



Connecting people to God, creation and each other

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2020 was a year of new rhythms and patterns. For an organization built around gatherings and fellowship the pandemic certainly posed a challenge. Through a great team of staff and some creative thinking, we were able to provide guests and stakeholders with meaningful experiences.

Guests spent more time outside and we saw an increase in neighbors and local guests utilizing our trails and spaces. Amigo Park, Amigo's campground, was able to operate with minor changes. With changing rules and regulations on site summer camps were cancelled. Staff were able to provide families with camp activities through camp-in-a-box.

Throughout the pandemic, stakeholders stepped up to the plate and supported Amigo in incredible ways. When there was uncertainty about the financial future, what was needed showed up. We were the recipients of many generous donations of time, skills, financial gifts, equipment, supplies and even building materials. Projects included the donation of a tiny home, upgrades to two small cottages, two cabins received new roofs thanks to volunteers. Thanks to a grant from IN-MI Conference cell phone antennas were installed and improved cell reception in the Retreat Center, Activity Center and West Shore Lodge.

2021 marks two significant milestones for Amigo Centre. We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Amigo's Outdoor and Environmental Education (OEE) Program and Amigo Park. To celebrate Amigo's OEE program's history, monthly activities are available for people to participate in. We anticipate that Amigo Park will be very busy as more families look to camping for entertainment.

This coming year will also mark a significant change for Amigo Centre. Matt Ropp will be stepping down from his role as Executive Director. A search committee has been established and word is being spread to find the next Director to lead Amigo Centre into the next chapter.

This year will bring more transformation with a new Executive Director, new programs and a new appreciation for gathering, in safe ways. We are excited about what is to come.