

April, 2024

Dear Friends,

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I picked up the phone at The Refuge and a dad said, "Is The Refuge going to be open this summer? My daughter loves to go there."

Thank you for helping The Refuge to be open. Your prayer and financial support have been amazing. As we discussed the finances that have come in recently, Greg Gudal said, **"It looks like the community wants The Refuge to stay open."** We have had many respond to the \$10,000 matching grant and you have been generous in your giving. You make us feel welcome.

It is our goal to make all students feel welcome at The Refuge. A national Youth for Christ leader posted a statement on Facebook that said, "Community is the context by which identity is formed." We see students everyday who are looking for a community that will give them a sense of identity. Some of these communities are positive and some are destructive. But Jesus said we need to change our thoughts, because "The kingdom of the heavens is near."

After we sang happy birthday to James,* he said, "I am going to my Church youth group tonight, and I came here because I want to spend my birthday with God."

Thank you for helping keep The Refuge open to youth that they might feel welcomed by the kingdom of God and find their identity in Him.

In gratitude,

Rodney

Area Director of The Refuge

*Name has been changed



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\$6,407.49

left of the
\$10,000
Generous
matching
funds!

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