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"As I stand here before all of TVRC, and have my brothers behind me, I want everyone to take a couple of things away from my vesper. Finish what you start, not only should you do this with camp, but this is something that if you sincerely live by, it will take you places in life."

Quinn Keenan, '16

# Letter from » MATTY COOK Director



## Friends of Teton Valley Ranch Camp,

"I know a place..." Four simple words that, when strung together,

Photo by Marcia Cook at Druid Arch, Canyonlands National Park

conjure up mountain spires, cool sparkling streams, friendships, heroes, and adventures that have helped to define Teton Valley Ranch Camp. When the spirit of the American West comes alive every summer at TVRC, as it has for 78 years, it has the power to transform lives. The opportunities our Campers have are not only developmentally beneficial, but are more relevant and restorative to our children every day. To leave their known world, the world of machines and technology, the world of emails, text messages, social media, and virtual reality to engage in the only true antidote, actual reality, benefits our campers, their families, their communities, and our world!

#### The environmental writer, Rachel Carson, once wrote:

"Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature -- the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter."

For our purposes, you could add, after wildfire comes the wildflowers. The Lava Mountain Fire reminded us that we don't just live on the land, we live with the land, and with all of the natural processes, the circle of life. As such, we are subject to the growth and the pruning that occur within that circle. Part of that circle was brought into sharp focus with the passing of our dear friend, Alex "Razz" Razzolini. There's an old saying around here, "TVRC is a place where your friends are your heroes, and your heroes are your friends." This statement was never truer than when applied to Razz.

As we move forward with our vision of Teton Valley Ranch Camp as the most effective and inspiring program of its kind -anywhere- we recognize the preciousness of every step along our journey. Yes, it's been a challenging year for TVRC. But we know that for every challenge faced there are important lessons learned. Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "The years teach us much that the days never knew." TVRC campers have always developed tenacity, perseverance, grit, and discovered the treasure of their true selves. 2016 provided ample opportunity to practice these values, and more.

We are deeply grateful to all who have been part of these days. Our campers, families, staff, alumni, and donors have demonstrated exactly what we expected, courage, compassion, and generosity. TVRC remains strong, and getting stronger every day. As we move forward it's important to recognize that we are not only inspired by our future, we are grateful for our past!

**Onward!** 

Matthew Cook Executive Director

# Letter from >>>> THE BOARD 2016

#### Dear Friends of Teton Valley Ranch Camp,

2016 was a year filled with challenge, adversity, growth and opportunity for the camp. We started the 2016 summer season with full sessions for both the boys and girls. The boys' enjoyed another fantastic experience. Four days into the girl's season, the Lava Mountain Fire forced the complete evacuation of camp and end of the session. Six weeks later, TVRC lost Alexander "Razz" Razzolini, a beloved staff member, in an accident on the Snake River.

We were plunged headfirst into unexpected trauma and grief. Loss of life, loss of land, missed friendships and the feeling of being uprooted. One of the many lessons taught at TVRC is resiliency and tenacity when faced with adversity. We dig deep to find the power to push through when the going gets tough. And we move forward.

We're often asked, "why TVRC"? We know that there are many opportunities that parents and kids have when choosing how to spend their summer. Here is a reminder why TRVC is so relevant now. Campers are given the opportunity to fall in love with the Wyoming wilderness. They have the chance explore its vastness in a supportive and nurturing environment. They learn firsthand the power of place and the gift of the restorative power of nature. Campers challenge themselves and they learn to be supportive of others facing similar challenges.

Thank you parents for choosing to send your children to Teton Valley Ranch Camp. We particularly appreciate the efforts of our dedicated staff members. We want to thank them ensuring that "their energy becomes our camp's energy".

We also enthusiastically acknowledge all of our loyal supporters and alumni. This camp would not be where it is today without generous support, both financially and spiritually.

We know what a special place camp is and we look forward to the 2017 summer season!

#### Sincerely,

Mike Duncan, Chair Teton Valley Ranch Camp Education Foundation

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# 2016 FINANCIAL

# Statements

"You are stronger than you think you are. I know this because I've felt my knees scream and my feet go numb and my hips want to give out. I thought I couldn't go any farther, and yet I did. I just kept going, one foot in front of the other, no matter how much my mind and body protested, my heart kept moving forward and the rest followed behind."

Abby Viton '15

### STATEMENTS of FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS:	October 31, 2016	October 31, 2015
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$344,493	\$611,803
Accounts receivable	\$13,695	\$69,439
Unconditional promises to give, net	\$97,157	\$564,364
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$23,821	\$23,647
Inventories	\$4,958	\$19,306
Total current assets	\$484,124	\$1,288,559
Long-term unconditional promises to give	\$564,034	\$559,544
Property and equipment, net	\$9,932,870	\$10,201,387
Intangible assets, net	\$16,218	\$36,418
Investments	\$4,487,514	\$3,812,724
Total assets	\$15,484,760	\$15,898,632
LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$28,533	\$20,111
Deferred Revenue	\$197,469	\$225,771
Line of credit	\$250,000	\$241,354
Total current liabilities	\$476,002	\$487,236
Net assets:		
Unrestricted net assets	\$10,171,359	\$10,615,976
Temporarily restricted net assets	\$41,525	\$42,583
Permanently restricted net assets	\$4,795,874	\$4,752,837
Total net assets	\$15,008,758	\$15,411,396
Total liabilities and net assets	\$15,484,760	\$15,898,632



## **STATEMENT** of **ACTIVITIES** and **CHANGES** in **NET ASSETS**

<b>REVENUES</b> and <b>SUPPORT</b> :	October 31, 2016
Camp Tuition	\$1,055,873
Contributions	\$366,710
Investment Income	\$201,456
Miscellaneous	\$174,374
Camp store sales	\$45,487
Cost of camp store sales	\$(46,703)
Special events and activities	\$4,800
Total support and revenue	\$1,801,997
Expenses:	
Program Services	\$2,073,353
Management and administration	\$38,503
Fundraising	\$85,378
Total Expenses	\$2,197,234
Loss on write-down of unconditional promises to give	\$4,360
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	\$3,041
Total expenses and losses	\$2,204,635
Change in net assets	\$(402,638)
Net assets - beginning of year	\$15,411,396
Net assets - end of year	\$15,008,758

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November 1, 2015-October 31, 2016

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"Now I have advice of my own to share...my advice to you is to look up when it's nighttime. Look up at the great Wyoming sky with about 10 million stars... who knows how many wishes you've missed out on making when you're not looking up...""

Isabelle Titcomb '15





"TVRC is not just a summer camp, it's a place one goes to conquer feats they would have never thought possible."

Will Everett '16