

Spring appeal surpasses goal

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In challenging times like these, it's nice to get some good news. What we'd like to share isn't just good news; it's great news. China Camp supporters like you have stepped up in times of crisis, making our annual Spring Appeal for donations an extraordinary financial success.

With recent Marin County orders banning vehicle access to China Camp, park revenue plummeted 95 percent. So, when we turned to FOCC's supporters for our annual Spring Appeal with the park's gates closed, our need was more real than ever.

The results have been staggering. One hundred fifty donors contributed over \$42,000. That's \$13,000 *more* than our 2019 spring appeal.

We've also seen a tremendous jump in new Friends of China Camp memberships. At the end of 2019, we had 1,400 members. In the first six months of 2020, membership jumped to 1,900—500 new memberships, with more coming in each day. That's a real testament to the generosity of our local community.

This kind of response is truly remarkable. We thank everyone for their support, which allows us to keep the park open and thriving for all.