

MOUNTAIN T.O.P.

SUMMER IMPACT

23 families served through home repair
100+ unique children in the
front yard day camp
29 summer staffers
11 volunteers



Stories of...

HOME REPAIR

Two years ago, **Joseph and Patricia** moved from Kentucky to Tennessee to spend their retirement in the peaceful countryside. They have enjoyed spending their money on adding to and improving their beautiful home, which reflects their great taste in so many things. Joseph went into the Army immediately after high school and moved around from base to base from 1977-84. He was discharged as a disabled veteran and it has been a large part of his life. He spent some time as a truck driver and shared his love of cars, including one of his favorite pastimes of cruising in the back of a Lexus listening to good music. We bonded over music tastes, all of us loving old jazz, hip hop, and classic R&B music (especially the Temptations), this led to us sharing songs by playing them on our speaker.

Patricia and Joseph had a small wooden porch in the front of their house, with stairs that wobbled and a ramp that was too steep for Joseph when he needed to use his wheelchair. We were able to build a beautiful 8' x 16' porch for the family in its place, complete with an A-frame roof and spindles all around it. We were blessed enough to enjoy their company and share conversation, memories, and perhaps most importantly food. Patricia is an excellent chef who graced us with some amazing homemade chili with peppers from her garden, as well as corn, hot dogs, and spectacular homemade lemonade.



Stories of... FRONT YARD DAY CAMP

"The **McHone family** has been living in Grundy county for decades now. They lived in Gruetli-Laager ever since the mom was little and moved to Altamont 11 years ago. We met the three boys during our Day Camp program. One of their favorite parts about Grundy county is the holiday celebrations: 4th of July, Memorial Day, and Labor Day, to name a few. The McHone family loves the work that Mountain T.O.P. is able to do in the community and they really appreciated being able to see our Day Camp program up close this summer. The impact left on the three boys after one week of Day Camp left a big impression on the family. Over the course of the week, the boys opened up more and more and always had smiles on their faces.

Another program of Mountain T.O.P.'s that they believe has had a large positive impact on them and the community is the Fall Festival. The shoes, hats, coats, school supplies, and more given out at the festival are a big help for families in the area, especially those that are unable to afford those items.



Keagan and Karson participated in Mountain TOP's Day Camp program for the first time in 2020. It was a different experience than the typical day camp would be. Nevertheless, Keagan and Karson had a great time with Day Camp. They loved playing hide and seek, reading the story for that day, showing us their animals, watching the virtual field trips and playing the games.



Stories of...

SUMMER STAFF

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"I would say leading worship took me out of my comfort zone. It taught me to dive into challenges and take it head on."



95%

of summer staff stated that they understand what spiritual practices are and why they are important.

96%

know themselves better, because of their experience on summer staff

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"I worked with a man who had a heart attack and six strokes. He was wheelchair bound, and therefore housebound. While we worked with him to build a ramp, he sat at each newly laid deck board, ready to be out of his house. As soon as the ramp was finished, he zipped around the yard, and I have never seen a bigger smile."



100%

of summer staff after the summer said they make an effort to understand and engage with people who are different than them.