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**Projected Cost and Community Benefits
for a 50 Camps per year
Camp NOAH model**

- \$500/child
- 50 children/camp @ \$500/child = \$25,000/camp
- \$25,000/camp x 50 camps = \$1,250,000

- Cost of Camp Noah/child = \$500
- Each child receives 35 hours of service/camp
- 35 hrs of service @\$500.00/child = \$14.25/hour of service
- Subtracting the actual materials and site costs per child = \$225/child
- Actual cost of service per child = 35 hrs of service @ \$275/child = \$7.85/hr

- Cost of 50 Camp Noahs = \$1,250,000
- Serves 2500 children
- A total of 87,500 hours of mental health services to children
- Returns over \$250,000 of financial resources directly back into disaster affected communities
- Supplies and gifts to 2500 children approximately= \$350,000
- Uses approximately 1750 volunteers giving 61,250 hours of direct community service
- Trains 1750 volunteers in "best practices" therapeutic service to disaster impacted children