

# BE LOVE | ANNUAL REVOLUTION REPORT 2023





**“I ALONE CANNOT CHANGE  
THE WORLD, BUT I CAN CAST A  
STONE ACROSS THE WATERS  
TO CREATE MANY RIPPLES.”**

// ST. MOTHER TERESA

**Be Love Revolution** is an outreach of **Renewal Ministries**, a Catholic ministry of evangelization and renewal throughout the world.

Our mission is three-fold:

# Be His.

Helping young women know the personal and transformative love of Jesus

# Be Free.

Forming young women to live freely and confidently in their identity as daughters of God

# Be Love.

Equipping and empowering young women to be God's Love in the world today





# A MESSAGE FROM DEBBIE HERBECK

## **Dear Fellow Missionaries of Love,**

As I reflect on this past year, which marked the ten year anniversary of Be Love Revolution, I am filled with tremendous gratitude and joy. God is so good and faithful! Celebrating and reflecting on the past ten years has allowed me to see the growth and fruitfulness of the ministry. I can trace the path of so many who began their journey with Jesus as middle schoolers at Pine Hills Camp in 2013, and continued with BLR throughout high school and college. Today, they are living as dedicated disciples, pursuing their vocations of love through friendships, marriage, motherhood, religious life, higher education, careers, and direct ministry in the Church.

So much has changed in the world and in our culture in the past decade, and I am convinced more than ever of the need to help young girls encounter the love of Christ (Be His), live in freedom as beloved daughters of God (Be Free), and be instruments of God's love to a world that desperately needs to know Him (Be Love).

As we embark on the next decade of BLR, our small but mighty team is committed each day, in often small and hidden ways, to helping young women know the transformative love of the real Jesus, and preparing them to meet Him one day. Onward and upward in 2024!

**“Be Love Revolution is the most powerful ministry to girls I have witnessed. The longevity of faithfulness in the leadership, the Christ-centered teaching, and the model of discipleship are creating a powerful environment where a generation of young women are being raised up as beloved daughters and sent out to change the world with the love of Christ.”**

— Heather Khym, *Abiding Together Podcast*





# OUR TEAM



**Debra Herbeck**  
CO-FOUNDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Elizabeth Rouhana**  
CREATIVE DIRECTOR



**Kristen Arend**  
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# WHAT WE DO

## **BIBLE STUDY:**

A year-round, deep dive into the Scriptures at 6:30AM requires dedication and commitment!

## **BELOVED:**

This bi-monthly event is an invitation to Adoration and worship, practical teaching, and small group discussion.

## **ABIDE:**

Committed groups gather by grade twice a month for accountability, discipleship, and prayer.

## **TALITHA KOUUM:**

Led by high schoolers, junior high girls meet for Adoration and worship, practical teaching, and small group discussion.

## **SERVICE:**

Monthly opportunities to participate in local service outreaches.

## **RUNNING CLUB:**

Weekly summer activity for those who think running is fun!

## **CONVERSATION CLUB:**

Weekly summer activity for those who want to talk in a smaller setting about things that matter.

## **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING:**

Yearly summer event for 7-11 year olds led by high schoolers, to give young girls a taste of BLR.

## **RETREATS:**

Day-long and overnight retreats focus on helping high school and junior high girls encounter Jesus, begin a personal relationship with Him, and learn about their identity as beloved daughters of God.

## **MENTORING:**

High school girls meet twice a month with one of our team mentors for personal spiritual support and growth.

## **CAMPUS MINISTRY:**

Weekly contact with high schoolers and middle schoolers to develop relationships, evangelize, and disciple them.

## **PINE HILLS GIRLS CAMP:**

One week of love and encountering Jesus is changing hearts and lives.

## **MISSION TRIP:**

Spring break trip for high school senior girls and boys to the Garbage Dump in Mexico City to serve the poorest of the poor.





# BLR MISSION IMPACT 2023

## PINE HILLS GIRLS CAMP

192 CAMPERS  
ATTENDED

42 DIFFERENT  
SCHOOLS

35 DIFFERENT  
CHURCHES

100 LEADERS  
FORMED

>5,600

CAMPERS REACHED SINCE 1986

2023











# WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

**KAREN ERVIN** | OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

"BLR has been a beautiful addition to our middle school faith formation program. Their gift for discipleship, missionary zeal for Jesus, and love for our students is the perfect fit for our community. We're so grateful for the many ways they help our students encounter Jesus."

**BRIDGET GRUMM** | COLLEGE JUNIOR

"As a junior at Michigan State University, I take the tools I have learned from BLR and Pine Hills Camp and walk around campus with a smile in the profound knowledge that I am His, Free, and Loved."

**NATALIE TRUE** | MOM OF HIGH SCHOOL GIRL

"Thank you for all the wonderful work you're doing to raise our young women to discern what's true, to grow in their faith and to love Jesus!"

**EMMA LEGE** | BLR ALUMNI

"BLR helped me to fall in love with the Man who changed everything! I have peace and joy amidst any circumstance. BLR nurtured and taught me how to pray daily, to pray with others, and to walk with younger girls."

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** | ST. JAMES PARISH

"Thank you all again for such a beautiful Confirmation retreat. The night before the retreat one girl didn't want to attend or be confirmed because she believed she was an atheist. Her mom said that when she picked her up from the retreat Saturday night, she had been completely transformed. She told her mom that she knew God loved her, that God was real, and she wanted to continue her preparation and be confirmed this Spring."

**DEACON GARY PERRYDORE** | FATHER OF DAUGHTERS

"Over the past year I've had the joy of supporting BLR with Adoration nights at Beloved and at Pine Hills Camp. It is wonderful to see the girls prayerfully adoring and praising Jesus. As a dad, I see firsthand the impact of BLR. My daughter, Kristen, benefited greatly as a teen and now I see her give back as part of the BLR team. My daughter, Maggie is currently involved with Beloved, Abide and bible study mornings. As a deacon and certainly as a dad, I am incredibly grateful for BLR and the good they do for so many girls. May God continue to bless this vital ministry."

**MAGGIE PERRYDORE** | HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR

"BLR has given me a strong community of women who are striving for eternal life with God. In this ministry I see the beauty of Catholicism. Our 6:30 am bible study is well worth the early morning!"





# St. Catherine of Siena Academy Retreat

**“I really think this retreat changed my life and brought so much forgiveness in my friends’ lives as well. Thank you for this amazing experience.”— SCA Student**



This was our 9th year leading the Ablaze Retreat for the seniors of St. Catherine Academy in Wixom, MI. The three-day retreat is a valuable opportunity for students to foster lasting friendships and deepen their relationship with Christ as they make plans for life beyond high school.

The heart of the retreat lies in its moments of revelation. Meditative time in quiet Adoration, Confession and Mass, worship and Adoration, renunciations of the enemy’s lies, talks and testimonies from the team, and thought-provoking journaling and small groups, all led to the transformative experience of realizing God’s love.

The feedback speaks volumes – 97% of participants felt the Lord speaking to them during the retreat! A remarkable 98% reported feeling closer to the Lord, emphasizing the profound impact this spiritual journey had on their lives.

**“Over the last 9 years, the St. Catherine’s Senior retreats have been tremendously blessed by Be Love Revolution. The team members are excellent role models who share their testimonies with great humility and vulnerability. Combined with their energy, humor, and fun, BLR is the best investment we make in our Senior Retreat to help our girls encounter Christ!”**

**—Sr. Mary Ann Foggin, SGL, Campus Minister at SCA**





## BLR Goals for 2024

- » **ENCOUNTER:**  
Invite middle school girls that we minister to weekly in schools, into a deeper relationship with Christ by attending Pine Hills Girls Camp this summer.
- » **DISCIPLESHIP:**  
Prepare, strengthen, and form high school girls to be strong, resilient, and courageous disciples.
- » **FORMATION:**  
Launch Summer Leadership Training for girls going into senior year of high school.
- » **GROW:**  
Increase our team for greater availability for ongoing campus ministry in more schools.



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# With Gratitude

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To God Who makes all things possible; thank You for Your provision and faithfulness, and for all the ways You love each of us so personally.

## » FAMILIES

Thank you for entrusting your daughters to us. Thank you for all the dinners and snacks, and for the endless time spent driving and organizing carpools. Thank you most of all for the gift of your beautiful daughters and the witness of your love for Christ.

## » RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Thank you for your partnership, support, and guidance.

## » SCHOOLS

Thank you for welcoming us in and giving us precious time during the school day to spend with the girls.

## » OUR ADVISORY BOARD

Thank you for your prayers and wisdom, for sharing your time and talents, and for believing in our mission.

## » GENEROUS DONORS

Thank you for making it possible for BLR to finance a full-time staff, and to continue growing.

## » ALUMNI

Thank you for continuing to be love in your various circles of influence, and for sharing your time, talents, and treasure with BLR.



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