations and Trusts 34%

605 new donors
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81% of True Friends participants were return visitors.
True Friends served 22,586 individuals through all of our services.

October was our busiest month, 3,653 people were served through Conference & Retreat & Team Quest.
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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of True Friends in 2018. Through your generous support we have truly changed the lives of the individuals we serve.

True Friends continues to make a growing impact on new and returning visitors and in 2019 we directly served over 22,500 individuals. The individuals we serve indirectly include the countless caregivers who are able to take a couple hours or days to restore their own well-being knowing their loved one is well taken care of and enjoying an adventure tailored to their needs and wants.

In 2018 we saw the impact partnerships can have with a generous investment from the Camp Cambria Foundation. After hosting Camp Cambria for the previous three years, Cambria invested $2.2 million into Camp Courage in Maple Lake.

The investment provided True Friends the opportunity to completely renovate a 3-season dining hall, health and wellness center, and the arts and crafts building. The renovation has allowed True Friends to serve more individuals, year-round, utilizing enhanced person-centered and dignified care.

As we continue to execute a multi-year facility assessment plan, we’ve been able to secure funding through new and returning donors to support a few capital projects. However, like many nonprofits, as we look toward the next five years, we have a long list of capital project needs. If you want to learn more about the capital project needs, and how you can help, visit www.truefriends.org/capitalneeds.

With the guidance of all employees and board members, True Friends realigned our values which now focus on empowerment, experience, integrity, safety, and sustainability. The values will be used as a tool to help guide our decision-making as we continue to build and grow our presence in the communities we serve.

As I reflect on 2018 I am proud of the strides we have made, but acknowledge we have further to go. With support from individuals like you, we look to accomplish much more in 2019 and the coming years. I hope you will join us on this journey to provide life-changing experiences for the individuals we serve. In friendship,

John LeBlanc
President & CEO