

# Christian Retreat Center

## Adopt A Counselor Program

### **What is the Adopt A Counselor program?**

This is your opportunity to raise additional support from friends, family, and your church. People are willing to give and want to support your ministry efforts this summer. There are several jobs you could have applied for that pay more but you see the value in coming to CRC for your own holistic benefit and for the benefit of the campers.

### **How does Adopt A Counselor work?**

Your job is to write a letter asking for financial support and prayer from friends, family, and church members to support you, as you participate in the ministry at CRC. In your letter, share why you're working at CRC, the impact CRC has on your life, and the impact CRC has on your campers.

Have a parent proof read your letter and mail them to friends and family. Social media and email may be effective strategies as well for raising support. In an increasingly digital age, a hand written letter can speak volumes and can stand out!

### **A few things to remember:**

1. The more effort you put into this program, it is likely you'll see better results.
2. Make your letters personal. Explain what the Adopt A Counselor program is and why you're taking part.
3. Share the impact that your ministry at CRC will have in the lives of the campers.
4. Share the impact that your ministry at CRC will have (or had) on your life.
5. Explain why you need their support and how their support will help you.
6. Remind supporters that their contributions are tax deductible and that they will receive a receipt from CRC for their contribution.
7. After camp is over, send thank you notes to each of your supporters. Tell them the impact of your work at CRC this summer on your life.
8. You're looking for ministry partners, not just people who will give you money.

Include copies of the Adopt A Counselor form (found below). Make sure a copy of this form is placed in the envelope with each letter or is available if you use social media or email.

If you have any questions regarding the Adopt A Counselor Program, contact the camp director.

Office Number: (717)-734-3627

Email: zach@crctims.org.

**Please look over the sample prayer and support letter below!**

This is simply a sample prayer and support letter. Feel free to use this format but make the letter personal.

Day/Month/Year

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to request your prayer and financial support for the summer. I will be working as a counselor at the Christian Retreat Center in their summer camping program. It will be my duty to minister to children daily for the weeks of \*insert dates\*. The weeks are very intense and require a lot of energy and attention and any prayer support you can offer would be highly appreciated.

I am asking you if you are interested in participating in the Adopt-A-Counselor program. Unfortunately, the camp cannot afford to pay the same amount as a regular job but the life experience gained is priceless and I need your help. This is a program that CRC has in which you can send money to me through the camp. I ask that you look at this opportunity much like supporting a short term missionary.

I thank you for your consideration and I trust that you will pray for me throughout the summer.

Love in Christ,

Zach Bashore



CRC invites you to participate in the summer mission work of:     Your Name Here    

The person named above has been accepted for a position as a counselor at the Christian Retreat Center for our summer programs. I believe and trust this individual can make a real contribution to the ministry of CRC as they bring the Kingdom of God to young lives here in East Waterford.

I encourage you to consider becoming a part of their ministry by sponsoring this individual. Many high quality individuals would not be able to do this type of summer mission work without additional support. This is an invitation for you to participate in the Adopt A Counselor Program.

This is how the program works: A summer counselor may raise additional support for their camp service through securing partnership sponsors. These sponsors will decide what amount they would like to contribute to the counselor's support. Contributions will be set aside in a special saving account until the end of the summer and then issued to the counselor. Contributions to the fund should be sent to Christian Retreat Center.

To be properly credited to the individual, your donation must be received before the summer program ends. To take part, simply complete the attached form and return it with your contribution made payable to "Christian Retreat Center". The counselor's name should not appear on the check for tax reasons. Your contributions are tax deductible and CRC will send you a receipt.

The ministry of camping has a significant impact on the lives of youth, adults, families, and the staff who serve. I thank you for your prayerful consideration in becoming a part of this ministry.

In Him,  
Zachary Bashore  
Camp Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Detach and send to CRC office \_\_\_\_\_

### **Adopt A Counselor Program**

Name of Summer Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

One time Gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_