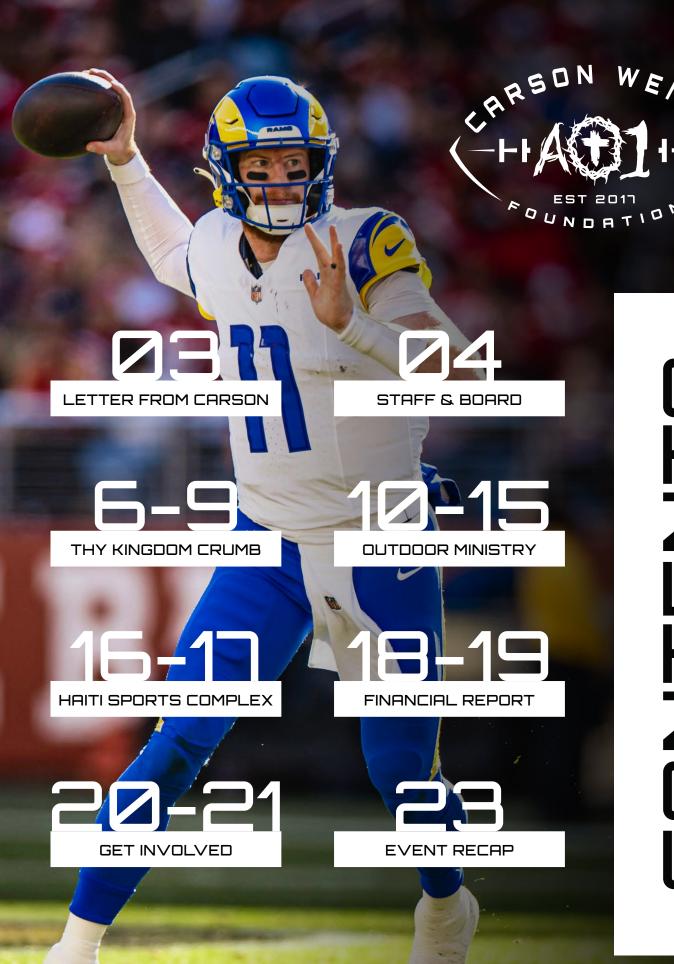


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# LETTER FROM CARSON



As I reflect on 2023 for the <u>AO1 Foundation</u>, the word momentum comes to mind. There are so many examples of this throughout our ministries, and I'm excited to share them with you throughout this report!

In Indianapolis, <u>Thy Kingdom Crumb</u> increased its serving frequency and number of meals. We had the priviledge to serve over 10,500 meals and share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with our guests. Serving on the food truck alongside my wife continues to be one of our favorite ways to give back, and it's always fun to see smiling faces as we hand them delicious food.

At <u>Camp Conquerors</u>, we eclipsed the 100-camper mark for the first time in 2023. Over 105 children with unique medical backgrounds attended one of two weeks of camp, where they were encouraged, supported, celebrated and reminded of God's love.

Finally, our <u>Mountain Movers</u> program continued to offer those same children world-class hunting, fishing and other outdoor opportunities. This year featured more trips, adventurers and miles traveled than ever before. I was also able to go on my first Mountain Movers adventure this fall, and it was an eye-opening experience. Watching our participants, who have challenging medical histories, enjoy God's creation and simply be children again was so fun to watch. We cooked our own wild game, chatted about life in the blind and the evening devotionals provided some of the most memorable moments of the trip. It was a privilege to speak into their lives, and we are blessed to have a team that pours their hearts into every child and adventure.

We are incredibly grateful for all those who helped make it such a momentous and impactful year, and we know the Lord has big plans for the AO1 Foundation in 2024!

God Bless,



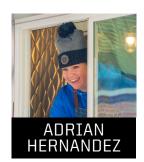
# STAFF DIRECTORY

The success of the AO1 Foundation largely hinges on our staff's dedication, work ethic and passion. We are blessed to have an amazing team of full-time, part-time and hourly employees who go above and beyond in their respective areas to amplify our impact.





















# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



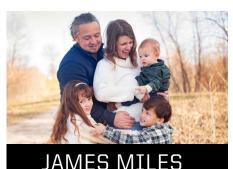
**CARSON WENTZ** 















# UPLIFTING

INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD BY

# DEMONSTRATING GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE.















OUTREACHES

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<u>2,734</u>

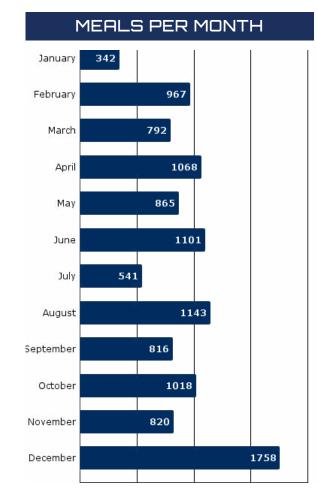
RESOURCES

301

VOLUNTEERS







<u>Thy Kingdom Crumb</u> exists to remind people that they are seen, valued and loved by addressing the issue of food insecurity. Through the distribution of free, high-quality food with excellence and community outreach, we want to help all people tangibly experience the unconditional love of God.

From 2018 to 2023, Thy Kingdom Crumb has served more than 100,000 free meals and distributed thousands of free Biblical resources.



distribute food to all people

and hosting cooking classes.

including serving from the food

truck, delivering to those in need

With a heart to serve those in need, we hold multiple outreaches each week, providing

of the community.

150-250 meals in various parts

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



and communities.





to anyone and everyone.



Our professionally-trained chef and volunteers source the freshest ingredients to create hand-crafted meals that are filling and nutritious.







After reaching out to the Red Cross and talking with our team, we switched our last outreach of June to Greenwood, IN, one of the areas hit the hardest by the tornado. The truck arrived at an apartment complex with roofs covered in tarps and windows boarded up. Our team came full of joy and ready to serve as residents wandered to the truck. We had many opportunities to pray with people and share the love of Christ with them. We saw single mothers as well as young adults and retirees. We were able to bless the apartment complex as well as the police department, two firehouses and an assisted living staff in the area. This outreach was very different from what we are used to, but it was just as impactful for us as it was for the people we served.





**IMPACT STORIES** 



We recently built a relationship with the Department of Child Services (DCS) in Marion County and have hosted two outreach events at their location to serve their staff and those in the surrounding neighborhoods.

We love building relationships and serving in areas consistently, but there is also something fun about meeting new people and impacting a new community.

One new quest we met at DCS ioined us on his bike after he saw our sign by the street corner. He came over with all his belongings and could not believe we had free food for him. After learning about our mission, he said, "I almost wasn't going to come over because the traffic to cross the road was so busy, but suddenly, as I got near the truck, the traffic parted like the Red Sea.' We were shocked to hear his analogy, but it also allowed us to share with him how this was a divine appointment. We were there to feed, encourage, pray and uplift him that day. As he rode away on his bike with his food and New Testament bible. we knew that his joining us that day was truly set in motion long before we arrived.



One of the most amazing doors God has opened for Thy Kingdom Crumb is at the Marion County Juvenile Detention Center. We are met by God's children every time we walk through those doors, who might seem hardened and distant at first. However, God softens their hearts within minutes, and in no time, we're all laughing and having fun! We have hosted three cooking classes at the detention center and delivered meals to remind them that God has not forgotten them. Each time, we have had the opportunity to share a message of hope from the Bible and have seen God move in their hearts. We are grateful for our time there and know it has made a significant difference.



One of our hopes as a ministry is to help people take their next steps in their faith. We were out with the truck early in April, and a young man visited us for the second time. He spoke with one of our team members about the impact that our last outreach made on his life. Since that outreach, he read one of the free resources we give away. After reading the book, he made the decision to get plugged in at a local church in his area. He has been attending regularly, and he joined their 10-week discipleship course. Through these decisions, he has seen tremendous change in his life. This story continues to remind us that food is the tool we use to open up avenues for spiritual growth.



We love our outreaches at Veterans Memorial Plaza in downtown Indianapolis. Many of the people we serve at this location experience homelessness. After joining us for a meal, one man approached our team and said, "I have to tell you something. I was leaving work down the street and looked on a map on my phone to see where I could easily steal some food to eat. Then. I saw your sign about a free meal." Our team member told him God knew what he needed and when/ where he needed it! It was such an encouragement that when we face the temptation to sin, God will ALWAYS provide the way out, and it reminded us of a verse:

"No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation, he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to bear it."

1 Corinthians 10:13 CSB



#### **CARSON WENTZ A01 FOUNDATION**

#### PARTNERS WITH LUCAS OIL FOR

#### "SEASON OF GIVING"

At the end of 2023, the <u>Carson Wentz AO1 Foundation</u> and <u>Thy Kingdom Crumb</u> announced the Season of Giving campaign presented by <u>Lucas Oil</u> to provide extra tangible care to individuals and communities most at risk during the holiday season.

Through this initiative, we are proud to share that we hosted nine different outreach events during the five weeks from Thanksgiving to Christmas. In that time, we served over 1,747 free meals to individuals in need throughout Marion County. We served multiple times in downtown Indianapolis, on the near Eastside and at the Juvenile Detention Center.

"Probably more than any other time of the year, I think food plays such an important part during the holidays," said Carson Wentz, president of the AO1 Foundation. "We wanted to find a way to make a real impact in the lives of people in need, so we are so grateful that Lucas Oil was willing to come alongside us for this project."

The AO1 Foundation wants to extend a special thank you to Lucas Oil for making our Season of Giving campaign possible and continuing their support of Thy Kingdom Crumb. We look forward to continuing to serve the Indianapolis area again and provide critical nutrition to those in need throughout the year!







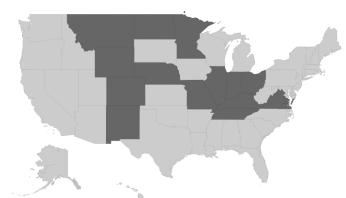
CAMPERS

**ACTIVITIES** 

**VOLUNTEER HOURS** 

SNACKS SERVED









ADVENTURES

CHILDREN

SPECIES TARGETED

POUNDS OF GAME

MILES TRAVELED

The <u>Outdoor Ministry</u> was created to serve children with life-threatening illnesses and other life-altering medical situations through two programs: Mountain Movers and Camp Conquerors.

Mountain Movers provides once-in-a-lifetime hunting, fishing and other outdoor adventures where children can enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Children are mentored in the Gospel through small group discussions as part of each adventure.

Camp Conquerors is a free camp that allows children to experience the outdoors in a setting designed to uplift them spiritually, emotionally and mentally through worship, biblical teaching and small group discussion.





Hunting, fishing, camping and other outdoor activities allow children to unplug from technology and engage with us on a personal and spiritual level.



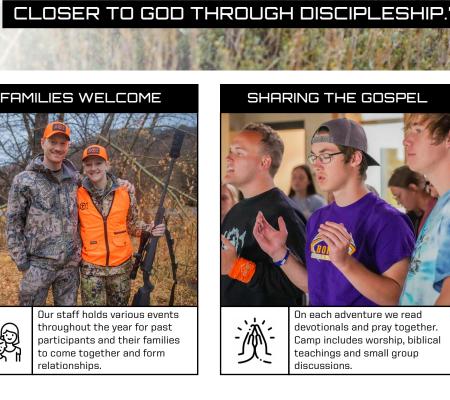
fishing are undoubtedly ethical,

vital for conservation and can

provide nutrition for families.







"FOSTERING A GENUINE PASSION FOR

THE OUTDOORS AND BRINGING PEOPLE

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SHARING THE GOSPEL





their first time at camp or on an

adventure is only the beginning.







#### IMPACT STORIES





As the sun rose in Illinois and the ducks dropped out of the sky, you could see the boys' eyes light up. As the ducks flew in, we shot a lot, hit a few, missed plenty and gave lots of high-fives.

We don't often get to sit back, watch and think about how special these moments are that we get to enjoy together. Throughout the weekend, our team watched Carson's dream and vision for Mountain Movers come to life. These children, who have faced significant medical hardships that have consumed their lives, were able to engage and immerse themselves in this moment. It was a weekend we know the boys will remember forever, and they will be even more grateful for it as time passes.



Martin's elk hunt in New Mexico was incredible. He suffered a significant spinal cord injury during football and attended Camp Conquerors in 2023 for the very first time. After getting to know him personally, we knew this trip was the right fit.

After battling some adversity, we were able to spot a great bull on the final morning. We closed the distance from 900 to 300 yards, and Martin made a perfect shot. It was an incredible culmination of an unforgettable trip.

For a child who has battled so much physically, mentally and emotionally, it was so much fun to enjoy that moment with him. We know he won't ever forget it, and we are excited to see him at camp again in 2024.



In August, Tyler joined us for his first-ever deer hunt. After the long drive to Tennessee, we settled in for a 3-day hunt. Over the course of our time together, we watched multiple bears at close range, caught a few giant rainbow trout and eventually harvested a velvet 9-point whitetail that had Tyler grinning ear to ear.

However, the highlight of those three days was our devotional time at night, when we talked about who Jesus is and what that means for us.

We don't always see the effect of our Mountain Movers adventures, but we caught up with Tyler at the AOI Experience in Indianapolis. From the other side of the room, our staff saw Tyler grinning ear to ear with his parents. He walked up and gave Ty a big hug. His parents behind him said, "Tell him. Tell him." Tyler shared that he realized after our trip how much he needed God. He took the 75-day devotional we give to each Mountain Movers participant and read it each day along with his new Bible.

Tyler said our time together was so impactful that it inspired him to do something bigger than himself. He pulled out his phone to show us a Christian clothing company he started with merchandise featuring Bible verses on the sleeves. Tyler was so proud, as was his mom, who stood by him, smiling with tear-filled eyes. We are continually in awe of how God will use a 4-day trip to jumpstart someone's faith and how faithful He is to continue moving through our Mountain Movers program.



The girls' favorite part of the trip to Montana was whitewater rafting and zip-lining. They also loved the challenge of the rock climbing wall, but despite some fear of heights, they each made it to the top. The girls also impressed me during the hike. Not everyone can finish the hike to the top, but they all did! The girls really embraced their fears and loved the whole adventure! At the top of the mountain, we learned about God being with us while we climb other mountains (trials) and how He gives us a fresh perspective when we get there. Even though we may go through valleys and have to climb out again, He strengthens us. We celebrated together, and they seemed very proud of themselves because they called their parents to tell them that we made it and to show them the view. Overall, the girls had a great trip! They laughed, sang, danced and joked the entire trip. We are excited to watch their relationships grow with one another and with Jesus over their time with us in the Outdoor Ministry.



When we asked the girls about their adventure to Duluth, they said the entire trip was their favorite!

We went on many hikes, did some sightseeing, visited a lighthouse, rode alpine slides, took a gondola ride at Lutsen Mountain and did a ropes course with zip-lining.

All four girls went to camp for the first time this year, so they already knew each other, which helped our small group time and devotionals.

One of the major topics we discussed was fear and learning what the bible says about fear and anxiety. One of the girls seemed deeply impacted by a particular verse, Philippians 4:6-7, and was even bringing it up at the end of the trip.

It's amazing to see how God's word has impacted these girls and how in tune they are with the Holy Spirit when reading scripture! Together, we read about their identity in Jesus. They picked verses that stuck out and wrote them down. They seemed to be growing in self-esteem and self-confidence, which will be crucial for these girls as they enter their teenage years. They are only 11-12 years old, and this is just the beginning for them! They are so vibrant, brave, wise and determined already!



Our senior trip was as encouraging and fun as we expected. We had six seniors join us (four girls and two boys) for a fun-filled weekend in Medora. ND.

We enjoyed touring Teddy Roosevelt National Park, hiking, horseback riding, the Pitchfork Fondue, mini golfing and the beauty of God's creation.

Highlighted by devotions and time spent around the fire, we talked on the trip about the importance of finding a healthy community, making an intentional decision to follow Christ as they become adults and never forgetting that God has a plan for each of their futures. We were encouraged to hear that all of our seniors desire to step into the next stage of life and dive deeper into their walk with Jesus.

Our senior trip is always one of our favorite adventures of the year to see new friendships form, old friendships rekindled and for time to reflect on the growth that has happened through the Outdoor Ministry over the years.

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"This camp has been more than just a five-day vacation from reality. During the most difficult time in our son's life, camp last year was a lifesaver and couldn't come soon enough. The growth I have seen is amazing; he has grown stronger in his faith, has courage that he never had, his confidence is blossoming, and he talks about camp all year round. This camp is changing lives, creating memories and making a difference in the lives of children and their parents. Thank you so much for everything you do for these kids."



"Our daughter loved everything about camp. There were many clarifying moments for her in her cancer recovery and her relationship with Jesus through the chapel messages."



"I'm not exactly sure what my son enjoyed the most because he had a tough time communicating things, but I know when he came home, he told me, 'I had the best time! I didn't even want to come home!' It was nothing but smiles."



Thank you to the AO1
Foundation and all involved in making this camp possible.
I know it means so much to the campers who are able to attend, and it means the world to parents like us as well."



"Our daughter loved camp and already looks forward to attending next year. We see her reading her Bible daily and journaling. Although she did this some before attending camp, now it is daily and sometimes multiple times per day. This camp was life-changing for her, and we are so grateful she was able to attend."





IMPACT STORIES



Lexie Scherbenske attended a women's conference in Bismarck in the fall. She was there with one of our past campers who decided to be baptized. She even asked if Lexie would pray and baptize her! Lexie was absolutely honored to be able to participate in this special moment. It was powerful, and we are incredibly proud of her decision to publicly declare that Jesus has changed her from within. It is evident that her strength and joy comes from the Lord and that she walks with him."



Our first Fall Retreat at Camp Conquerors was a success and a big step in accomplishing our vision for our Outdoor Ministry programs. Although it was just one weekend, Fall Retreat gave us an opportunity to dive deeper than ever spiritually and, as always, reconnect with over 30 children who have come through our programs.

Fall Retreat felt like a mini-camp, as we had regular chapel times, chapel games, cabin groups, group games and more. One of our favorites was a Turkey decoration competition, where we had each group dress one of their cabin members as a turkey. We also held a Winter Olympics and various indoor games and spent time rekindling friendships.





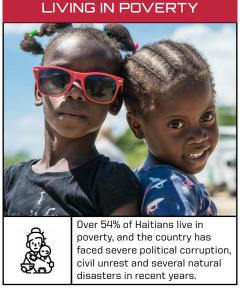


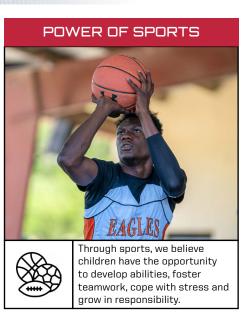


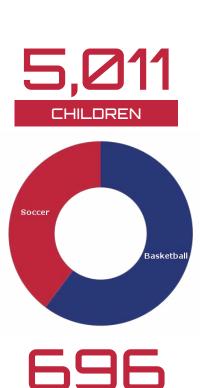
AO1 Foundation to establish a

partner with Mission of Hope.

footprint in Haiti and decided to







HOURS OF USE



The AO1 Foundation created and built the <u>Haiti Sports Complex</u> through a partnership with Mission of Hope.

The complex, including an 18,000 sq. foot multipurpose building with two sport courts and locker rooms and a full-size turf soccer field, was opened at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 2, 2021.

Since then, Mission of Hope staff has hosted numerous basketball and soccer camps at the sports complex. At each camp, children receive a nutritious meal and fresh water, develop their skills through coaching and are discipled in the Gospel.

However, due to increased gang violence in Haiti, all sports ministry has been temporarily suspended at the Haiti Sports Complex. Programming has resumed in other villages while we pray for hope and restoration.







LEARNING THE GOSPEL

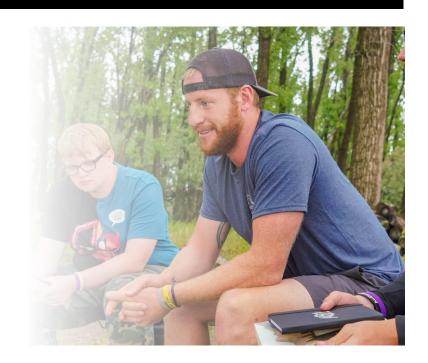




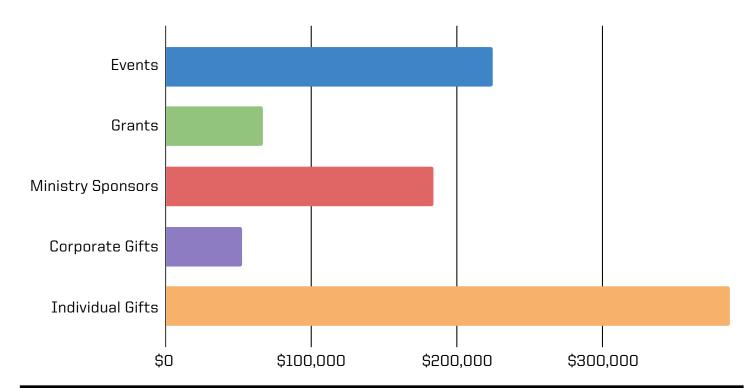
# FINANCIAL REPORT

A01 Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. A significant portion of our funding comes from individuals, with additional funding from grants, corporate contributions and various fundraising events.

The AO1 Foundation's fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31, with an independent audit performed annually.



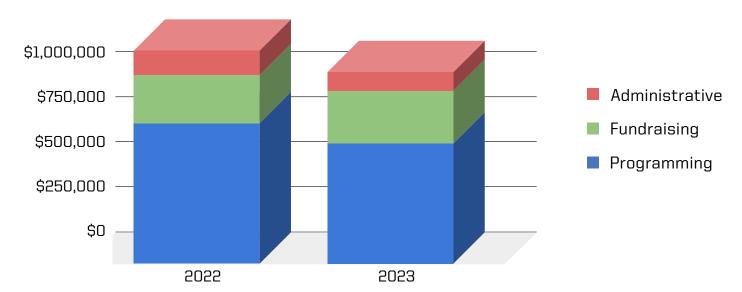
### REVENUE BY CATEGORY



EVENTS	GRANTS	SPONSORS	CORPORATE	INDIVIDUALS
\$224,869	\$67,000	\$184,200	\$52,500	\$387,680



## **EXPENSES BY CATEGORY**

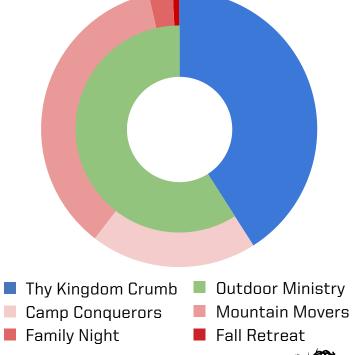


	2022	2023
PROGRAMMING	\$776,788	\$663,192
FUNDRAISING	\$266,125	\$292,430
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$135,460	\$104,671

## **EXPENSES BY PROGRAM**

MINISTRY EXPENSES			
THY KINGDOM CRUMB	\$277,158		
OUTDOOR MINISTRY	\$399,445		

	OUTDOOR MINISTRY EXPENSES				
	CAMP CONQUERORS	\$131,784			
	MOUNTAIN MOVERS	\$243,661			
	FAMILY NIGHT	\$18,897			
	FALL RETREAT	\$5,013			





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# GET INVOLVED





Since 2017, the <u>A01 Foundation</u> has impacted hundreds of children and families through outdoor experiences, provided a safe place for Haitian children to play sports and uplifted thousands through the gift of a free meal. Yet, there are countless others in our local community and around the world who need to be reminded of God's love.

That opportunity awaits through our ministries, and your generosity will change lives.

To bring together our group of donors, we created <u>ONE Team</u>. Each ONE Team member has committed to sponsoring the work being done through our ministries.

Join us as we directly connect you to your gift and demonstrate the eternal impact you are making.

#### 100% OF DONATIONS DIRECTLY FUND A01 MINISTRIES.





Contributes to sponsoring a child with a life-threatening illness at <u>Camp Conquerors</u>



Contributes to sponsoring a oncein-a-lifetime outdoor adventure through Mountain Movers



\$1200

Contributes to sponsoring an entire Thy Kingdom Crumb food truck outreach

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#### **VOLUNTEER WITH A01** -

Thousands of volunteer hours are logged annually across our ministries. We are honored that so many individuals would give their time and gifts to support the work we are doing and help us give back.

If you'd like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please scan this QR code or <u>visit our website</u> and complete the volunteer form.



#### WHAT IS A SPONSOR?

A sponsor is an individual or company that has made a financial commitment to the AO1 Foundation to support a ministry that most appeals to them.

#### WHAT CAN I SPONSOR?

Sponsorships exist in the Outdoor Ministry for children at Camp Conquerors and Mountain Movers adventures as well as Thy Kingdom Crumb truck outreaches.

#### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

We believe that our donors should support what most interests them, and we want them to see the impact of their generosity through videos, pictures, and stories of impact.

#### HOW CAN I SPONSOR?

Sponsorships can be created online or through a pledge card at one of our annual fundraising events. Sponsorship payments can be made as a one-time gift or a recurring donation.

#### WHAT IS THE GOAL?

We want to align every child at Camp Conquerors, Mountain Movers adventure and Thy Kingdom Crumb outreach to a sponsor, allowing us to maximize our capacity and reach.



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# **EVENTS**

The AO1 Foundation hosts several fundraising events each year to raise necessary funds for our ministries. However, these events are also a great opportunity for our staff to connect with our current supporters and form new relationships with like-minded people across the country.

In February, for the fourth straight year, we participated in Giving Hearts Day, the nation's longest-running 24-hour fundraising event for charities in North Dakota and northwest Minnesota. We've raised more than \$300,000 through this event to support the Outdoor Ministry.

In April, we hosted our first AO1 Experience: Indianapolis at the Lucas Family Estate in Carmel, IN. The event featured appetizers and desserts from Thy Kingdom Crumb, a live/silent auction, photos with Carson and a program highlighting the work of our ministries. Over 200 quests attended the event, which increased awareness and raised more than \$125,000 to support our ministries.





Finally, we hosted our sixth-annual AO1 Experience: North Dakota at Oxbow Country Club in June. It was a great night of reflecting and celebrating all God has blessed us with since we launched the foundation at this event in 2017. Thanks to some incredible generosity that night, we raised enough funds to cover all the costs associated with two weeks of Camp Conquerors and Fall Retreat!

We have been continuously blessed by and are very grateful for those who choose to support AO1 with their time and resources. Thank you to all the volunteers, community members and sponsors who made this event year a great success!

#### SAVE THE DATE

March 15, 2024 - A01 Experience: Indianapolis

(Lucas Estate - 1143 W 116th St, Carmel, IN 46032)

April 5, 2024 - A01 Experience: Bismarck

(SixteenO3 Main Events - 16O3 E Main Ave, Bismarck, ND 58501)

April 6, 2024 - A01 Experience: Fargo

(Sanctuary Events Center - 670 4th Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102)



THANK YOU

Each year, we are blessed to partner with businesses, churches and other non-profit organizations to help us reach our goals. The following organizations and individuals have played a vital role in our ministries throughout 2023, and we want to wish them a special thank you!

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Hinnerk & JeriAnn Wolters

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