



# Making great memories possible



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## Sports, outdoor fun infused with Christian values

**By Sr. Krista von Borstel**  
FOR THE CATHOLIC SENTINEL

**M**ore youths are being served today by Catholic Youth Organization/Camp Howard than at any time during our 71-year history. I am delighted when I learn of new families participating in our programs for multiple generations. Our wonderful volunteer staff of coaches, athletic directors and event personnel — parents and parishioners — together with our staff, donors and sustaining contributors, make these experiences possible. Camp Howard is a tremendous gift to the



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youths of greater Portland and southwest Washington. Here are some wonderful milestones at Camp Howard this past year:

- Opening of Mary's Lodge, which replaces Gimpl Dining Hall. It's the culmination of three years of fundraising and collaborative work with the capital campaign committee, building committee, architects and our staff. This new building is a dream come true and an incredible blessing. We are extremely grateful to all of you, our friends and supporters, who have encouraged us along the way.
- The Franz Finley Welcome Center has been mostly funded by the late Elsie Franz Finley in the amount of \$1.8 million. This \$2.4 million new structure will include a health center, year-round offices for CYO/

Camp Howard staff, public restrooms, meeting space and larger camp store.

- Finally, we have received gifts in the amount of \$1 million toward a new chapel, to be located where the present Gimpl Dining Hall sits. An anonymous donor gave \$500,000, which was followed by a \$500,000 gift from Elsie Franz Finley. We will be working to complete fundraising for this new building soon.

### What makes Catholic Youth Organization unlike any other youth program?

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- All of our sports competitions begin with a prayer.
- CYO coaches and Camp Howard staff are passionate and supportive, expected to model the values referenced above and reinforced in our charter and mission.

- Our programs operate by the spirit of CYO, which ensures that all youths participate, learn valuable life skills and most of all have fun!

### Why CYO and Camp Howard add immeasurable benefit to our local Catholic and Christian schools:

- Youths enjoy sports and camp experiences in a faith-based environment.
- CYO teams strengthen and build community spirit.
- Youths consistently rate CYO and Camp Howard programs as one of their favorite grade-school activities.

### Your invitation to help:

Scholarships for CYO sports and Camp Howard ensure that all youths may participate regardless of their economic situation or social background. Our programs are open to all, including the most vulnerable. Please consider making a gift this year to CYO. Currently, we have been able to honor all sports and camp scholarship requests because of the generosity of donors and contributors like you. Your support will enable us to extend the reach and impact of these programs to even more youths in the broader community.

*Sr. Krista, a Sister of St. Mary of Oregon, is executive director of CYO/Camp Howard.*



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***'You could see something was deepening inside her. She's full of such love for the church, and I just love being around her.'***

— Angie Godfrey, friend and fellow CYO coach of Stephanie Piering



Ivy Piering, now a sixth-grader at St. Rose School in Northeast Portland, poses with her mom poolside. The love and support Stephanie experienced through CYO played a role in her decision to enter the Catholic Church last Easter. (Courtesy CYO/Camp Howard)



Stephanie Piering leads a prayer during a CYO swim meet at the Mount Hood Community College Pool in 2016. Now that the entire family is Catholic, it was especially meaningful for Piering's daughter, Ivy, to attend Camp Howard this year. A scholarship made that possible. (Courtesy St. Rose School)

## CYO helped convert take the plunge

Catholic Youth Organization's support and love helped bring Stephanie Piering into the Catholic faith, and a few months later a scholarship allowed her daughter to attend faith-infused Camp Howard

**Katie Scott**  
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"Sport trains body and spirit for perseverance, effort, courage, balance, sacrifice, honesty, friendship and collaboration," said St. John Paul II during a 1984 homily at the Olympic stadium in Rome.

And, sometimes, sports lead people home.

Such was the case for Stephanie Piering, whose experience with Catholic Youth Organization athletics gave her the final momentum needed to enter the church.

"When you are going through a conversion, you have lots of questions you need answered along the way," said Piering, coach of the CYO swim team at St. Rose School in Northeast Portland. "CYO — with the community, the support and the love people show each other — it answered my final questions somehow," Piering said.

"It felt like I was always meant to be there, in the Catholic Church."

Piering signed on to coach swimming three years ago due to her water-loving daughter, Ivy — a pivotal person in the spiritual homecoming.

Six years ago, Ivy, a student at St. Rose, decided she wanted to be Catholic, and to support that decision Piering began taking her to Mass.

Because her husband, Jeff, is a cradle Catholic, Piering had long been intrigued by Catholicism. But while Jeff had fallen away from his faith over the years, Piering's interest in Catholicism grew while attending Mass with Ivy.

Then as a CYO coach, "everything came together," said Piering. "I felt the Holy Spirit; it was amazing." This past spring, Piering received the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Angie Godfrey, a parishioner of St. Rose who leads dryland training for the swim team, said that as soon as Piering became coach, she brought "her strong generosity of spirit and service" to the role. Piering arranged community service opportunities for the athletes and their parents and led prayers before

and after practice. Last year she gave as prizes whistles that contained a small prayer to the Holy Spirit. She's also given the swimmers holy medals and handmade prayer cards.

Piering made sure "our team's focus always is on Jesus," Godfrey said.

Yet there was a visible difference when her friend became Catholic, said Godfrey. "You could see something was deepening inside her."

Godfrey calls Piering an inspiration. "She's full of such love for the church, and I just love being around her."

Mitch Ratigan, St. Rose athletic director, said in addition to helping grow the CYO swimming program to nearly 60 athletes, Piering embodies the lessons of CYO, "lessons that go hand in hand with what we are trying to teach at church, at school and in the home."

Jeff, who eventually made his way back to the church, has witnessed that the lessons and values of CYO ripple out into the wider community.

"CYO is crucial in promoting fraternity and compassion among not only the members but its interactions with all those it comes in contact with," he

said. "It is a handshake or hug in an often self-serving, isolationist, jaded society."

Now that the entire family has embraced the Catholic faith, it was especially meaningful that Ivy could attend Camp Howard this year.

"She's been asking if she can go," and it's one of those things that we wouldn't have been able to do without help," said Piering. Help came in the form of a scholarship, made possible through funds from the annual CYO Champions of Faith dinner.

Ivy went with three friends from St. Rose and had a blast.

"It was fun, unique, welcoming," said Ivy, now a sixth-grader.

"What a wonderful feeling to know that not only would she have a great time and be safe at camp, but that there would be faith there," Piering said.

It's that same mix of spirituality-infused fun that Piering will provide her CYO athletes this year as they stretch on swim caps, grab their goggles and plunge into the pool for a new season.

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Jeff Tinker sends fifth-grade volleyball players from St. Cecilia School out onto the court. (Courtesy CYO/Camp Howard)

# CYO coaches earn matching dollars for their clubs

By Lisa Sanders

Catholic Youth Organization coaches and volunteers have earned thousands of company matching fund dollars for their respective clubs based on their volunteer hours. If your company or organization provides volunteer matching, please consider supporting your club in this way.

Jeff Tinker, CYO volleyball coach and father of three children at St. Cecilia School in Beaverton, is passionate about earning dollars for his CYO club.

“Company matching programs are a great way to help nonprofit organizations get additional funding to support their programs,” Tinker said. “It only takes a few minutes to submit a matching request. Some companies will match both volunteer hours and cash donations. Nike’s matching program provides a double match for sports-focused organizations, which allowed my donation at the Champions of Faith benefit dinner to go even further.”

Heather Gentry, athletic director of one of Portland’s CYO clubs, says there is a need for additional funding at the club level.

“With more than 100 kids playing on our volleyball and basketball teams at our club, we have a lot of equipment and uniform needs,” Gentry said. “We always strive to provide our athletes with what they need to help them succeed. The matching funds provided by our parents’ employers make this possible on a consistent basis — whether it be new basketballs, nets, uniforms, safety equipment or anything else the program needs without having to increase dues to the club members.”

Employer matching funds are easily attained, and many companies offer a matching gift program to encourage philanthropy among their employees.

CYO/Camp Howard, a 501(c)(3) organization, is approved to receive matching gifts from a number of companies in Portland and southwest Washington, including Intel and Nike.

Visit [cyocamphoward.org/double-the-donation](http://cyocamphoward.org/double-the-donation) to see if your employer will match your volunteer hours and donations.

*Sanders is development director for CYO/Camp Howard.*



Sr. Krista von Borstel is pictured with Sheri and Sean Dooney and their son Brian at the 2014 Champions of Faith Dinner. Sean and Sheri were the dinner chairs in 2013 and 2014. Sean died in a boating accident in May at age 56. (Courtesy CYO/Camp Howard)

# Remembering Sean Dooney: His impact on CYO/Camp Howard

By Sr. Krista von Borstel, SSMO

Over the past 10 years, I came to know Sean Dooney and his wife, Sheri, and their seven kids. In no time at all, I loved every one of them. Sean and Sheri made an extraordinary impact on CYO and Camp Howard through their own contributions and by enrolling their children in the various sports programs and Camp Howard over the years. Sean coached the teams while Sheri shuttled them around to practices and games.

Sean touched my heart by getting involved in our Champions of Faith effort back in 2012 as our sponsorship chairman. One of the greatest impacts Sean and Sheri made was to say “yes” when I asked them to chair our event in 2013 and 2014. The Dooneys were incredible in their ability to organize and rally their friends to support us. We shared many laughs and successes working on the event.

As I think back on Sean and why he was so special to me, it’s his deep love for his family. He enjoyed good wholesome outdoor fun with family and friends. He loved his kids and made wonderful memories for them throughout every year. Those lucky

enough to tag along from time to time were always treated to a slice of their heaven. Sean was like a brother to me, and I had the opportunity to tell him so in February of this year.


In addition to his generous support of CYO and Camp Howard through coaching and Champions of Faith, Sean regularly made donations to help fund our operating needs. He had a very gregarious sense of humor and you always knew when he was around because you would hear that deep laugh. He inspired others around him to take part and get involved.

My heart broke when Sheri called me to share the news that Sean had been killed in a boating accident this past May. I was in shock for several days and could hardly sleep. It shook me to the core. Sean, in his humility, would not have imagined the turnout at his funeral Mass. Sean filled St. Mary Cathedral in Portland with nearly 2,000 attendees. He will always live on in my heart as he will in others. Sean Dooney was a remarkable friend to CYO/Camp Howard and to me.


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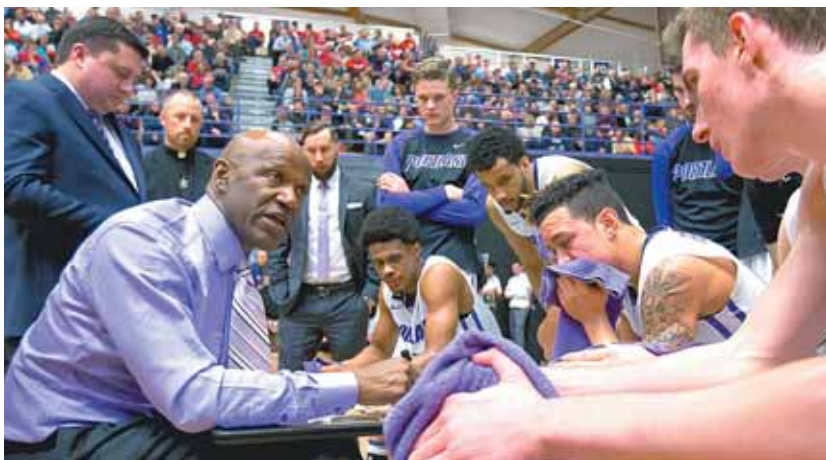


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Terry Porter talks strategy to Pilot players during a game. (Courtesy University of Portland)

## 'Faith takes you through all adversity'

Blazer player and now Pilot coach, Terry Porter knows ingredients to success

**By Katie Scott**  
OF THE CATHOLIC SENTINEL

There were 42 seconds left in the game. Trail Blazer Clyde Drexler led a fast break in Washington's Tacoma Dome and fed the ball to a streaking Terry Porter, who nailed a reverse layup. After trailing the Seattle SuperSonics by 19 at halftime, Porter's basket gave Portland the lead for good.

The point guard's "incredibly good aim" — such as that displayed in this memorable March 1991 contest — made him a favorite player of Sister Krista von Borstel, executive director of CYO/Camp Howard, and countless Rip City hoops fans.

But Porter's sparkle is not just his skill. He's "always been a Blazer hero on and off the court," said Sister Krista.

Porter is a strong advocate for various community and charitable organizations. He is a board member at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and created a college scholarship fund for minority students.

In his 17-year NBA career, he earned a reputation as a smart player who outworked more talented opponents. After his playing days ended, Porter had several NBA coaching stints before being named head men's basketball coach at the University of Portland in 2016. At U.P. he offers lessons that

spring from his faith.

"Faith takes you through all adversity," said Porter, raised Baptist and married to a Catholic. His three children graduated from Jesuit High School.

"Your faith is that place that you can always go back to," he said. "You aren't always going to get the answers, but you trust Scripture and apply it as best you can."

The Wisconsin native is the youngest of six, and tussles helped toughen him up. "Like any little brother I was beat up, but I was also embraced," he said.

Porter believes Catholic Youth Organization sports, in which his kids participated, provide youths important life skills at the most critical time.

In a faith-infused environment, CYO players "learn what it's like to be on a team, to make sacrifices, to take on roles big and small," said Porter, this year's Champions of Faith keynote speaker.

At some point, he said, most kids will grow up and work for someone within a team setting, "so how you deal with people from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds and with different personalities — how you embrace each other and respect each other — is how you have success in life."

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### CYO is about kids, family and friends

**By Kristen Hannum**  
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Michelle and Michael Garcia didn't see it coming.

Their son Kyle wanted to play on a CYO basketball team through Valley Catholic. Before they knew it, Michael was coaching and Michelle was a team mom. Both of their sons were playing basketball, football, and track and field. Now, a dozen years later, their son Connor is working for CYO and they are chairing the 2018 Champions of Faith dinner.

They break into laughter at the suggestion that it's difficult to say no to Sister Krista von Borstel, executive director — and then explain how glad they are that's true.

"We met many of our dearest friends through CYO," says Michelle. "Yes, it's about the kids, but it's really about family. We fell in love with the organization."

"When you get involved with CYO, you make friends for life," says Michael. He describes how he grew personally during his years coaching. "Social skills," he says. "I'm an IT guy and I don't have to talk to anyone in my job. I learned to communicate better and I learned patience."

Michael is chief technology officer at Ferguson Capital Management. He's also the immediate past president of the CYO/Camp Howard executive board and continues to serve on several committees there.

"What CYO/Camp Howard does is wonderful," he says. "It's all about the kids, and the money raised at the dinner all goes back to the kids."

"Michael made some significant advancements to the organization, for which I'll always be grateful," says Sister Krista, a Sister of St. Mary of Oregon who says the Garcias have been good friends through the years. "I have enjoyed every minute of it,"



MICHELLE AND MICHAEL GARCIA

she says.

For her part, in addition to her work as principal and wealth manager for Northwest Investment Counselors, Michelle is on the ministries board and chairwoman of the investment committee for the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon.

"We're very proud of Mary's Lodge," says Michelle, referring to the new lodge at Camp Howard. "It was an honor to be on the capital campaign."

She says the dinner — "our one fundraising dinner of the year" — is fun. "It's a full house and there's so much excitement and energy in the room. Seeing all our CYO friends brings back memories of the kids being little."

The two are looking forward to sharing dinner at their table with Michael's coaching partner. "It's easy for people to want to come," Michelle says.

The funds raised at the Champions of Faith dinner do not pay for CYO/Camp Howard's operational expenses; fees and revenue cover those costs. Instead, the funds raised at the dinner go entirely to scholarships and capital campaigns.

"It's just not a hard sell," says Michael. "It's about giving kids opportunities. What could be better than that?"

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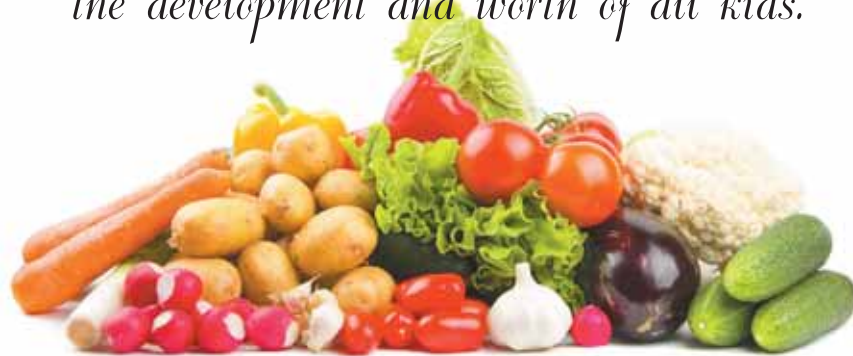
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Sr. Krista von Borstel, executive director of CYO/Camp Howard, speaks to supporters during the Aug. 11 dedication of a new lodge at the camp in the Mount Hood foothills. "It is truly a dream come true to achieve this building," she said. (Ed Langlois/Catholic Sentinel)

## New lodge increases possibilities at camp

Dining hall big enough to hold everyone

By Ed Langlois

OF THE CATHOLIC SENTINEL

Treasure Stoffel, a former special needs camper at Camp Howard, stood high on the deck of a new lodge gazing across the forest.

"We are happy that the new dining hall is open for business," Stoffel said. "I hope and pray that the Lord will bring campers and happenings here and do a lot of stuff."

The simple but stately lodge includes fireplaces, a patio, decks and a large modern kitchen. It's built to last a century, hosting boisterous meals, hilarious skits and solemn ceremonies — the "stuff" of Camp Howard life that Stoffel and other fans cherish.

Called Mary's Lodge, the \$4.1 million, 7,580-square-foot structure replaces a 1950s dining hall that was on its "last leg," said Sister Krista von Borstel, executive director of CYO/Camp Howard.

It took three years to raise the funds, draw up plans and finish construction.

"It is truly a dream come true to achieve this building before the old one was condemned," Sister Krista told a crowd of supporters Aug. 11 during a blessing of the lodge.

She thanked the group — including donors, staff, former counselors and many from her Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon religious community — for being "passionate" about Camp Howard.

Father Dave Gutmann, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Beaverton, did the blessing. His parish donated about \$70,000 for the dining hall.

"We know how you are being honored by how

Camp Howard uses this property," said Father Gutmann, his eyes closed and his arms spread wide. "We pray that this new building will be an enhancing way for them to reach out to our young people. We pray for all the lives that will be changed here — that they find a place of security, of trust, of greater confidence, that they may learn to honor you in their lives as well."

Sister Angeline Sohrler, a Sister of St. Mary of Oregon since 1943 who has served at the camp, came for the lodge blessing. The new building will allow for more unity among campers, rain or shine, Sister Angeline said. "Kids can all eat together in one place, they can have get-togethers here, singalongs. It's very useful."

Before, campers were divided up and ate in two different buildings, creating more work for everyone, explained Simone Helfrich, a former camper and counselor who attended St. Pius X School and Jesuit High.

"One of the benefits is that now the campers don't need to sit with just their cabins; they can sit with the entire unit," said Kelly Gentry, a counselor and graduate of St. Cecilia School and Jesuit High School. The new setup will help create more friendships, Gentry said.

Henry Fitzgibbon, an architect with Portland-based Soderstrom, designed the structure, which sits on a rise that overlooks the Bull Run Canyon. Clean roof lines cover a massive indoor room ringed by the deck and 900-square-foot patio with its own fireplace.

An expansive realistic mural of bears, cougars and other forest creatures covers interior walls. It is the work of Vancouver, Washington, artist Wayne Chin.

"What is there not to like about this building?" asked Scott Kneefel, a member of the CYO/Camp Howard staff. "When I see this lodge, Mary's Lodge, I think about the decades to come."

"There is probably more concrete in this building than the whole rest of the camp combined," said Dan Pettit of Todd Construction, which built the lodge. Pettit said the building would survive a strong earthquake.

"A facility like this is absolutely necessary," said Steve Mussio, a member of The Madeleine Parish who backed the project. "It is money well spent."

Joshua and Shauna Danielson brought their 3-year-old son Spencer to last month's blessing. Joshua has been coming to Camp Howard since age 5, and he and Shauna had their wedding guests stay in the camp's cabins during their three-day celebration five years ago. The Danielsons predict more people now will want to hold events at Camp Howard.

"The possibilities for this particular dining hall for events is huge," Shauna said.

Even before the building was done, donors came forward with grants for a welcome center and new chapel.

"I took that as a sign that God wants me to keep going," said Sister Krista, who has run CYO/Camp Howard for 22 years. "So look out."

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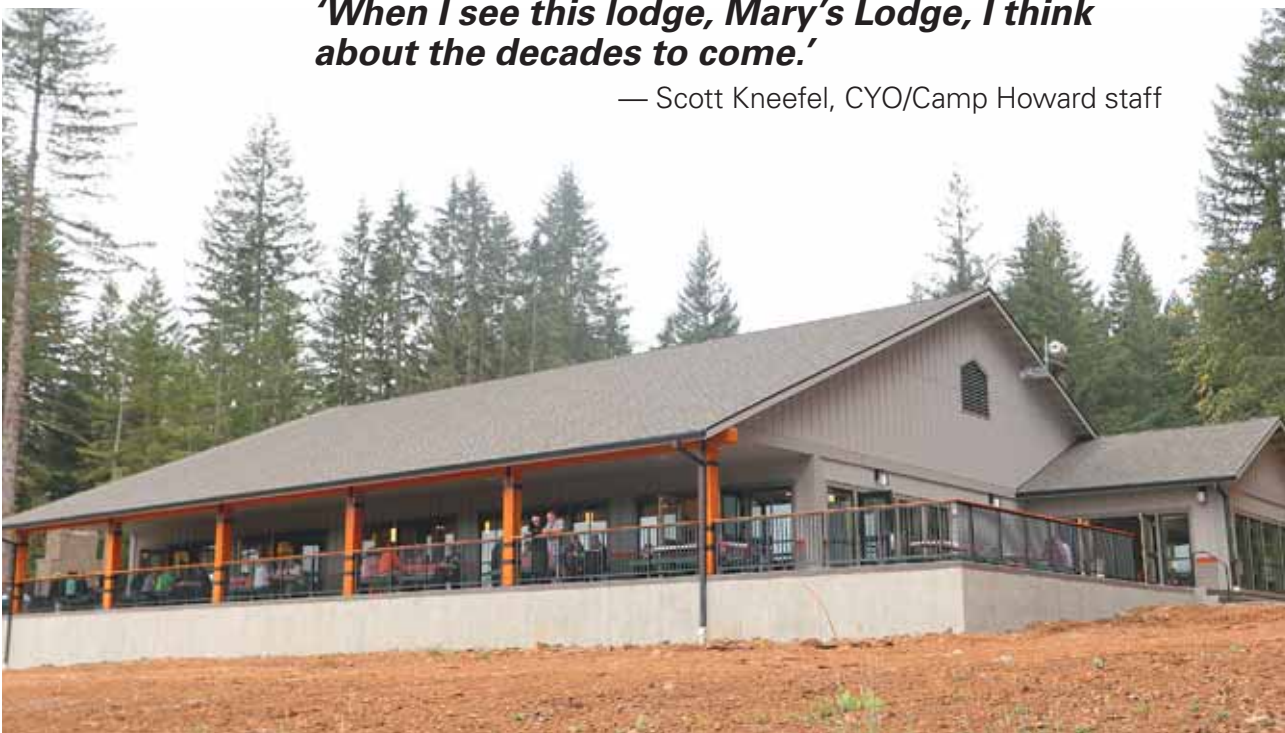
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The band Bigfoot Mojo plays bluegrass on the patio during dedication of Mary's Lodge Aug. 11.



LEFT — Vicky Martinez and Jolie Abraham-Phanton, on staff at CYO/Camp Howard, listen to Sr. Krista's talk during the dedication.



The 7,580-square-foot Mary's Lodge at Camp Howard will be a centerpiece of community life.

*'When I see this lodge, Mary's Lodge, I think about the decades to come.'*

— Scott Kneefel, CYO/Camp Howard staff



Mary's Lodge includes a lifelike mural of woodland animals, including grizzly bears, by Vancouver artist Wayne Chin.



ABOVE — The new lodge holds many more diners than the previous building.



LEFT — Before the Aug. 11 dedication of the new dining hall at Camp Howard, Lisa Sanders, development director for CYO/Camp Howard, explains building features to Sr. Catherine Hertel and Marilyn LeDoux of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon.



Fr. Dave Gutmann, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Beaverton, leads a blessing of the lodge and of Sr. Krista.

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Karen von Borstel, Camp Howard property director, and Sister Krista von Borstel, executive director, are biological sisters from north central Oregon. This portrait of them was part of a Portland photo show. (Courtesy Kirk Crippens)



Olympic distance runner Galen Rupp, fencer Mariel Zagunis and pro quarterback Joey Harrington are former CYO athletes.



Sister Krista met film star Owen Wilson at Camp Howard where crews were shooting a spoof documentary on a cult.



Rylie and Mike Laskowski wed in July. They met at Camp Howard as children, became counselors together and began dating as seniors at Central Catholic. Both were hired as program directors at camp. Half a dozen camp friends were in the wedding. (Courtesy Mike and Rylie Laskowski)



Sister Krista was a multi-sport athlete at Oregon State: track and field plus bowling. Here she is at OSU with her sister Karla in 1978.



The crew in Portland certifies more coaches than all other CYO organizations combined.

CYO/Camp Howard is self-funded.



An architect's sketch shows the planned Camp Howard welcome center. It will include a health center, staff offices and a camp store. (Courtesy CYO/Camp Howard)

## Franz Finley Welcome Center – a dream coming true

By Sr. Krista von Borstel, SSMO

In November of 2017, I was invited to meet Elsie Franz Finley at her home in Vancouver, Washington. She shared a desire to learn of Catholic leaders whose dreams she could help realize while making a significant impact on the community. While sitting down with Elsie in her home, I shared the story of CYO/Camp Howard and our organization's vision. We were coming close to completing fundraising for our new Mary's Lodge at the camp, and we hadn't begun fundraising for our next project. Elsie helped turn this dream into reality by providing the lead gift to fund the Camp Howard Welcome Center targeted for construction during 2019.

The Franz Finley Welcome Center will be located in the camp's main entrance with a newly expanded parking area. The center will be in the heart of camp and close to the action. It will be a natural location for visitors' immediate access upon arrival. They will be greeted by friendly staff ready to answer their questions and direct them to camp leaders and facilities. The center will contain an improved and updated health center for all groups using the camp. It will have year-round offices and meeting

space for CYO/Camp Howard staff, public restrooms and a welcome area to greet all visitors, including rental group members. Finally, it will include an updated camp store that may be open year-round.

Construction of the new center will require the removal of the old shower house and the camp store. New restrooms will replace the old Greenwood and Fircrest restrooms that have been in need of replacement for many years. The new restroom facilities in these units will include showers, eliminating the need for the 65 year-old shower house. These additional facilities are beyond the scope of the Elsie Franz Finley gift and will require additional funds to begin construction.

Elsie died last month at the age of 97. She blessed Camp Howard and many thousands of youth with her generosity. She inspired a vision for the completion of Camp Howard facilities that include future plans for a chapel and adult lodge. Her impact will be felt by generations to come. Gone from this earth, Elsie Franz Finley will not be forgotten.

*Sr. Krista is executive director of CYO/Camp Howard.*



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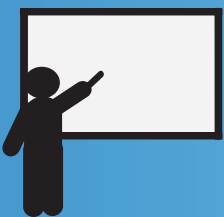


More than 1,500 volunteers



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Matching grants, sponsors allow more youths to participate in sports and camp

Lisa Sanders, CYO/Camp Howard development director, has announced continued matching grants from the Joseph E. Weston Foundation and B.P. Lester and Regina John Foundation, focused on the Oct. 9 Champions of Faith Benefit Dinner. The two foundations will match all donations at \$250 and higher.



"Our intent is for everyone attending to have a personal, memorable and fun experience together with a donation ask immediately following the dinner," said Sanders. She said the matching grants have been critical in enabling CYO/ Camp Howard to reach its fundraising goals in past years.

Dinner proceeds and night-of donations are applied 100 percent toward CYO sports and camp scholarships, programs and endowment. "Our sponsors play an essential role in turning our goals into reality," said Sanders. "We are energized by our supporters, who believe in our mission to serve the youth in our community."

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# 'A man worth listening to' provides lead donation to CYO

Joe Weston supports the organization because of its good leadership and because of the kids

By Kristen Hannum  
OF THE CATHOLIC SENTINEL

For a guy who is known for his business acumen and matter-of-fact honesty, Joe Weston, 80, gives a surprisingly tender reason for supporting CYO/Camp Howard.

"Every kid gets to play on CYO teams," he says. "There's nothing more embarrassing for a kid than having parents and grandparents come to watch them sit on the bench the whole game."

Weston, an iconic Portland real estate developer and philanthropist, didn't experience Camp Howard or CYO as a boy — "We were poor; I worked full time through high school," he says — but his

two children attended Camp Howard.

Weston grew up in Northeast Portland and is a graduate of All Saints Parish School and Central Catholic High School. He bought his first duplex when he was still at Central, with money he made from a paper route and a loan from a friend's father, and went on to build a real estate empire.

He's a strong backer of Catholic education, and worries about the cost of Catholic schools for working families. And these days, he talks about what he will leave behind, a conversation he began with himself decades ago. He's an old-fashioned supporter of opportunities for children, the working poor and his Catholic faith. He's also a man with little patience for those who aren't willing to work.

He's an inveterate supporter of CYO/Camp Howard, in particular its Champions of Faith dinner, which raises funds for scholarships for kids who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to play on its teams or attend Camp Howard.

Weston also backs the Catholic Youth Organization because of its leadership. Sister Krista von Borstel, CYO/Camp Howard executive director and a Sister of St. Mary of Oregon, knows how to get things done and how to garner support, he says. "CYO/Camp Howard is in good shape today because of her leadership."

The gratitude goes both ways: The Catholic Youth Organization inducted Weston into its Hall of Fame in May, "for 25 years of faithfully and generously supporting the endeavors of the CYO and Camp Howard."

Sister Krista goes farther. "He has single-handedly made a greater impact on Catholic organizations than anyone else in the greater Portland area," she says, adding that Weston is a man worth listening to. "He is one of my heroes and I let him know every once in a while."

That being the case, when Sister Krista saw that CYO/Camp Howard would need millions of dollars to build a new lodge at the camp, she went to Weston.

She told him that it was time to replace the venerable but disintegrating building that had served for decades.



Joe Weston gestures toward a model of what he insists will be one of the last apartment buildings his company will build. Weston is transferring American Property Management buildings to his foundation, the Joseph E. Weston Foundation, which supports schools and community. (Kristen Hannum/Catholic Sentinel)

Weston remembers the meeting.

"We need a lead gift," she told him, one that would provide matching funds to help others believe in the project.

He wrote her a check for a million dollars.

"I ask that people support CYO, for all the good it does with kids," he says.

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CYO/Camp Howard also wants to recognize local Catholic high schools — Central Catholic, Jesuit, La Salle Prep, St. Mary's Academy and Valley Catholic — for their table sponsorships.

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**December – March**

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- An introduction to competitive team swimming builds a love for the water.

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**Grades:**

**K-8**

**1-2**

**3-8**

**9-12**

Boys & Girls  
Swimming

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## SPRING

**March – July**

- CYO baseball offers programs for several grades and skill levels.
- Lacrosse is a fast-paced and dynamic team sport for boys and girls.
- Nationally recognized track and field program offers running events, long jump, high jump, javelin and shot put.

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**Grades:**

**K-2**

**1-8**

**3-8**

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