



Bunk Beds Change Lives!

Every camper that comes to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries deserves and needs some basic things in order for them to fully embrace the camp experience. They need safety, good food, good sleep and love. At GLLM, it is our honor to show every camper radical hospitality, and we know that it truly matters in how they participate in the camp experience. Travis Aufderheide, GLLM Executive Director says, “something as simple as a comfortable mattress can make all the difference for kids. When they sleep well, they have more energy and focus; they are open to new experiences; they participate more wholly, and they just have more fun!”

When a camper is able to have this full, fun, safe camp experience, it can shape their whole future. They come back again and again. They are excited to participate more in their home congregation. They become staff, who then become full-grown adults who love and lead the church. And, if we are really lucky, they come full-circle and become the leaders in their congregations that support kids coming to camp.

Aufderheide says, “GLLM donors are passionate about creating a premier camping experience for the youth that come here. The fee that a camper pays doesn’t cover the cost of their camp experience and the difference comes largely from donations. Amongst other things, those donations cover the costs of training and supporting our summer staff, scholarships for campers who can’t afford the fee, and special facility needs – like new bunk beds.”

He continues, “Donors support these things because they know that the value of a camp experience shows up in how these youth live the rest of their lives. They know that their gift makes a real difference!”

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries has been updating the bunk room beds for the last 10 years, and there are only four rooms remaining that need new beds. The cost to replace these beds and mattresses is \$12,000. GLLM is inviting your gifts through Minnesota’s Give to the Max Day to make this possible in 2019!