

Dear Friend,

November 2024

As Thanksgiving draws near, I am reminded of several things I am thankful for – one of which is the support of the Carl B. Kern Fund. This was such a passion of my husband, founder and former Board chair of the Fund, Dr. Stuart Weinberg. Going through some of his belongings, I found a box from the 1985 YMCA Camp Kern 75th Anniversary that still had 250 booklets about Mr. Kern. It made me wonder how many of these booklets he had ordered! This booklet included one of the things Stuart liked to share about the importance of camp:

In a September 20, 1915 report of the Boys' Work Secretary to the Dayton Y.M.C.A. Board of Trustees, C.B. Kern wrote, "**More of permanent value can be accomplished with a week in camp with a boy than months of casual contact.**"

This past May, at Strawberries and Ice Cream, the Fund gave **\$18,000** to YMCA Camp Kern. Executive Director Todd Brinkman followed up with the Fund's Board, sharing that:

The camperships were great this year. We had 20 kids from downtown Dayton who are first generation English speakers in their family. They all came to camp on this scholarship this year. It was amazing to work with them and their families. We had to rethink many things like applications in Spanish. Bringing families up for tours and having Jesus, our summer camp director who speaks Spanish, translate for them, that really made this work. Thank you and all the donors for making this happen.

We are also working on the upgrade to the high ropes course. This will help us get some younger kids on the course and some harder things for our teens — something for everyone. Thanks for continuing on this great legacy.

The sentiments expressed in 1915 by Mr. Kern continue to resonate in 2024, with Camp Kern meaningfully impacting campers' lives and the ripple effects spreading to many others. The Carl B. Kern Fund plays a vital role in supporting these camperships and experiences. As I write this, the Fund has raised **\$16,836** so far this year.

You can add to this legacy by donating online at https://www.daytonfoundation.org/donate-credit-card?Source=EXT&ReturnFundID=2110&ReturnFundName=Carl_B_Kern_Fund or by check made out to The Carl B. Kern Fund to either The Carl B. Kern Fund, c/o The Dayton Foundation, 1401 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Dayton, Ohio 45409 or to The Carl B. Kern Fund, 1207 Deanna Ct, Franklin TN 37067.

Thank you for making a positive impact on people you will likely never meet. You are making a difference in the lives of campers and continuing both Carl B. Kern and Stuart's work on making the world a better place. For that, I am very thankful.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Anne Weinberg
The Carl B. Kern Fund, chair