



VICTORY LANE CAMP

Connect Camp Community



Impact Report

VLC





Connect

- Victory Families Concierge Team
- Awareness Events
- Online Presence

Camp

- Pace Lap Camp
- Going Deeper Camp
- Women's Weekend



Community

- TIMS (Teens) Program
- Birthday Parties
- Monthly Events
- Parents Night Out

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Dear Victory Lane Camp Supporter,

Victory Lane Camp is growing! When I look back at where VLC has come from and look ahead to all the Lord has in store for us, I am astounded and excited.

Over the past five years, we have emerged from one small summer camp experience to a thriving, fully

functional, inclusive year-round experience. In 2017 our programs have created over 5000 hours of ministry relationship time. Victory Lane is an assembly of families who connect, camp and build community together. Our connections to families raising children with disabilities continues to improve. Our camps have grown in capacity and participation and our community is impacting lives every day of the year.

We have celebrated the victories of filling our camp slots three months prior to our first camp of the year. This victory allowed us more time to plan and prepare for summer sessions. We also added eight NEW families of children with special needs, while seeing seven families go through a second-year camp. In addition, we added ten new serving families to our VLC community.

As we strive to maintain this growth and keep the organization self-sustaining for generations of future impact, we continue to learn through challenges and opportunities. Challenges and opportunities like:

- Keeping our website current and optimally functioning.
- Maintaining steady monthly cash flow.
- Gaining knowledge on grant writing.
- Preparing to expand our networking and leadership development into the Kokomo area.
- Establishing the boundaries needed for excellent camp and community-building experiences.

Thank you for your prayer support, generosity and friendship while building the necessary foundation over the past five years. On behalf of the board of directors, please allow me to extend thankfulness and gratitude for giving and supporting the vision of building community around families raising children with special needs.

No family should have to raise their children alone and isolated from lasting friendships and family. You are ensuring this no longer happens for these children, their siblings and parents.

321Go with Grace,

Brett Fischer
Founder and CEO,
Victory Lane Camp



5 Year Review

2013



2014



2015



2016



2017



	Volunteer Hours	Victory Families at Camp	Serving Families at Camp	Monthly Events	Camps	Leadership FOCUS	Total Annual Expenses*
2013	500+	4	13	1	1	Camp Model Test	\$52,870 ⁵⁰
2014	1000+	6	16	2	1	Establish Online Presence	\$137,469 ⁰⁸
2015	1500+	7	27	3	2	Training Videos	\$192,516 ⁸⁵
2016	3500+	11	23	10	2	Monthly Events	\$221,311 ⁶⁹
2017	5000+	15	29	10	2	Clarifying VLC Culture	\$222,163 ⁴⁰

*Each year our Annual Projected Fundraising Target has been \$250,000.

Story of Impact: The Carey Family

When I think about life before Victory Lane Camp, I would say it was like looking out a dirty and dingy window. All I could see was my reflection, my problems, and my disappointments. It was a frustrating, confusing, and lonely time.

When Alex was diagnosed at two and a half with autism we immediately jumped into special services, special diets, ABA therapies-- anything we could find to help him. He was in intensive one-on-one therapy for over 4 years to help him with so many things. But it wasn't until we experienced Victory Lane Camp that we realized we had not allowed our son to reach his full potential. Going to our first Victory Lane Camp session was like a different world. People talk about Disney world being a magical place. VLC was more than magical. It was unbelievable! People bent over backward for us ALL THE TIME. We had a team of people there to support JUST US! And they wanted to be there.

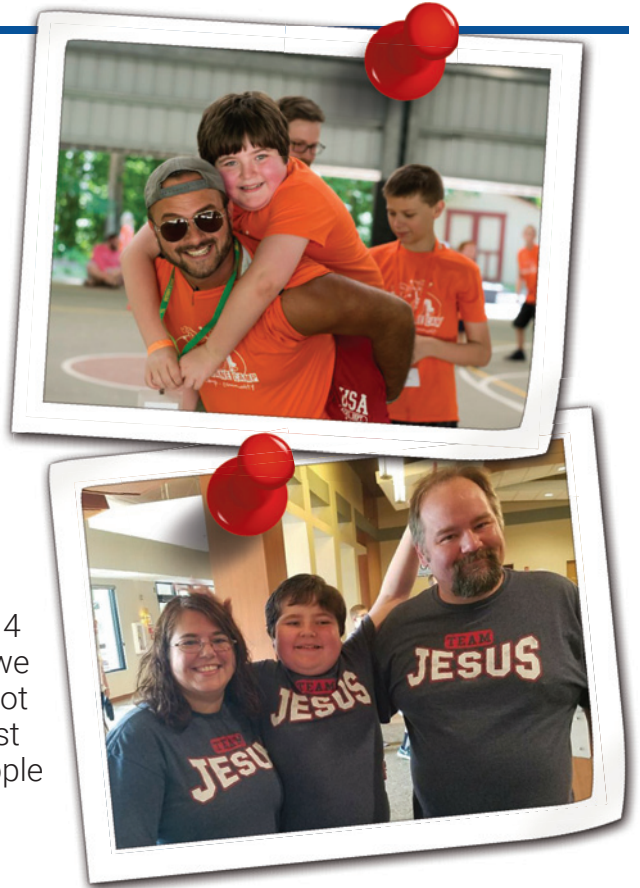
By being at Victory Lane Camp, we saw other families placing their kids with special needs in an environment where they were allowed to just BE. It was a game-changer. It was very humbling to realize that up until that point, we had not allowed our son to truly be himself. And watching other people let him open up and encourage him to be silly and do the things he was doing and not try to stifle him in any way shape or form... it helped us see him in a new way. It helped us see our family in a new way. And suddenly, I could see some of the grime on that window starting to clear away. I could see past my disappointments, past my problems, past myself and out there was a welcoming community waiting on us to join them.

The connection with our first serving family, the Sylvesters, was instant. They LOVE Alex and us. They showed us by keeping connected after camp the first year. We have had a date night bowling with them, had them over to our home for dinner and games with Alex, we've been to their home. They have quickly become family.... They cheer Alex on in EVERYTHING!

After attending our second camp, we started spending time with our new friends for special occasions, not just VLC events. We went to a birthday and anniversary party. We went to the Smith's house with the Upchurches and decided to plan our group vacation for next year. At their house, Alex again showed signs of connecting with the other kids and them with him.

We told the Upchurches and Smiths about Alex's choice to be baptized. They immediately said they were coming as if it was not negotiable. We were very happy and humbled they wanted to be a part of this special moment for our family. Alex had 34 people there to support him in his baptism, and 25 were from the VLC community. In Victory Lane Camp, we have found our community. And the view from my window is much clearer now, and life is different... in a very good way.

Christine Carey, Victory Mom



What's Next?

Victory Lane Camp, in East Central Indiana, is thriving and reaching families. Based upon our experience of the first five years, we believe a healthy balance of 2 camps and 10-12 monthly events each year is a realistic goal for each new region to achieve. As we prepare for our 2018 annual focus of leadership development and look toward replicating the Victory Lane Camp experience in other communities, will you join us in praying for the following...

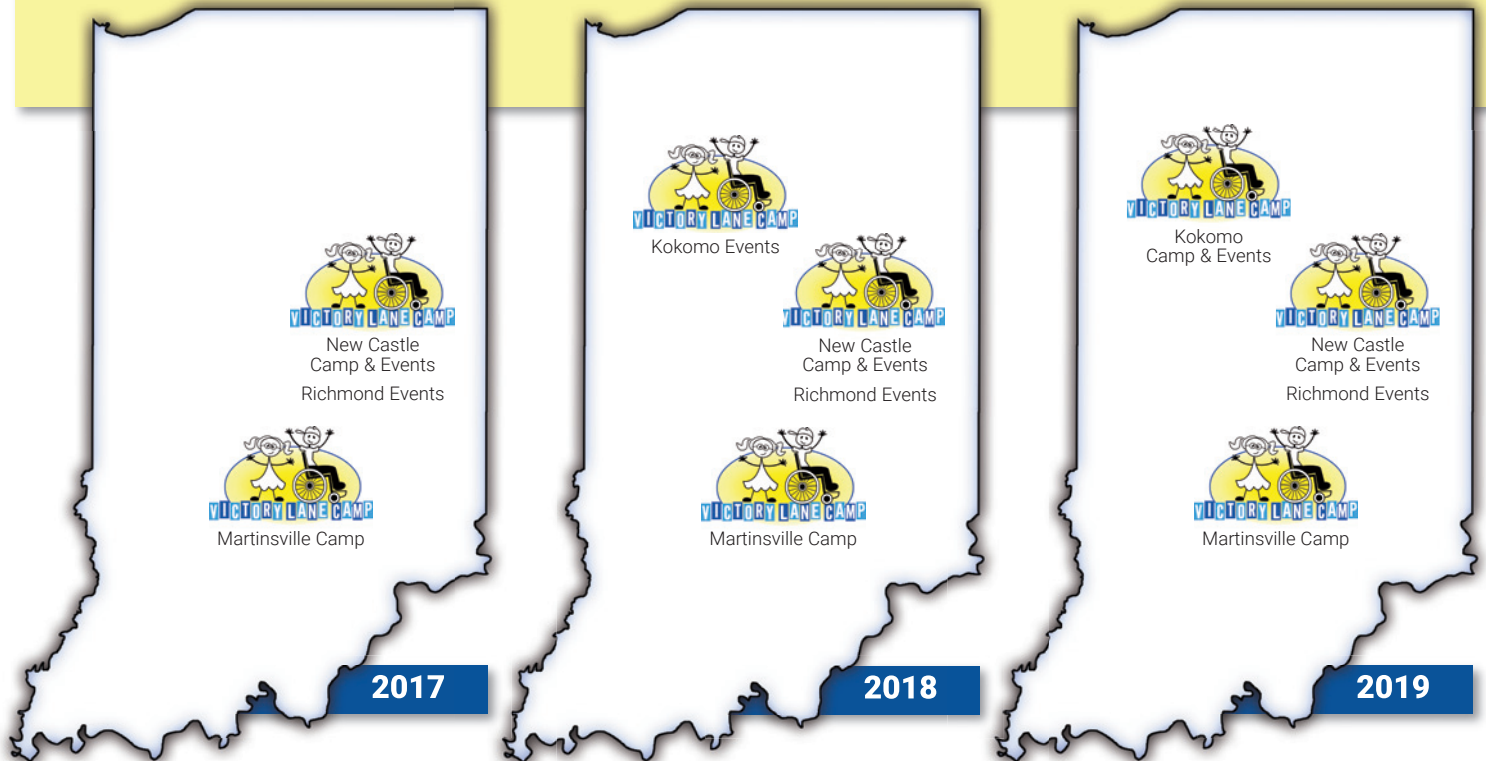


- Volunteer Serving Families to meet the needs of our Regional Camps
- Volunteers and Staffing to meet our needs for new and current area Local Events
- 100 monthly donors
- Leadership team and establishing a healthy network of relationships in Kokomo, IN
- Launching our first Victory Lane Camp Experience at Oakbrook Valley in Summer 2019

Are you being called to help Victory Lane Camp go to the next level of reaching more families? If you are interested in engaging as a volunteer, camp/event participant, sponsor or donor, please contact Brett at brett@victorylanecamp.org and add "Impact Report" in your subject line.

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Brett Fischer, Founder & CEO, Victory Lane Camp



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