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# A chorus of voices raised in thanks

Mapleridge Camp Scholarships





'Camp was great. I saw all sorts of wildlife and got tons of fresh air.' Rory 'This year was the best by far. It was a huge step forward in my relationship with Christ.'

Ethan

'I made memories that I will never forget. I am closer to God than I have ever been in my life. Thank you so much for this opportunity.'

Adelyn

'The memories and friends I made will last a lifetime.'

Amelia

## 'You will never know how thankful I am.'

**Back-to-School Shopping** 

'Thank you for the shopping trip. I got some wonderful clothes.' Baeliegh

'Thank you, thank you, thank you for the school clothes. ... Now I don't have to feel different than anybody else. ' Lexus

'I am beyond grateful. We had a blast shopping and trying on clothes. I was able to get everything I wanted.'

Billy

'Thank you for the school clothes. I'm now able to have good clothes for the next school year.'

Ту



'Ty loved the clothing *he* picked. This gift lifted such a big burden for my family and me. You are a blessing to us!' Ty's grandmother

'I had a good time. The driver was great. She was willing to take us anywhere for shopping.' Benjamin

#### Ramp Building / Housing Help



'Special shout-outs to Ken and Sandy Banker and Steve Givens for planning our challenging ramp and for suggesting the long steps. They work beautifully!'

Anonymous

'The two men who put in the ramp for us did an excellent job. Thank you for all that you have done for us.'

Sue and Francis Foster

'Thank you doesn't seem to fully express my gratitude for not only helping my family but also embedding hope in my heart when it was needed most.' Donna









## A grateful family thanks our generous community

This last year has been extremely difficult for my family. My husband, Mitchell, was diagnosed in February with prostate cancer, stage 4 and terminal. He has been through every type of treatment there is. Although the treatment cannot cure Mitchell, it has slowed the disease dramatically, giving us a bit more time with him. Even his oncologist refers to it as God's grace!

Throughout this ordeal, my daughter Melissa has never wavered in her faith that everything would be okay, both financially and emotionally. She helped us reach out to Sister Mary and the staff at Tioga County Rural Ministry, and through these connections we received help to pay for our prescriptions until Medicaid was approved.

A few months ago, I needed a bed. I'd been using

air mattresses, but these didn't last. I was fortunate to receive a brand-new roll-away bed, thanks again to TCRM-- and our community.

Sister cannot help all on her own. She relies on the generosity of those in our community. I hope our family's story can help other families who may be facing hardships to never feel ashamed, to reach out and ask for help.

I cannot thank you enough for your donations. Families need much more than food. Sometimes it is simply the friendly faces you see when you visit TCRM.

On behalf of our entire family, thank you to everyone at TCRM. Most importantly, thank you to our Tioga County community!

-- Cynthia Nichols

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#### WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Pack holiday food for seniors and/or those who are homebound on a Friday, Nov. 15 or Dec.13, 10 am-noon.
- Deliver holiday food to seniors and/or those who are homebound on a Friday, Nov. 15 or Dec. 13, 1-2 p.m.
- Transport Toys for Tots toys from Neighborhood Depot to VFW on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 10.
- Transport TCRM toys via truck to VFW/set up tables on Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 8:30 a.m.
- \_\_Sort toys into age-related groups on Wed., Dec. 11, 9-10 a.m. at the VFW
- Help on Thursday, Dec. 12, Toy Distribution Day, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the VFW.
  Bake 6 dozen holiday cookies for Christmas Cookie Sale on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the American Legion

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