

What does camp *really* mean to a child experiencing homelessness?

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A Chance to Belong

Children impacted by homelessness have a lot to deal with. They can feel disconnected from peers and have difficulty fitting in as their parents focus on the complexities of navigating a housing crisis. Camp St. Vincent is the *only* summer camp for children experiencing homelessness in Maryland. At no cost to their families, campers have the opportunity to connect with peers in an atmosphere of acceptance and inclusivity. Transportation and meals are also provided free of charge, and campers are cared for by counselors trained in supporting their particular needs.

A Chance to Achieve

Camp St. Vincent's curriculum mitigates summer learning loss. Last year, 98% of campers maintained or advanced their reading skill level, and 81% maintained or advanced

their math skills. Campers are encouraged to engage with counselors and each other through structured social and emotional activities that help them address the negative impacts of homelessness and leave them better prepared to face the upcoming school year.

A Chance to Have Fun

Camp St. Vincent provides campers with an unforgettable and transformational experience. In addition to structured learning, campers can simply enjoy summer the way kids are supposed to. Activities include dance, art, games, swimming, field trips, ice cream parties, roller skating, and other recreational activities—activities they may not have the opportunity to experience without Camp St. Vincent. For more than a century, our primary mission has been to provide a great summer experience to children impacted by poverty, one day at a time.



Give a child in need a chance to just be a kid this summer.

Visit **vincentbaltimore.org/campstvincent** for more information. To sponsor a child for a day, a week, or the entire summer, **visit vincentbaltimore.org/camp**.

** It was the only time I wasn't afraid to tell people where I lived.
~McKenzie S., Camp St. Vincent Alum