



THE BELIEVER

September 2026 | A Season of Connection, Growth & Possibility

This summer, **growth** showed up in all kinds of ways.

It looked like a child discovering a new interest at camp. It looked like our Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Bookmobile opening the door to a conversation about feelings, confidence, mistakes, or purpose. It looked like a teen showing up for a bike ride, even when they weren't sure they could make it to the end. It looked like walking into a professional workplace and beginning to imagine what their own future could look like.



Across our summer programs, children and teens had opportunities to **GROW, explore, connect, and discover something new about themselves.** At camp, they built friendships and found spaces where they could feel comfortable being themselves. On the Bookmobile, stories became starting points for meaningful conversations and emotional learning. Through our Teen Leadership and Bike Programs, teens challenged themselves, built independence, and discovered what they were capable of. For many of the children and teens we serve, **opportunities like these simply wouldn't happen without SBIM and the community that makes our work possible.** A week at camp, a conversation about emotions, a first experience at the theater, or the chance to discover a new strength can open a door that might otherwise remain closed.

And then there were the moments you can't always measure...**the laughter, the encouragement between friends, the pride after trying something difficult, and the feeling of being seen and supported.**

Because growth isn't always a big milestone. Sometimes, it's a child realizing, "I can do this." Sometimes it's finding the courage to try again. Sometimes it's discovering that your voice matters.

This summer, our children and teens grew in confidence, connection, and belief in themselves and we were honored to be part of it.

[In case you missed it! Here's a short video showing your impact this summer.](#)

Donate Here to Create More Moments Like These



Teens enjoying a Summer Bike Program ride on the W&OD Trail.



Learning the importance of teamwork at Herndon Sports Camp!



Our SEL Bookmobile explored themes of purpose, confidence, resilience, and self-acceptance through stories like *The Most Magnificent Thing* and *The Girl*



Who Never Made Mistakes.



Our Teen Leadership participants explored careers and connected with professionals during summer corporate visits.



Exploring imagination, creativity, and new possibilities at Wolf Trap's Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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MOVE OUR MISSION FORWARD

Our October Believers Monthly Life Skills event is coming up!



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Looking for another way to get involved? Explore upcoming volunteer opportunities, community partnerships, and ways your organization can support local children and teens.

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IN THEIR WORDS

“I was a little nervous to go to Sports Camp for the first time, but I tried new things and realized I could do more than I thought.”

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