



A Capital Campaign  
of Our Father's Children



**Every Child Deserves Hope.  
Help Us Build It.**



# Our Dream. His Divine Gift.



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Our Father's Children has always had a dream of a place that children of abuse and neglect could come and call home. A place with amenities for each program. A familiar place to create a sense of belonging. In the lives of foster children, change is constant and often

unwelcome. Moving from place to place, family to family, changing schools, making new friends –none of these things are easy for any child – especially a child who already feels so lost.

Camp Akiva has come about as a true miracle from God! For the last seven years, I have been dreaming of a camp facility to further the ministry of Our Father's Children (OFC). This dream was a result of my desire to reach more children of abuse and neglect. Over those years, a number of possible camp sites were introduced to OFC. However, none of them were a perfect fit. I began to feel this was a dream that would not come true.

However, a former OFC board member attended





a family camp and met a representative from a group of churches who owned an existing facility known as Christian Camp of the Living Word (CCLW). This group was seeking a buyer – someone who could purchase the property, improve it, allow their churches to continue using it, and assure use of the facility for kingdom purposes.

What a miracle! OFC met with CCLW at the campsite in October 2011 and discussed the opportunity. Over the course of the first half of 2012, details were negotiated and the sale consummated in the fall of 2012!

Camp Akiva will offer something to these children that many other places simply can't: a sense of home.

### **CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE**

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# Why Camp Akiva?



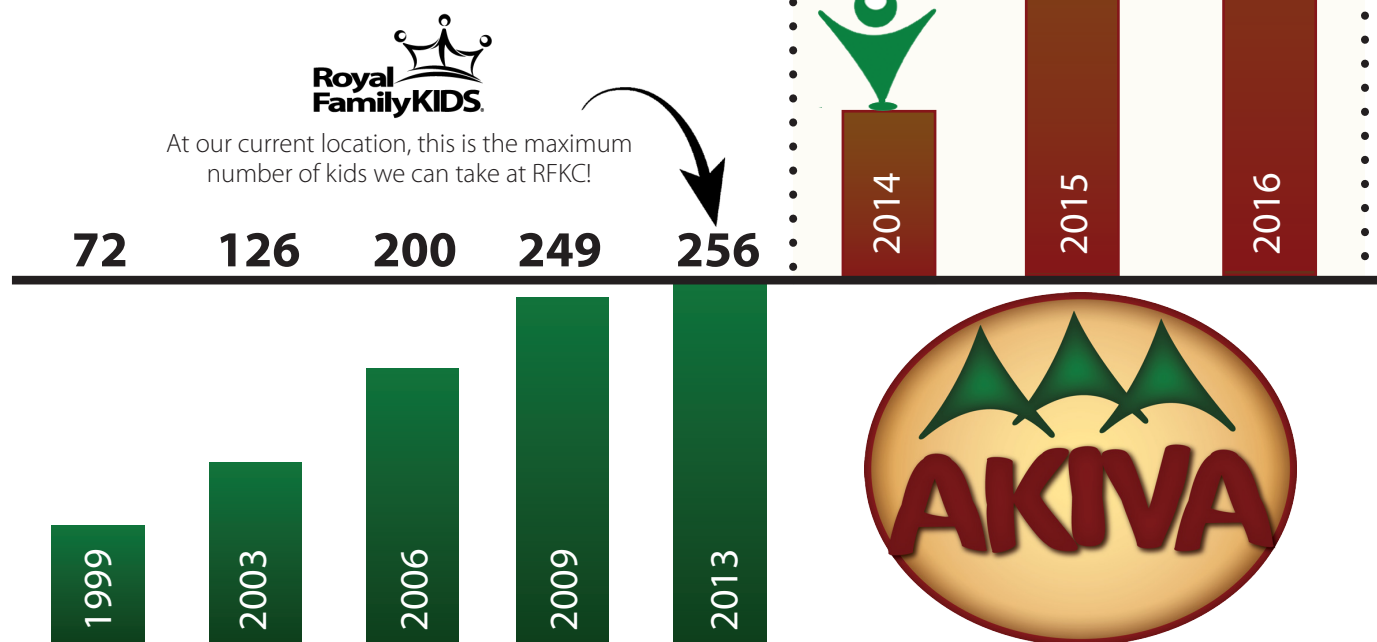
Currently, OFC takes the Royal Family Kids to a retreat center in Hawkins, Texas. Camp is maxed out due to the number of beds available at this location and securing a third week of camp is nearly impossible due to high demand and limited summer weeks. Royal Family Kids also have special needs; buildings with restrooms under the same roof so a child doesn't have to venture out in the middle of the night, lighted areas, and space to alleviate any feelings of claustrophobia or a sense that may trigger a scary memory. This program also requires a 'closed' facility for the week; one where no other groups are allowed on the premises to provide a safe space for the children, surrounding them with trained volunteers. OFC's retreat programs are also split between two other retreat facilities; both offering different amenities for the age-specific groups. This means as each child ages from program to program, they change facilities and are expected to learn new paths and buildings.

**WE HAVE GROWN BY 255%**  
**BUT WE ARE MAXED OUT!**



# WITH CAMP AKIVA, WE CAN GROW BY **27%!**

**Close to 70 children  
of abuse and neglect  
will have the opportunity  
to attend camp!**



The money raised will be used to create new buildings, a new pool, a new lake and pond area, as well as upgrades to the existing campsite. Upon completion the camp will sleep 330 at one time with three possible meeting areas. The three water activity sites will allow for swimming in two areas (pool and pond), fishing and canoeing. There will be two playing fields, one for baseball/softball and one for football/soccer/ultimate frisbee. With your donation, we can help thousands of children of abuse and neglect.

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES HOPE. HELP US BUILD IT!**





( 6-11 YEAR OLDS )

"This is fun. I can really feel safe here."

"I've never had a birthday party before!"

"I love the food, especially seconds that I don't get at home."

"God PLANNED for me to have fun this week!"

"It's so cool to see my mentor every month."

"I can't wait to see what we do next time!"

# Kids Speak!



( 12-15 YEAR OLDS )

"It's great getting away and hanging out."

"I love the hikes, especially up to the top where we can see really far."

"The Amazing Race was fun!"



( 16-18 YEAR OLDS )

"I have never been in a canoe."

"Paintball is so much fun!"

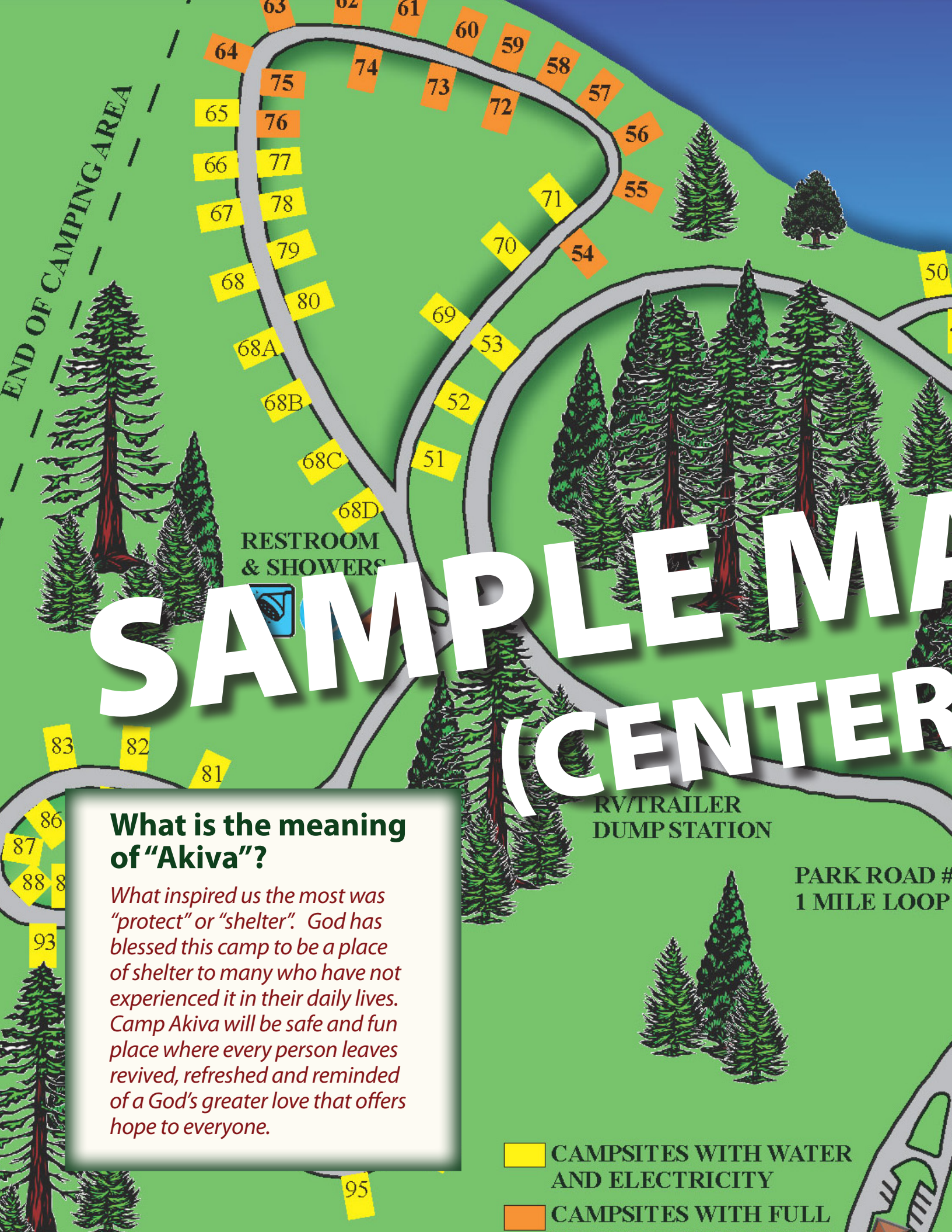
"The zip line is awesome!"

"I like the free time of visiting and games."



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Powerful  
Story on  
This Page**





END OF CAMPING AREA

RESTROOM  
& SHOWERS

RV/TRAILER  
DUMP STATION

PARK ROAD #  
1 MILE LOOP

# SAMPLE MA (CENTER

## What is the meaning of "Akiva"?

*What inspired us the most was "protect" or "shelter". God has blessed this camp to be a place of shelter to many who have not experienced it in their daily lives. Camp Akiva will be safe and fun place where every person leaves revived, refreshed and reminded of a God's greater love that offers hope to everyone.*

-  CAMPSITES WITH WATER AND ELECTRICITY
-  CAMPSITES WITH FULL

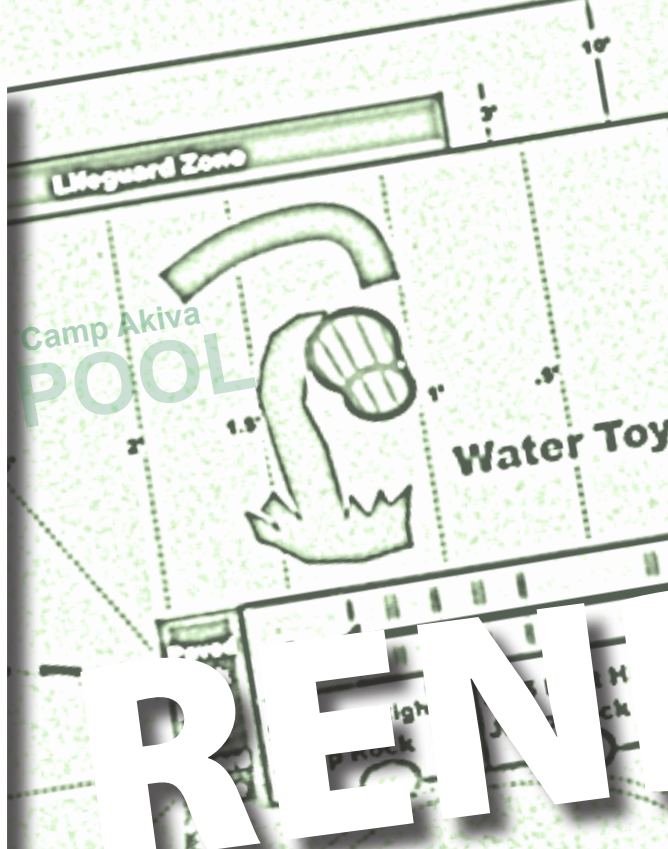




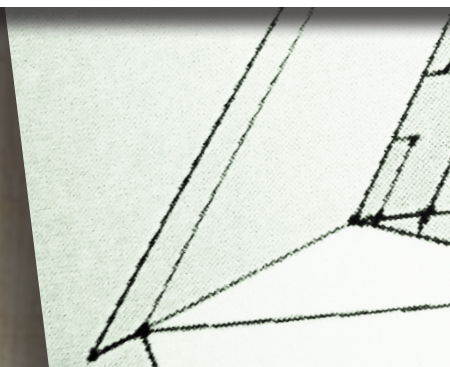
# Building Hope!



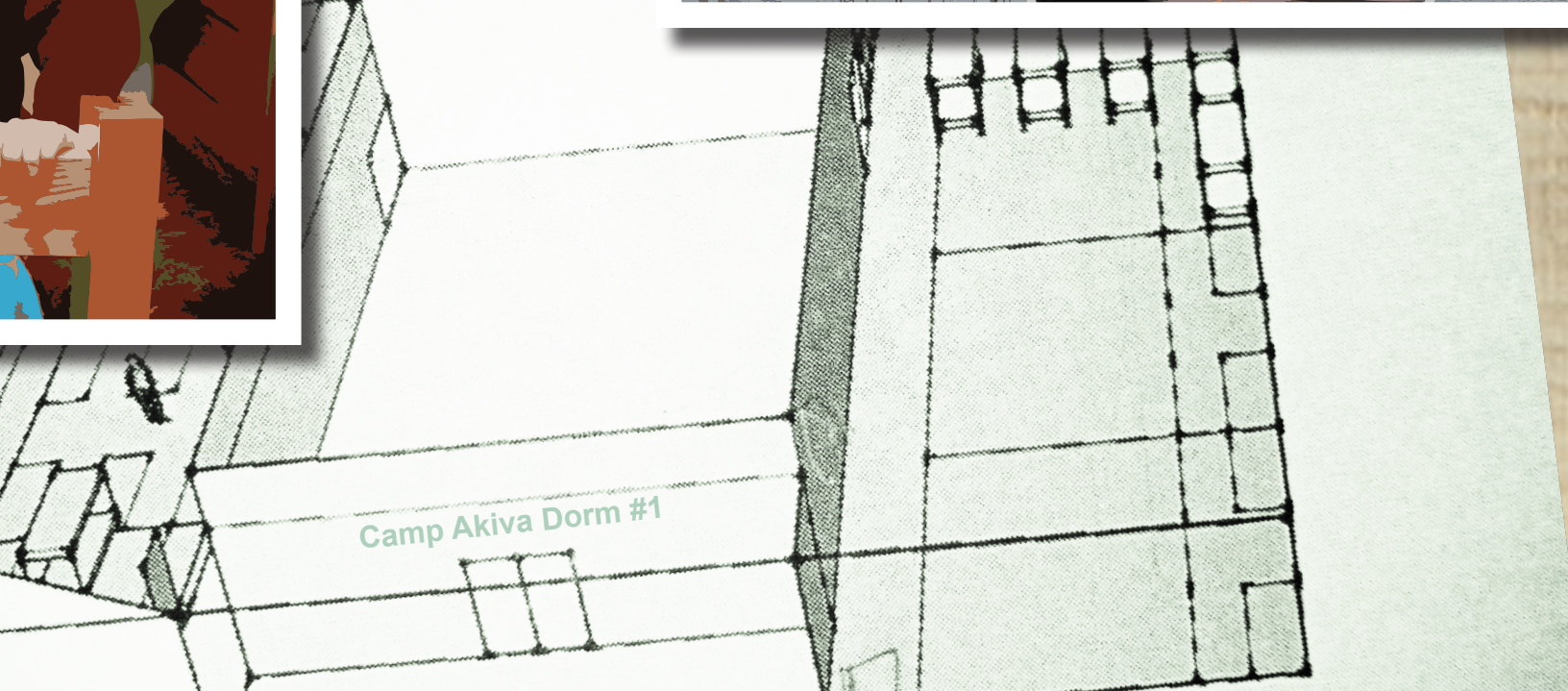
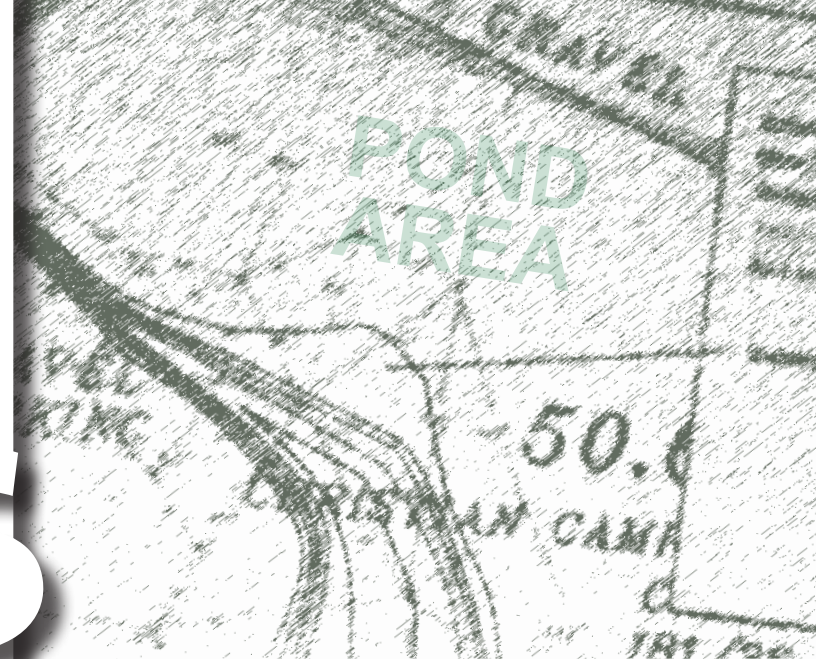




(with digital)  
to show future









# 50

Acres of God's creation in East Texas  
for fishing, swimming, challenge  
courses, softball, football and lots  
of space for crafts and fellowship



# 330

people will create memorable,  
life-changing opportunities for kids  
of all ages to experience true hope!



# HUNDREDS OF KIDS

will enjoy the water features found at the new  
lake, pond, stream and pool!





Teens we can serve in 3 years

**754**

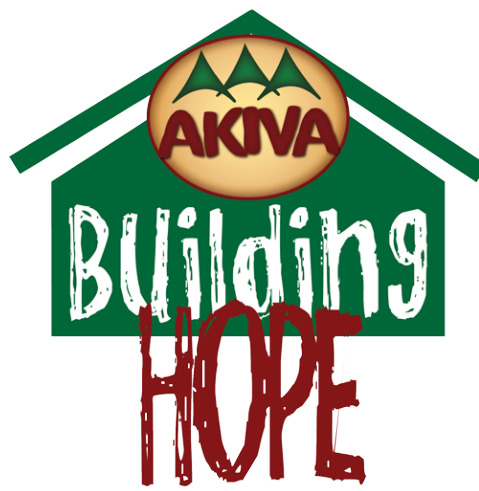


**188%**

Projected growth by 2016







# THE IMPACT



**100+**

Kids of abuse and neglect will have the opportunity to experience hope through extra week-long camps and weekend retreats



**\$50K**

Saved each camp from renting other facilities with fewer amenities, restricted access, and limited lodging availability



**\$2M**

Revenue over 10 years when other churches or ministries rent Camp Akiva for their use  
(revenue will be used for sustainability and enhancements)

A photograph of a young child with blonde hair, wearing a blue denim jacket and a blue baseball cap, sitting on a wooden dock by a body of water. The child is resting their head on their hands, looking down. A white plastic bag and a small blue object are on the dock next to them.

## Help us raise \$2.5 million for the kids!

# NAMING OPPORTUNITIES



**\$85,500** New Olympic-size swimming pool with shallow water park features



**\$80,500** Refurbish the dining hall



**\$438,600** New dorm with large meeting room  
(each of the 8 rooms – \$45,000; large meeting room – \$78,600)



**\$280,000** New praise & worship center with new sound equipment



**\$15,200** New football/soccer field



**\$150,000** New 7500 sq. ft. covered pavillion



**\$6,000** New cabins (sleep 28 people)



**\$14,000** New baseball field

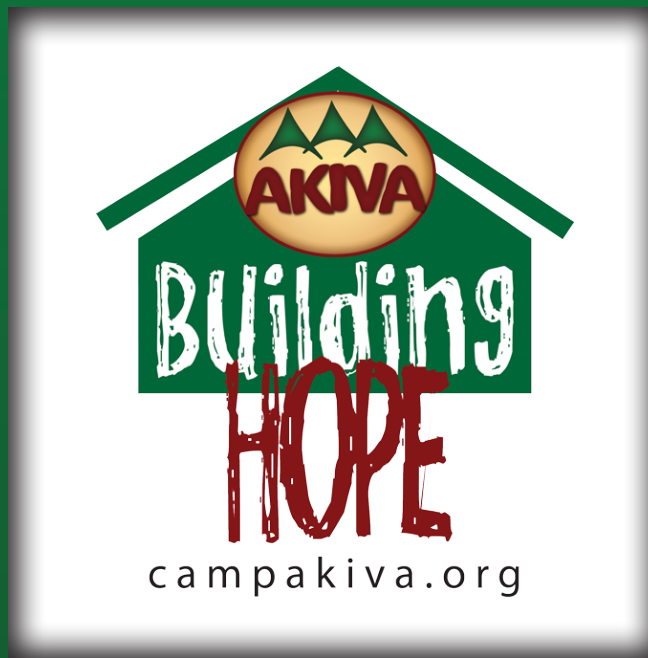


**\$220,000** New motel rooms (12 rooms)  
(\$18,500 for each room)

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