

Jeanne Arnold

Through Scouting, she's returning life's blessings.



As she walked around the 2013 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, something caught Jeanne Arnold's eye.

Arnold, a nurse and hospital administrator by profession, noticed the medical facilities for the 30,000-plus attendees were temporary: tents, a mobile hospital. So when she and her husband, Ed, were approached about helping to create a permanent medical center for SBR, she was instantly intrigued.

"You really do need a more permanent structure, especially for emergency care," Arnold told them. "This is an intense, exhilarating camp, and there are going to be emergencies."

Indeed, the staff of doctors, nurses and other health professionals at the first jamboree at SBR treated a range of ailments: blistered feet, dehydration, broken bones and a heart attack. At future jamborees, they'll provide that care at the impressive Jeanne and Ed Arnold Wilderness Medical Center, made possible by the Arnolds' generosity and vision.

In addition to providing everyday access to high-quality medical care, the center will offer high-quality education. Scouts, Venturers and non-Scouts will learn ways to fight

childhood obesity, which Arnold calls "a real problem in this country." The programs will teach young people about better food choices, encourage exercise and promote health.

But the Wilderness Medical Center won't just benefit the BSA. The center will invite interns from medical schools to visit and work at the facility. That will give future medical professionals exposure to the unique challenges of a high-adventure camp. And maybe, Arnold says, Scouts will be inspired to consider their own careers in medicine someday.

"We're going to need more healthcare providers in the future," she says. "There's going to be a big shortage in this country, and who better than Scouts to help save lives?"

Arnold says Scouting benefits America in a variety of ways, but she likes to point to leadership development as a particularly valuable contribution from Scouting.

"We need good leaders in this country," she says, "and what young men learn in Scouting gets them ready for a life of leadership."

The gift for the Wilderness Medical Center is only the most recent example of the Arnolds' significant support of Scouting. A less visible but no less important example:



At the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, Jeanne and Ed Arnold (above) share a smile with Perry Cochell, director of the Office of Philanthropy. At future jamborees, the Jeanne and Ed Arnold Wilderness Medical Center will provide care to Scouts with a range of maladies.



They helped create the Summit Bechtel Reserve's logistics center. Without this facility for transporting and equipping tens of thousands of Scouts, Venturers, adult leaders and visitors, jamborees and high-adventure activities at SBR wouldn't happen.

Not everyone can afford to attend jamborees — or even

summer camp. The Arnolds know this, and so they have generously supported low-income Scouts in urban and rural areas.

"Bringing Scouting to low-income families can make a life-changing difference," Jeanne Arnold says.

There's more, including support for minting a com-

memorative coin that marked Scouting's 100th anniversary in 2010 and a gift for a new dining hall at Bashore Scout Reservation near their home in Lebanon, Pa.

Think this is the end of the Arnolds' selfless support of Scouting? Far from it. They hope others will follow their lead to help Scouts.

"There's room for so much that can be given," Jeanne Arnold says. "Scouting is incredible. You can't give to a better cause."

Ed and Jeanne Arnold (above) sit with Cub Scouts in Arizona who were beneficiaries of their generosity.

WHY WE GIVE

Because Scouting keeps getting better

WHEN JEANNE ARNOLD talks about why she and her husband, Ed, are active philanthropists, it starts with the opportunity to be able to help. "We are very blessed, both my husband and I," she says. "For us, it is so satisfying to know that we're making a difference and giving back to the community. We really have a need to do that and want to help as many as we can."

The Arnolds say they're getting a tremendous return on their Scouting investments. "We've had wonderful experiences," Jeanne Arnold says. "We've made terrific new friends." And it just

keeps getting better. "Anytime you give, you get so much more back than you give," she says. "The money is insignificant compared to the friendships and experiences. And we've had great experiences with the Scouts."

The Arnolds are active supporters of a variety of causes and organizations in fields like education and healthcare. Scouting stays top of mind, though, in part because of the organization's size and scope and in part because they believe in what Scouting is trying to do. They have seen underserved youth in

their own community and know that similar shortfalls exist in other communities. Scouting is the cure.

"One of the things both Ed and I feel is that we want to help as many people as we possibly can," Jeanne Arnold says. "The opportunity to be involved and do something positive for the Scouts meets a lot of our goals. Plus, it's a wonderful organization."



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