



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Financial Assistance for Rainwater Catchment Systems

Are you planning to install a rainwater catchment system in Kerr County? UGRA would like to help. In addition to UGRA's \$100 rebate on rainwater catchment system equipment, we are currently accepting applications for our Rainwater Catchment System Cost Assistance Program to fund larger projects. Applications for Kerr County systems can be submitted to UGRA now through November 30, 2018, however only rainwater catchment systems constructed after September 1, 2018 will be considered. Anyone can apply and applications will be evaluated against specific judging criteria. The highest priority will be given to applications for systems that will promote water conservation to the public and be used as an educational tool. Visit [www.ugra.org](http://www.ugra.org) for complete guidelines and applications or contact Tara Bushnoe with questions ([tbushnoe@ugra.org](mailto:tbushnoe@ugra.org); 830-896-5445).

The Rainwater Catchment System Cost Assistance Program was initiated by the UGRA Board of Directors in 2017 and previous recipients include the Glory Community Garden and Heart O' the Hills Camp. "Increasing awareness of the need for conservation and promoting water conservation strategies are priorities for UGRA. I was glad Heart O' the Hills Camp was the 2018 recipient because each summer hundreds of campers will learn about rainwater harvesting," said UGRA Board Director Aaron Bulkley.

In 2018, Heart O' the Hills Camp constructed a 5,900 gallon system that will be used to irrigate landscaping. "For so many kids, coming to camp is their first experience rubbing elbows with nature for a significant amount of time. They know they're supposed to take care of the environment, and being able to show them practical things like water catchment, and demonstrate how it works, is a really special opportunity," said Heart O' the Hills Camp Director Jane Ragsdale.



Pictured L to R: Heart O' Hills Camp Director Jane Ragsdale with future camper Bailey Bulkley, UGRA Board Director Aaron Bulkley, and campers Viola Bulkley and Catherine Ragsdale in front of one of the camp's new rainwater collection tanks.

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