

## **Title: Addressing the Fatherless Epidemic Through Camp: A Call to Action**

In America today, the fatherless epidemic is a harsh reality affecting millions of children across the nation. This crisis is affecting families from all walks of life, regardless of race, religion, or socioeconomic status. The absence of a father figure in a child's life can have profound and long-lasting effects, impacting everything from emotional well-being to academic success and beyond.

Statistics paint a sobering picture: according to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 19 million children in the United States are living without a father in the home. This staggering number represents approximately one in four American children who are growing up without the guidance, support, and love of a father. Children from fatherless homes are more likely to experience poverty, struggle academically, and engage in delinquent behavior. They are also at a higher risk of experiencing physical and emotional health issues, including depression, anxiety, and substance abuse.

The impact of fatherlessness extends far beyond individual families; it affects entire communities and society as a whole. Research has shown that children who grow up without a father are more likely to drop out of school, become involved in the criminal justice system, and perpetuate the cycle of poverty in future generations.

James 1:27 states, "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this, to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." This verse underscores the importance of caring for fatherless children and their mothers, calling all Christians to action.

Summer camp can be a transformative experience for fatherless children, providing them with opportunities and experiences that can change the trajectory of their lives. That's why we have partnered with Psalm68Five ministries this summer.

Psalm68Five has provided [INSERT AMOUNT] in scholarship funding for fatherless campers this summer. However, they have also challenged us to match this funding so we can help even more fatherless children experience Christian camp.

We invite you to join us in this important mission by partnering with us financially. Your support will enable us to give the gift of camp to more fatherless children, providing them with a safe and nurturing environment where they can grow spiritually, emotionally, and socially. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of these children and their families.