

# In their words.

MARTIN & MARY



Brother and sister, Martin (9) and Mary (11), have attended Summer Camp for the past 2 years, are regular attendees during our after-school program, and receive support to attend. They are gaining independence, learning, and developing unique interests but they are still young enough to want and need the security and connection of a place like The Zones. With their mom away at work most of the time, they've expressed fear and worry about having to be home alone all summer and they're looking forward to the start of camp.

We asked them to tell us, in their words, what makes summer camp special:

**Martin and Mary, what is the best thing about Summer Camp to you?**

*Martin: Field trips! I love those, they're so fun.*

*Mary: Getting to do lots of fun and different activities.*

**How is Summer Camp different from when you come here after school?**

*Martin: I meet new people when I'm here in the summer and I like new people.*

*Mary: I get to be here all day and I like that because I have fun here.*

**What's one thing you did at Summer Camp that you had never done before?**

*Martin: I went to Montgomery High School and played sports on their big field.*

*Mary: I got to spend time in the media room and used the Chrome books and computer games in there.*

**What are you looking forward to most for this Summer Camp?**

*Martin: Getting to do lots of fun stuff and going new places on field trips.*

*Mary: I'm looking forward to meeting new people and making friends.*

There are many kids like Martin and Mary who can benefit from the fun and safety of Summer Camp at The Zones, and there are many parents who can feel secure knowing their kids are safe and having fun. Will you help make Summer Camp 2023 the best ever for families in need? Visit [thezonesyouth.org/donate](https://thezonesyouth.org/donate) to support our **Summer Scholarship Fund** or to learn about our sponsorship opportunities.

**What your gift can do for our campers:**

- \$1,800 provides 1 kid with a **full summer scholarship**
- \$800 provides 1 kid with a **1-month scholarship**
- \$400 provides a **2-week scholarship**
- \$100 ensures campers have nutritious snacks and meals for **1 week**
- \$50 provides 1 kid with a **field trip scholarship**