

# LUETHI-PETERSON CAMPS – LPC-US Inc.

For International Understanding



Dear Friend of LPC,

November 2023

*LPC International, in collaboration with LPC-US, launched the 2023 LPC Global Fundraising Initiative in Summer 2023. For those of you who have already given, thank you! This year the LPC-US annual appeal is fully committed to supporting this initiative, and we are excited to help LPC International reach its goal.*

Four years after the conclusion of World War Two, Natalie Peterson held the first summer camp that would eventually become Luethi-Peterson Camps International (LPC), with the ambitious goal of fostering peace and international understanding. By bringing children from previously warring nations together to spend a summer sharing cultural insights, languages, and the freedom of childhood, Natalie believed that trust between historic enemies could be built, and as a result, future conflicts could be avoided.

Each summer for the last seven decades, children from around the world have gathered at LPC camps to perpetuate Natalie's vision. Lifelong friendships have been created, cultural ideas have been imported to new destinations, and the number of "LPC summers changed my life" stories are too numerous to count. The success and longevity of that original vision is truly awe inspiring.

A big part of that success stems from LPC's unwavering commitment to financially support a large number of counselors and campers who would otherwise not be able to participate in an LPC camp experience. Through scholarships and other grants, LPC strives to foster an inclusive environment by bringing together campers and counselors from diverse regional, ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds, furthering the mission that Natalie first envisioned in 1949. As supporters of LPC, it is up to us to carry on that vision, and ensure that LPC continues to be an effective force for peace and international cooperation. We need this now more than ever.

However, our organization stands at a crossroads. The financial demand of supporting our diverse camp participants, coupled with two years of Covid related shutdowns with no income from camp tuitions to offset our annual expenses, has had a significant impact on our fiscal stability. LPC's financial reserves have dwindled to historically low levels, and the long-term financial health of the organization is in question.

In order to address this need, we launched the 2023 LPC Global Fundraising Initiative this summer to ensure that the organization remains strong and vibrant for the next generation of LPC campers. We set a goal of raising 100,000 euros (approximately \$100,000) by the end of 2023, all of which will go to the LPC International general fund to help place LPC on solid financial footing, allowing us to continue operating summer camps and offering scholarships to campers and counselors. As of this October, we have raised over half of our goal – but we still have a long way to go to ensure that LPC's financial future is secure.

With that in mind, we ask you to please consider making a donation to LPC-US at whatever level you are able (tax-deductible payment information below). Every dollar raised will help build and strengthen LPC's financial foundation, so that the organization can continue to be an effective force for peace and cultural understanding.

Sincerely,

Patrick Neely

2023 LPC Global Fundraising Initiative

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