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Comments: Hello! I first would like to thank you for taking the time to read this! I have been camping at Montlure Camp since I was in fourth grade, which happened to be the year our campus in Greer burned down. I camped for 6 summers (a few times attending numerous sessions) and continued to volunteer and work at Montlure for many years after that. I spent every summer at Montlure from the summer going into 4th grade until the summer going into my senior year in college. It is truly my home away from home (see photos below of the community I have had the privilege of my journey and community at camp). I have witnessed the resilience of Montlure firsthand. We have overcome so much and our community has not faltered. Jumping from camp sight to camp sight, our campers' experience never changed. This is why I am writing to you. Even though I have a long history with Montlure, I never once camped in Greer. I never once worked a summer in Greer. And yet, I could not love it more nor be more grateful to this organization. If we can go back to Greer, I know in my heart that our community will drastically increase. This means many more children will have the opportunity I had to grow, both individually and in my faith, and learn to love deeply and relentlessly. We need much more of this in our world. It would be a disservice to my community as well as those that we have the potential to impact if we are not allowed to return to Greer. I hope you see the passion I have for this place and I urge you to please help us. I love Montlure, my family loves Montlure, and more importantly, every single camper I have had the privilege to counsel, LOVES Montlure. Thank you again for your time.

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