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Dear FIRST NAME,

It's hard to believe that 100 years ago, Ray Vance and Adolph Gillund were originally tasked by the Racine YMCA with finding a summer camp for boys at a location located on a body of water and not overly developed.

A recommendation led them to Little Elkhart Lake and the future home of Camp Anokijig. That initial discovery began a journey that included navigating a depression, a world war, the ups and downs of the economy, a pandemic, technological innovations, political polarizations and much more. 100 years later Camp continues to grow and thrive, serving more than 10,000 youth and families each year.

As I look ahead to Camp Anokijig's 100th anniversary in May 2026, there are a lot of amazing memories that come flooding back. As a former camper and parent of campers, I've come to believe that leadership, lifelong friendships, and independence are best taught through outrageous fun in the outdoors. I'm reminded what a gift Anokijig has been for me and my family and the friendships I have with people like you.

In addition to Camp's 100th birthday, this year we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the "Save Camp" campaign. Many of you remember this time well. I remain grateful for the Friends of Camp Anokijig and their tenacity to raise and borrow the necessary funds to purchase Camp from the Racine YMCA ensuring this place will be around for many years to come.

I need your help. In August, The Friends of Camp Anokijig will have \$750,000 remaining on the original debt from the purchase of Camp that needs to be paid off. Together, we can "Burn the Note" and remove this debt burden for our beloved Camp.

Today, I'm reaching out hoping you join me and make a contribution to support Camp Anokijig in honor of its upcoming 100th anniversary and the 20th anniversary of the "Save Camp" campaign. Think about the impact this place has had on you and your family and the impact it has had on those individuals closest to you.

Thank you for everything you do to support Camp Anokijig.

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