

# Civic Atlanta: Camp Twin Lakes breaks ground on a third year-round campus

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When founder Doug Hertz launched Camp Twin Lakes in 1993, the nonprofit teamed with more than 60 partners to provide transformative experiences for children and young adults with serious illnesses, disabilities and a myriad of challenges. Each year, about 10,000 participants share camp experiences in fully adapted facilities in Rutledge and Winder, Ga.



Founder of Camp Twin Lakes, Doug Hertz, pictured with wife, Lila, at Camp Twin Lakes' groundbreaking ceremony for a third year-round campus.

## CAMP TWIN LAKES

The nonprofit now aims to expand with the recent groundbreaking on a third year-found campus that will accommodate about 3,500 children each year – including those in populations not previously served, such as those with mental health diagnoses. Called Rutledge II, the new facility will replace a leased site in Warm Springs, Ga.

The expansion and the need for supplies, from adaptive bikes to life jackets and arts and crafts supplies, is the focus of a \$22.5 million capital campaign, of which \$21 million has already been received from foundations, corporations and philanthropists across the community.

Jill Morrissey, CEO of Camp Twin Lakes, said in a statement, “The addition of a third campus will allow Camp Twin Lakes to meet the growing needs of existing partners and to build new partnerships that serve populations we haven't specifically served in the past, including children with mental health diagnoses and those living in poverty. With year-round programs at three campuses, we will be serving nearly 14,000 campers each year and will be the largest camp of our type in the country.”