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## **The NLIGC EXCEL Class VIII Donated \$500 to Camp Joy's Program for Underserved Youth**

CINCINNATI—The Nonprofit Leadership Institute of Greater Cincinnati's EXCEL Class VIII donated \$500 for a scholarship fund for [Camp Joy's](#) Program for Underserved Youth. Inspired by the EXCEL trainers, Tom, Carol and Julia, the EXCEL class VIII decided to donate a scholarship that will provide the opportunity for a youth, who otherwise could not financially afford it, to become a leader through a program at Camp Joy. One EXCEL graduate states that, "Our class wished to honor Tom, Carol and Julia because they provided all of us with the opportunity to not only learn and grow as individuals, but also brought us closer as a team. They instilled in us a rekindled passion to become better leaders and inspired all of us to make a more positive difference within our respective organizations and in the community."

The Camp Joy Program for Underserved Youth offers hands-on outdoor learning to approximately 2,000 youth ages 7-16 from low-income/ at-risk backgrounds, including youth in foster care and with medical/special needs. The youth obtain skills necessary in adulthood and knowledge of the natural world as they engage in outdoor activities, progressive life skills learning, teambuilding challenges, group living, hands-on lessons in the natural sciences and history, and living cultural history dramas. They leave with a new perspective on themselves and the world – with newly-acquired knowledge of nature, new friends, newly-learned life skills, and enhanced personal and interpersonal skills.

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