

CRESTRIDGE

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Sharing the Legacy

Did you know that CCAF has established a permanent endowment fund to provide scholarships to camp? You can be a part of sharing the legacy of the place we love with girls who might not otherwise be able to experience the

life-changing joy of Crestridge by contributing to the Endowment Fund.

We currently have approximately \$90,000 in the fund, and our goal is to build that amount to \$500,000. Because we use the interest earned each year to fund scholarships for the

coming summer, we need new contributions to grow the fund.

To that end, and with construction of the Beehive now completed, all funds received from rocking chair and stepping stone sales will now be directed into the endowment.

In addition to the general endowment, we have eight named scholarships. Four of these are fully funded at \$10,000 each. Four more are still open for contributions. These funds are:

In honor of:

- Sally Garvin Driggers & Willa Stevenson McGimsey - completed
- Ramey Driggers Schutz & Kara Belcher Cooley - completed

In memory of:

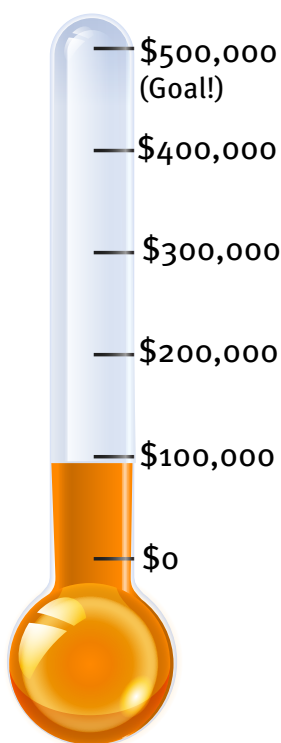
- Judy MacMillan - completed
- Maggie Lee Henson - completed
- Nancy Britt Roberson
- Julie Parkerson
- Ginnie Burriss
- Lucille Belue (Janie's mother)

In December, two sisters who attended

Crestridge in the '50s and '60s, Elizabeth (then called Libby) Hege Schamber and Helen Hege Cochran, started the Hege Family Fund within the CCAF Scholarship Endowment Fund. The Hege family is now a three-generation Ridgecrest Summer Camps family, including Laura Steven Meyers, who attended in the '80s, and Scott Meyers and Rachel Meyers, who are currently enjoying camp. Elizabeth and Helen wanted to have a permanent impact on young girls' lives through ongoing donations to the fund, and began by each giving a sizable donation. Support such as the Hege sisters demonstrated will help us reach our ultimate goal so that we'll always have annual scholarship money available.

We hope that you will want to become a part of sharing the legacy of Crestridge with future generations.

General donations or gifts in memory of the above names may be made by check (CCAF, PO Box 22038, Lexington KY 40522-2038) or by PayPal through our website (www.crestridgealumnae.com).



The Lord is continually providing for Camp Crestridge. Here are just a few things that you will see for Summer 2013:



- New sound system for the Chapel
- New sound system for Closing Program
- Electric screen for the Chapel
- More folding chairs for Closing Program
- Adirondack chairs to put on the levee at the lake
- And most exciting, a new cabin! Cherokee 22 (the new Cherokee cabin) is almost complete.



Camp is so thrilled for the opportunity to impact ten more lives for God's glory!

It All Started in Those Glorious Mountains...

(by Sara Norton—2007, 2009, 2010)

I only spent one short summer at Camp Crestridge as a Chickasaw counselor in 2007, but God did some-



Sara Norton, left, and Susan Lesser were co-counselors in Chickasaw 2 in 2007.

thing miraculous in my life in those 10 weeks. I pulled up on the first night not knowing a soul and I left that summer with a restored heart, a deeper passion for Jesus, and a sense of community and sisterhood that I had never known.

I am so thankful that God romanced me in those majestic mountains, because it forever altered the course of my life. I finished college with a renewed fire for the Lord and a desire to serve Him with my whole life. After graduating from the University of Florida in 2010, I spent three months living in Worcester, South Africa, teaching and ministering. God opened a floodgate of love for the nations in that season, which ultimately led to an adventure I embarked on in September 2011 called The World Race.

The World Race is an exciting journey to 11 countries over 11 months. My squad of forty 21- to 35-year-olds came alongside ministries in each country and joined the work they were already doing to bring the kingdom. As a Racer I traveled with all my belongings for the year in a 45-lb. pack (including my tent, sleeping bag and sleeping pad), ate on \$3 a day, and lived among some of the poorest and most forgotten people in the world. I held orphans in Swaziland, taught surf camp in South Africa, preached in the streets of Central America, led worship in a jungle church in the Philippines, prayer walked in 4 feet of snow in Romania, and hiked the Great Wall of China. I got to worship in 21 languages and kiss the faces of beautiful children from four continents. I got to see God do some mighty things: He healed malnourished babies in Guatemala and drew the hearts of 22 inmates in Panama to Himself while we watched in awe. I also had the honor and charge of leading my entire squad and watching the Lord move in their lives in huge ways.

God has made my heartbeat look more like His with each step forward. The task ahead is sometimes daunting, but I come alive when I play my role in His glorious plan. In September I am heading to Thailand for four months to see real change come for Burmese refugees and, Lord willing, heading to Uganda in 2014 to bring education to village



Join us for Maintain the Memories!

Make your plans now to come to Maintain the Memories, May 24-26. Lodging and meals are available at the Conference Center. The weekend begins Friday night with a cookout at camp followed by a board meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Saturday is a full day of work, fun and fellowship. Watch your mail for a postcard with full details. If you have questions, you may contact Karen Stitt at stittkaren@yahoo.com.

communities. I would love for you, my Crestridge family, to be a part of my journey! You can follow my blog at www.barefootgospel.org and join with me in what God is doing in the nations.

And to think, it all started in those glorious mountains...



The Buzz around the Beehive

We're so happy to introduce The Buzz! Elizabeth Fowler put out a call through Facebook and got a huge response. Lots of graduates, marriages, future campers and more to report on:

Brooke Crutchfield was married April 13th. **Kathryn Grenig** is getting married in August. **Leslie Hardwick Cragwall's** second Crestridge cutie pie, Jillian Claire, was born on January 23. Sister Ellie is now 3. They are still living in Knoxville, Tenn. **Kristen Vining Pratt** and **David Pratt** welcomed a baby girl, Scarlett Amelia Pratt, on March 25. Her brothers are Carter and Coleman – two future kitchen boys and a Crestridger!

Lauren Christoff Arrington is married and living in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She and her husband are expecting their first baby in September. Lauren works for Weatherby Healthcare recruiting orthopedic and pediatric surgeons for hospitals nationwide. They have been helping launch a new church in their community. Lauren says it has been amazing seeing God's hand in the church's growth, and they are excited to raise their new baby in a wonderful Christ-centered community.

Susan McNamara graduated from UTC in May of this year. **Madeline Rowell Kimbrough** got married in January, moved to Asheville and works at Ridgecrest. **Sarah Harper** lives in Orlando and graduated in April in massage therapy. **Christina Rabadan** graduates in May with a bachelor's in Nursing from the University of Miami.

Katie Conway graduated in 2010 with a degree in graphic design from Samford University and works for an Information Technology company in software design. She will marry Jonathan Wohlwend of Knoxville in July. They both reside in Birmingham where Jonathan is in law school at Cumberland School of Law at Samford.

Brittany Branyon Cole is living in Germany with her hubby, Matt, and loving it! She will graduate in June from the University of Oklahoma with an M.A. in International Relations and is expecting their first little nugget in August! **Katelyn Browne** is studying Clinical Psychology in Copenhagen, Denmark, as a junior at Wofford College.

Debbye Lackey (Skaggs) Newton got married last August (yes, it even happens to senior citizens, she says), moved back to her hometown in Oklahoma ... and is still teaching school. **Allie King** and her husband live in Knoxville, have a little girl, Isabelle, who is 2½, and a baby due in July. Helping to keep Crestridge going strong!

Blakely White Callaham and her husband, Zack, and 4-year-old daughter, Wylie, live in Greenville, S.C. They welcomed another daughter in April, and say they need to start saving up for camp! **Lacie Skaggs Kirk** lives in southern Oklahoma and has been married to her wonderful husband for four years. They welcomed their first baby, Jesse Gavin, on February 18th.

Sarah Beth Rhoden loves being a paramedic in Naples, Fla. She claims she has the most beautiful 4-year-old daughter in the world, and she thanks God for working in her heart and life. **Barbara Suggs Fowler** enjoys traveling to Columbia, S.C., to see her two grandsons, George and Harlan Fowler. **Alison Schmitz** is married with two little boys (Jack and Charlie) and just moved to Chicago. She can't wait for them to be old enough to play at Ridgecrest!

Sarah Dunn is now living in Atlanta. **Elizabeth Fowler** completed her Ph.D. and is working in Asheville, N.C. **Hope Adkins** is living in Atlanta and is the site director at Dynamo Swim Club. **Liz Brown** and her husband, Tom, are com-

ing up on their fifth anniversary. They have two sons and are currently stationed at the U.S. Naval Academy where Tom is an instructor. Liz reports that being a mom and Navy wife is never dull.

Elizabeth Mannchen has been living in Germany for the past six years, working with YWAM (Youth With A Mission), an international missions organization. She and her husband, Uli, have been married almost three years and are leaders (at the military base) of the arts ministry "Pick a Pocket" (www.pickapocket.net), which focuses on using arts to raise awareness and help support people in extreme poverty. Elizabeth is also in a band called Liz and the Lions.

AliceClaire Thompson lives in Jackson, Miss., and does marketing and communication work for the state Information Technology agency. And she misses camp daily! **Robyn Watson** lives in Houston and teaches about 60 bassoon players between the ages of 11 and 19. Keeps her busy!

Taylor Pashley Ferguson has been married almost five years to an Air Force pilot and they are loving their life near Destin, Fla. Her husband has been deployed seven times since they married, but she says it's only made them stronger. Taylor just finished her M.A. in Marriage & Family Therapy and is practicing in their area. It's just the two of them and their goldendoodle puppy right now.

Ashton Merrell is living in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and enjoying her baby nephew. She encourages anyone visiting the area to go by Kirk's Ice Cream to see her. **Jessica Crosby** is serving up tasty treats at Rita's in Columbia, S.C. **Dan Meyers** is married with a baby boy and living on St. Simons Island in Georgia.

Send your updates to elizabethbfowler@gmail.com.

Ridgecrest Summer Camps revealed a big announcement on May 1. Check out the Camp Crestridge Facebook Fan Page to view the video!

Crestridge Merchandise—buy it before it's gone!!!!

We are thrilled to have some exciting new things in our CCAF store! These blue shirts are sure to force a stroll down memory lane as you read the back. And our alumnae shirts will not last long! These mugs will become your new favorites...and what better way to start each day than with a cup of coffee or tea in a mug that reminds you of some of your favorite summers!

Our Crestridge towels were a huge hit last summer and we reordered this year with a slightly different design. You'll need some sunglass holders to take with your towel on your beach trip this summer! And while you are at it, order one of these great vinyl cling decals for your car that will tell everyone that you are a CC alumna or parent.

Items will be on sale throughout the summer or you can order through our website at www.crestridgealumnae.com.

Order your great Camp Crestridge stuff at our website! Hurry, though! It never lasts long!

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Reunion details to follow!

