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WILDERNESS WAY GIRLS' CAMP CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

**SEPT.
 26,
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CHICKASAW POINT
 GOLF CLUB
 503 S. HOGAN DR.
 WESTMINSTER, SC 29693

CHECK-IN
 BEGINS AT 7:30AM
 TO 8:30AM
 SHOTGUN START
 AT 9:00AM

**\$10,000 PRIZE
 HOLE-IN-ONE
 CHALLENGE**

\$600 - FOURSOME TEAM

TOP TEAM, LONG DRIVE, AND CLOSEST TO PIN COMPETITION



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The people behind the difference...

Camp's purpose is to bring help and hope to hurting girls and their families. Camp relies on young women 21 or older to serve as a chief (or counselor) living with a group in a campsite. A chief's primary role is to take the lead in building a healthy group spirit modeling helpfulness, forgiveness, tolerance, etc. This is displayed when facing a struggling camper who may be cussing out her chief. As the chief responds, her tone, expression, and genuine care sets the example for the group. Rather than arguing, she gathers the group together to address the problem, and together the group deals with the struggling group member.

Through this role, a chief develops patience, consistency, humility, forgiveness, and the ability to love unconditionally among many other qualities. She comes to help others, but leaves having grown deeply herself.

Inside read Chief Crystal's thoughts as she reflects on her time at camp...



Left: Chief Crystal several other former Camp Chiefs.

How Camp Changed Me: *Crystal Reflects on her time as a Chief*

It's hard to narrow down how camp impacted my life and helped me grow, but one of the biggest things I learned is this: **Everything we do affects those around us—for good or bad.**

At camp, this becomes very real. Living and working closely with others, you quickly realize that your words, actions, and attitudes matter. As a Chief, I often prayed that the Lord would work through me, that somehow a seed would be planted in the lives I interacted with.

At the same time, I grew in ways I didn't expect. My group constantly revealed areas in my own life that needed change. I am forever grateful for what they taught me.

Growth in the Middle of Struggle

Camp wasn't easy. There were many hard days with times of frustration, exhaustion, and uncertainty. One of the greatest areas of growth for me was learning patience and perseverance. Loving consistently, especially when it was difficult, stretched me beyond what I thought I was capable. It required relying on the Lord daily, not on my own strength. Through those challenges, **I began to understand that growth often comes in the middle of struggle—not after it.**



Wrestling with Doubt

When I first joined my group, there was one young girl who, like many campers, struggled deeply. She had been over medicated, was desperate for attention, and functioned far below her age level. Her time at camp was a roller coaster. Yet in the middle of the struggle, there were glimpses of change: growth in self-control, learning to care for herself and others, and developing responsibility and determination. By her graduation there was much to celebrate. But questions lingered, **would she continue to grow once she returned home—especially to a chaotic environment?**

Even with that growth, there were still questions that lingered in my mind after camp ended: **Was it worth it? Did it make a difference?** When you invest so much into people for a season and then step away, you don't always get to see what happens next. Being human, I found myself wondering if the time, effort, and love poured out had truly made an impact.

God's Faithfulness Over Time

After being away from camp for six and a half years, I received a letter from this same camper, now in her early twenties, living on her own. It said....



Chief Crystal leading out solving a problem with her group in campsite.

“I have been through a lot in the past few years... but God is definitely working His mighty power in my life right now... I got saved back in March and am very active in my church... thank you so much for all you have done for me. You were always someone I genuinely looked up to.”

Lessons That Stayed with Me...

God chose to use my imperfect reflection of His love to begin something in her life, for His glory. This reminded me of something powerful:

We are not always called to see the outcome—only to be faithful in the moment.

In life, we often have only short seasons with people. Those seasons may feel long and difficult at the time, but they matter more than we realize.

Even when we don't see results it's never wasted care, it's never pointless to invest, and it's never futile to love the difficult ones. That small window of time might be the only reflection of Christ someone ever sees.

To God be the Glory

Only God knows how the seeds we plant will grow. Sometimes we water, sometimes we plant, but God brings the increase and that is enough.

To God be the Glory,
Chief Crystal



Chief Crystal with her husband Zach