



Connect



Camp



Community

Celebrating 10 years connecting families!



10 YEAR  
IMPACT  
REPORT

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# Connect

- Women's Refresh Retreats
- Men's Recharge Retreats
- Parents Night Out Activities

# Camp

- Held Annually in a Campground Setting
- Adding New Opportunities in 2023
- Training & Relationship Building for Families

# Community

- Monthly Events for Victory Lane Community
- Fundraisers - the Amazing Wheel Race
- Speaking at Churches & Community Groups



*"I didn't know I needed the connections I found through Victory Lane until I had them. Now I understand that I'm not alone, and it's ok to ask questions."  
-Shelly Hanson, Victory Mom*





Playing games was a very fond childhood memory of mine. I grew up in a safe neighborhood where I played outside on summer nights until the streetlights came on. Rainy days led to creative indoor play time. My favorite rainy-day activity was “puzzle races” with my sister, where we would pick a similar 50-piece puzzle and compete against each other and the clock.

When putting the puzzle of Victory Lane together over these last 10 years, we have settled into the reality that we are building a 1,000-piece puzzle. We have located the outside edge pieces and the partial images we currently see highlight various aspects of the full Victory Lane puzzle, but we still have a long way to go for the full picture of impact. (It is a good thing this is not a puzzle race!)

Over 10 years we can certainly see the puzzle taking form with families, relationships, and powerful testimonies of connections. We see the Victory Lane community supporting each other during extremely challenging times and celebrating life’s precious seasons. These puzzle photographs, captured in this Victory Lane impact report would never have happened without supporters like you.

I still see a future where every family raising a child facing disability experiences 2-3 families who understand and are willing to help relationally, emotionally, and financially. True community like this takes time to build. Transitioning through life is difficult for every family. Raising a child with a disability amidst true community support is just now becoming a reality after 10 years. Your support of Victory Lane is helping this picture to take shape.

Since we are not in a puzzle race, we can take a more thoughtful approach to the process of building Victory Lane. We can build a solid framework to scale to other communities and connect with more families in the state of Indiana and beyond. We see clearly the needs of families raising kids with disabilities. We see the impact of awakening compassionate hearts in children without disabilities. We see future puzzle pieces as we partner with marketing agencies in recruiting more partner families. In addition, we see the need to find our own space for Victory Lane to call home. As we look ahead to the next decade, we envision a more complete image to the 1,000-piece puzzle of Victory Lane as pieces are added.

Will you be part of the puzzle? Will you join Victory Lane to bring true community to families? Will you help complete the puzzle by bringing hope through partner family recruitment or financial support? Here’s how you can get involved.

- Go to [victorylanecamp.org](http://victorylanecamp.org) and become a monthly donor.
- Invite our team to share with your church or charitable organization.
- Meet with me about game-changing opportunities for impact.
- Consider becoming a Partner Family at a camp session.

I look forward to hearing from you as we prepare for the next decade of connecting, camps, and community!

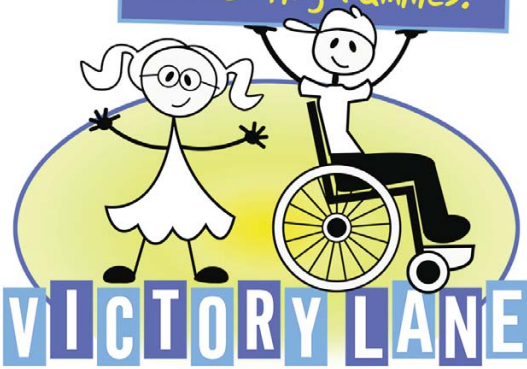
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2013



"Alex just loves spending time with Victory Lane friends and family and is always asking if there is an event coming up." - Jennifer Mills, Victory Mom

2017



2016



"Victory Lane helps teach the steps to take in order to communicate with those that are different than us. I appreciate the things I have learned from Victory Lane because we all need that education!" - Mike Brown, Partner Dad

2020



"I built so many walls up before joining Victory Lane and they were torn down so fast. The love you feel with Victory Lane is just fantastic." - Melissa Smith, Victory Mom

2021



2014



*"It's really nice that everyone here gets it.*

*Everyone here understands. Many times, we will be in a public place and people stare or walk right in her way, but not here. Everyone is so welcoming and helpful."*

*- Sandra/Saje, Victory Mom*

2015



2018



2019



*"Victory Lane is a wonderful experience for the entire family. No one is left out, and a family-type bond is formed. Our friendship with our Victory Family was so wonderful, we have since attended a concert together and celebrated Thanksgiving together!"*

*- Kelly Cox, Partner Family*

2023



2022



*"The grace and compassion blew my mind. This isn't just a weekend; it's people welcoming us into a community and to grow and learn with them."*

*- Jimmy Schlink Victory Dad*



# Victory Families

**Connect** The Carey Family became part of Victory Lane in 2016 and found a network of supportive friends. Christine Carey shares: “The friendships I have made through Victory Lane have changed my life. Before Victory Lane I had a few close friends I knew I could trust and really count on. Now I have a community of them. And I cannot imagine my life without them nor what I did before these purposeful connections were made at Victory Lane events. I’m forever grateful for the people who have worked so hard to start and continue this amazing organization.”



44 Victory Families impacted since 2013



13 summer camp sessions over the last 10 years

**Camp** Janel Brown attended a summer camp session with her son Carmine. “I went in to Victory Lane Camp thinking ‘okay this will be good,’ but never did I imagine it would change our lives as it has. This Victory Lane Camp community is a little slice of heaven. Carmine and I have grown tremendously since Victory Lane Camp. He is usually a shy kid, but when it comes to Victory Lane Camp he opens up to everyone, because they surrounded him with support and love.”

**Community** The Landreth family joined the Victory Lane community in 2018. Their sons Dom and Dadrian have a neuromuscular disease that impacts the body’s ability to make energy. The Landreths appreciate the relationships they have through Victory Lane: “Victory Lane allows families that share similar experiences to come together. It is nice to know that your family is not the only one going through challenges. Victory Lane is a community that allows families to come together and realize they are not alone, while also building lifelong relationships. It’s a wonderful support system that provides activities for the whole family!”



600+ event and camp attendees



# Partner Families

**Connect** David Youngquist and his family have served as a Victory Lane Partner Family since 2016. “I believe that working with Victory Lane has helped me to consider what people are going through more. I also appreciate each moment and I’m more intentional about building relationships. I know that Victory Lane opened the door for our family to grow closer to others and deliberately pursue a deeper bond.”



100 Partner Families over the past 10 years



187 meals served over 10 years of camps

**Camp** The McComas Family served together at a summer camp session in 2019. Chrissy McComas shares: “We reached out to Victory Lane because I was looking for a service opportunity that my entire family could participate in. It fit into our values and we were so happy to come alongside! I hope we were a blessing to our paired family as they were to us. We had so much fun getting to know them, and it was an experience my family needed.”

**Community** Billy and Wendy Bowman have served as a Partner Family since 2017. The Bowmans noted: “Victory Lane is a community where differences are celebrated and where you can feel a part of something much greater than yourself. You can always count on this community to be there for you when you truly need it, whether you are a Partner Family or Victory Family, it doesn’t matter.”



Partner Families have completed 12,500 total hours of training over the past 10 years



# Sponsors



# Partner Organizations

The Sanctuary • The River • Tabernacle of Praise • Sulphur Springs Christian Church • St. James Episcopal Church  
 Spiceland Nazarene • Spiceland Friends • South Memorial Church of God • New Testament Church of God  
 New Lisbon Christian Church • New Covenant Worship Center • Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church  
 Mt. Pleasant Christian-Greenwood • Memorial Wesleyan Church • Memorial Baptist Church • Lifted Church-Richmond  
 Life Spring Church • Life Connection Church • House of Prayer • Henry County Homeschool Co-Op • Heritage House  
 Foursquare Gospel Church • First Church of Nazarene • First Church of God-Defiance, OH  
 First Baptist Church of New Paris • First Baptist Church of New Castle • Evangelical Christian Church • Elks  
 Crosspoint Baptist Church • Christ Presbyterian Church • Centerville Christian Church • Breakfast Optimist Club



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