

HE REALLY USES IT ALL (!)(?)



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Depending on the day, our punctuation to that title phrase can change. Romans 8:28 is a go-to verse for many Christ-followers: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...” We know it, trust it, but believing it in the moment is sometimes very hard.

This COVID season pushed the envelope of belief for many and it was no exception for our team at ISC. It seemed like our summer plans changed overnight in mid-March, and cancelation was a true possibility. However, God, in His faithfulness, used even this season for his great purposes. We now know that some young people may have never experienced the love and truth of Jesus if it weren't for the modified program He allowed us to facilitate this summer.

If you followed our spring updates, you saw ‘our’ plans change several times. We had an active posture, kept pushing forward, and God opened the door! The

summer e-reports were jam-packed with snapshots of God's power and provision. It was a life-changing summer for both our campers and the Summer Staff team. We look back and realize that this program was God's plan for Inspire Sports Camps 2020 all along. Our Eagles, the urban-based leaders who bring young people to camp, have an amazing perspective to how God moved this summer.

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NEW FOR THIS YEAR



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Renee Fanok from Street Hope Alive in Paterson explained how “it was unforgettable for every child that went. This was the only time all summer that they were able to have a redirected view on everything going on around them, and for that, we are truly grateful.”

Farah Pierre who serves kids in Newark, NJ puts it like this, “I love ISC for inviting guest speakers who had a dark past but were able to transform their lives through an encounter with JESUS! A lot of our youths growing up in poor inner cities struggle with believing that God loves them and has a good plan for their lives. They face challenges that make them feel abandoned and broken. ISC provided a way for my youth to learn that God loves them and offers them a new life in Christ. They also had an opportunity to connect with counselors who poured love into them without judgment or criticism.”

Liliana Giedrys from Hope Through Care, Passaic County shared, “ISC 2020 Camp Day was exceptional, it was the only opportunity for the kids this year to have some summer experience as all

other camps canceled their programs. At the end of the day, I watched one of the boys from my group leave the building, stop, and ring the ‘Born Again’ bell. I shared this with his parents, especially with his father who accepted the Lord and was baptized only last year. Thank you for making this happen.” God’s good work was accomplished this summer and He allowed all of us to be a part of it! Thank you for praying and partnering with us during this unprecedented time of life and ministry.

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Counselor’s CORNER



Terralyn Hayes

Montclair State University

Music Major

This was my very first summer with ISC. I’m so grateful for how welcoming all of the returning counselors and staff were. I felt at home right away and it made me all the more excited to serve. One moment that I will never forget was the first camp day’s worship. When I was up front singing with the band, a boy caught my eye who sat with his arms crossed the entire time. He refused to be involved in any way, but when the day was over, I saw him stand and give his life to Christ. I don’t even think an hour had passed at that point. That one moment was my biggest take away from this experience. I will never again underestimate God. I’ll never underestimate what He can do with one day, one hour, one conversation. I’ve grown so much in such a short period of time and I can’t wait to continue to bring people to Jesus, both with ISC and in every other day of my life.

ISC 2020 CELEBRATION EVENTS

Bringing the Banquet to You!

Social regulations have required a pivot from our traditional banquet program. This year, we are bringing the banquet to you! Over the next few months, there will be several opportunities for our faithful ISC supporters to participate in comfortable and socially responsible get-togethers.



These gatherings will include but are not limited to, backyard parties, outdoor dining, rounds of golf, or an afternoon at the orchard. We are looking forward to spending some time with you, celebrating God's faithfulness, and sharing our vision for ISC moving forward.

These events will be populated at: www.inspiresportscamps.com/events

YEAR-END MATCHING GIFT

This year, a group of sponsors and donors have offered to match any gift you give- up to \$50,000 in total. They want to see us complete the ISC budget needs for the next 12 months through this amazing opportunity. For those who may be unfamiliar with this concept, gift matching is a great opportunity to double year-end gifts. A gift of \$200 instantly becomes \$400. \$500 turns into \$1,000 and \$1,000 into \$2,000. You get the point!

VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

We would love to see all of our faithful supporters and regular banquet attendees this fall. These smaller outdoor events provide great opportunities to meet, but we realize that not everyone will be available to gather like this.

Out of respect to those who may not be able to join us in person, we will also be hosting a Virtual Celebration on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30pm. Over the next several weeks, we will release an email with more information about these opportunities to celebrate and partner with us. We sincerely hope you can join us.

Counselor's CORNER



Justice Remar

Morehouse College

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The uniqueness of ISC captures the gospel and connects each camper's soul with Christ. Before I came into contact with ISC, the enemy sought to destroy me, darkness once blinded me to my surroundings and the environment in which I lived. However, through ISC, God healed my soul to the point where I'll never be the same again.

I had high expectations for ISC 2020 Camp Days- I was praying God let his will be done for these campers lives we were going to change within ten hours. I shared my own knowledge and power in which God has given me to the campers who God chose for me. The biggest takeaway I gained this summer is to pour out my own heart without ceasing. I simply let God take control of my brokenness and vulnerability. This influenced a spiritual depth which connected a bridge to my campers' hearts that only Jesus could walk across in those special one-on-one talks and small groups. My foundation of trust in God became more transparent each and every single day, I could see clearly now in Christ!

THANK YOU!

You make ISC a reality for inner-city young people all across the Northeast.

On behalf of the campers, staff, and our entire leadership team we "Thank You" for your relentless prayers and generous support.



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