

## 2020 Builder Members

People who participate in our **Builders Program** provide leadership, energy, vision, and resources for both Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion. VLM Builders continue the legacy of care and dedication created by the first Builders of our two camps. The following people have made an annual financial contribution to our Builders Program to support and sustain the ministry of VLM. Our heartfelt thanks go to this special group of camp friends for their faithfulness to this wonderful ministry.

### **415 Builders (63 New Builders in 2020!)**

#### **Voyageurs Level: \$1000 & over**

Joel & Amie Abenth, Duluth <+  
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Jim & Ginny Ahrlin, Eveleth +  
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Lonny & Suzy Anderson, Duluth  
Steve & Nancy Andrews, Duluth  
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Gretchen Bachman, Grand Rapids +  
Larry & Jan Baldwin, Hibbing  
Mary Lou Blasing, The Villages, FL  
Stacy Coffin & Shelley Breyen, Duluth  
Bruce & Paula Braaten, Minnesota City  
Tom & Pam Brown, San Luis Obispo, CA +  
Terry & Kara Burn, Moose Lake  
Terry Buus, Duluth  
Peg Christensen, Grand Rapids  
Joe & Nancy Dennie, Tower \*+  
Hugh & Robin Etter, Eveleth  
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Dave & Laurel Hofeldt, Oakdale  
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Don & Becky Lindstrom, Babbitt  
Mark & Sally Ludlow, Cook  
Robert & Candice Madich, Duluth  
Richard Maki, Sun City West, AZ  
Karen Mattson, Duluth +  
Herb & Jan Moore, Aurora +  
Andy & Beth Mork, Saint Paul  
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Ross Murray, New York, NY  
Dick & Marit Nowlin, Saint Paul  
Mike & Courtney Olson, Marcell <+

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Rev Ray Sanders, Minneapolis +  
James & Nyla Schneeweis, Grand Rapids  
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Bill & Brenda Tibbetts, Cook +  
Karolyn Torgerson, Hibbing \*+  
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Tim & Laura Berdahl, Duluth  
Sarah Bustrom, Duluth <  
Rodger & Carol Chase, Grand Rapids +  
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Roger & Delores Boorman, Littlefork  
Blanche Cathcart, Woodbridge, VA #  
Aaron Dennie, Tower  
Jim and Tina Diede, Sun City, AZ +  
Rodney & Ellen Erickson, Forest Lake +  
George & Donna Godfrey, Forbes  
John & Marian Gravlin, O'Fallon, MO ++  
Louie & Janeen Gueltzow, Grand Rapids +  
Jeff & Janet Hakala, Esko  
John & Joy Hensel, Duluth  
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Randy & Robin Hilfer, International Falls  
Ruth Hoff, Apple Valley  
Margery Howard, Aitkin \*+##  
Kent & Birgit Johnson, Bloomington  
Adam and Lexi Krause, Duluth #  
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Legend:

- \* Endowment Fund
- > Special Project
- < Debt Reduction
- + Given in memory or honor; listed on Memorial/Honorarium page
- # New Builder

The ministry of VLM - Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion - is possible because of the early work of so many faithful people. In 2020, some very key people in the life of the camps and the VLM organization passed away. Their names are *italicized* in our list of donors.

While we grieve for them, we also celebrate their eternal life in Christ. May we honor their legacy by continuing the work they started. Well done, good and faithful servants.

## Organizational Gifts and Other Contributions

<p>38ers Snowmobile Club, Deer River +          Brown &amp; Brown of Garden City Inc, Garden City, NY          C&amp;B Warehouse, Virginia          Cook News Herald, Cook          Deer Lake Association, Deer River          Gethsemane Lutheran Youth, Virginia          Iron Range Tourism Bureau, Eveleth          Liesmaki Family Trust, Hibbing          Living Waters Conference - NEMN Synod          Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, Eden Prairie +          Men of Faith, Hoyt Lakes          Men's Breakfast at Hiawatha, Deer River          Network For Good          No Grass Limit, Maple Plain</p>	<p>Our Savior's Lutheran Church Youth, Virginia          Rodney &amp; Audrey Pletan, Forest Lake +          Quad City Rotary Club, Virginia          Rajala Family Reunion, Grand Rapids          The Russell Avikaninen Memorial Endowment, Chicago, IL          Short Stop Convenience Stores, Virginia          Spring Bay Resort, Cook          St John's and St Peters Lutheran, Saginaw and Canyon          Sunset Point Resort, Cohasset          The Arthur and Anne Swanson Fund of InFaith Community          Foundation, Minneapolis          The Watering Can, Cook          Traditions Family Foundation, Edina          Wieland LCBC Gathering Camping Group</p>
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### Founding Family Gifts:

In the late 1950's, families from all over Northeastern Minnesota came together to start Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion. Their commitment and dedication to a formative Bible Camp experience laid the foundation for the ministry that we have today. Founding family gifts are \$10,000 and over made to the Annual Fund. They reflect the passion of our original Founding Families.

*We gratefully acknowledge the following Founding Families:*

Ahola Foundation, Virginia  
 Dennis & Betty Anderson, Deer River  
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 Mary Lou Blasing, The Villages, FL  
 Liesmaki Family Trust, Hibbing

### Women of the ELCA gifts:

<p>Bethlehem Lutheran, Grand Marais          Evangelical Lutheran, Babbitt          Faith Lutheran, Culver          Faith Lutheran, Hoyt Lakes          First Lutheran, Hibbing          First Lutheran, Pine River</p>	<p>Fredheim Lutheran, Effie          Holy Trinity Lutheran, Hibbing          Lutheran Church of the Good          Shepherd, Duluth          Trinity Lutheran, Duluth          Zion Lutheran, Grand Rapids</p>
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### Other Gifts

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment—Duluth, MN	\$ 7,000
Lutheran Outdoor Ministries/ELCA/Cargill Philanthropies—Total Inclusion Grant	\$ 9,000
Thrivent Choice Gifts	\$ 9,208
Thrivent Matching Funds	\$ 775
Thrivent/InFaith Matching Challenge	\$11,358