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can change
everything for kids
like Mikayla.

**Together, we can make a difference for
children and families.**



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Meet Mikayla.

You wouldn't know it today, but as a small child, Mikayla endured her mother's death, father's incarceration, and the passing of a loving grandfather who cared for her. At the age of 7 she came to live at Thornwell, when no one else in her family was able to care for her.

You and I can only imagine how hard that must have been for anyone, let alone a 7-year-old. But when Mikayla shares her story, she describes a life on campus that included summers filled with fun! Now Mikayla has come 'full circle' and is a Thornwell summer counselor—serving others whose pain she knows all too well.

Thanks to friends like you, Mikayla was met with loving care and a safe, family-like home. To this day, she stays in touch with the Family Teachers who raised her at Thornwell! These same loving Family Teachers shepherded her. They took Mikayla to church and showed her what it means to follow and love God.

After she endured two failed adoptions, she met her small group leader, who would later become her forever family at the age of 18. Today, she's a junior in college and a competitive collegiate cross-country runner, earning a degree in psychology to become a Christian counselor. She would tell you that if it weren't for Thornwell, she wouldn't have had a second chance.

Because you care, children at Thornwell will continue to have fun, meaningful summers that last a lifetime! Thank you for believing that all children, especially those who have endured hardships beyond belief, deserve a chance to be kids. **Visit thornwell.org/give to give a one-time or monthly gift to sustain Thornwell's ministry for children and families.**

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