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Camp Aldersgate Celebrates 40th Anniversary of Fish Fry Fundraiser
\$100,000 fundraising goal will benefit families and individuals with special needs.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK: Camp Aldersgate invites the community to celebrate 40 years of food, family and fun at its annual [Fish Fry](#) event, set for **Sunday, October 29th, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**



Families can expect a variety of activities for all ages including carousel rides, a petting zoo, yard games, face painting and the iconic fishing derby. Of course, one of the main attractions will be the food. Fish will be freshly fried by volunteers and accompanied with hush puppies, coleslaw and fries.

Bringing the community together for four decades and spreading awareness of Camp Aldersgate's mission and services is an important part of this event. **"I am honored to chair this event for the second time and especially so in our 40th year. Helping share the impact of Camp Aldersgate within our community is so important and knowing the financial impact this event can have for our campers is what inspires me!"** said [Cathy Engelkes, Event Chair](#).

One way Aldersgate showcases its mission is by honoring a camper family each year at Fish Fry. Breanna (mom), and her sons, Carter (12) and Will (8), are the 40th annual honorees.

"Camp Aldersgate is something I never knew my sons or I would need...I never knew if summer camp would be in the cards for Carter and his extra chromosome. Knowing he has opportunities like Camp Aldersgate, where he can have the same independence as his peers, is something that can't be put into words," said McMillen.

This year, Aldersgate hopes to raise \$100,000 through Fish Fry – the biggest fundraising goal yet for the event. All proceeds benefit Camp Aldersgate's mission of providing life-changing experiences for individuals with special needs. Aldersgate's programs are made possible for campers like Carter and Will thanks to the generosity of its supporters and donors.



Carter, Breanna and Will

Tickets can be [purchased online](#) or at the event for \$20 (individual tickets) or \$65 (family pack for four). Kids under six years old eat for free. For those looking to grab their fish to-go, **a drive-thru option will be available at CHI St. Vincent on Kanis Rd.**

ABOUT CAMP ALDERSGATE: [Camp Aldersgate](#) provides barrier-free experiences for individuals with special needs. Aldersgate offers year-round programming including [Summer Camps](#), [Weekend Camps](#) and [Specialty Camps](#). With the continued support of surrounding communities, businesses and friends, Aldersgate is able to provide the best possible atmosphere, equipment and facilities for its campers. Camp Aldersgate is one of eight camps in Arkansas accredited by the [American Camp Association](#), and it continues to be the only accredited camp in Arkansas designed for children with special needs.

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