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Dear friends,

What a year this has been for Quaker Center.

As we continue to welcome new and returning guests and program-goers, I've become accustomed to telling visitors that the Center has been emerging after a long pause. That's one way to put it – throughout the long pandemic and during the wildfires that burned parts of this land, Quaker Center hung in the balance. Thankfully, our community came forward with the needed support during that time of crisis, and Quaker Center has slowly worked its way back towards a new normal.

**Looking back on 2023, it's clear that Quaker Center is no longer on pause.** While things are different here than they were before the upheaval of recent times, it's a joy to report that the days here are full of life. Our Quaker programs have been deep and gathered, many groups and guests fill the lodges and cabins, and the sounds of children, chickens, and now two ducks drift across the orchard.

We've done so much. Quaker Center Camp was amazing last summer, and in the coming year we will hold an additional week-long session of camp. Family Work Camp in August topped out at 63 people, and we put the finishing touches on the campsites and the ramp to the Redwood Circle. The Music and Dance retreat earlier this month was simply beautiful. Our events for young people and families have been joyous, and experimenting with Pay-As-Led fees for our programs has been a radical step towards widening our circle. Things here are alive and well, and Quaker Center today is enjoyed by Friends, neighbors and visitors from far and wide. We're so glad – this is what we love doing most.

We want to thank our community directly for all of this –  
we couldn't do it without your support.

Of course, we still have to contend with bumps in the road – extreme winter weather, the ongoing pandemic, rising prices and insurance costs, and so on. But these are par for the course, and we're just grateful to be here, creating each day a Friendly space to nurture growth, faithfulness and connection. With your help, we're determined to keep it up. Next year is a very special year – Quaker Center's 75<sup>th</sup> – and we're including the program calendar so you can see some of what we'll be up to, and in the hopes that you'll find a reason to visit.

**Please give generously to support Quaker Center!**

In the Light,

Nico Wright  
director

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