

# CAMP FIRE USA ORCA COUNCIL SUCCESS STORY

COMPUTER ACCOUNTING SERVICES AND MIP FUND ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE  
PROVE TO BE THE RIGHT FIT FOR CAMP FIRE USA ORCA COUNCIL



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## ABOUT CAMP FIRE USA

*Camp Fire USA* founded in 1910 is one of the nation’s leading not-for-profit youth development organizations. With national headquarters in Kansas City, *Camp Fire USA* provides all-inclusive, coeducational programs in hundreds of communities across the United States. Camp Fire’s outcome-based programs include youth leadership, self-reliance, after school groups, camping and environmental education and child care.

## ACCOUNTING MANAGER LEAVES ORGANIZATION

A few years ago, the accounting manager at *Camp Fire USA Orca Council* left the organization without adequately handing over the reins to management. Following her departure, no one else in the organization was fully equipped to understand the functionality of Sage MIP-Fund-Accounting software, their non-profit accounting software solution.

After going through the interview process, *Camp Fire USA Orca Council* hired Sheryl Miller as the new accounting manager. Sheryl possessed a strong accounting skill-set from her previous for-profit background, but wanted training to understand the differences between the not-for-profit and for-profit accounting practices.

## TIME TO RE-EVALUATE SAGE MIP FUND ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE AND SEEK OUT NON-PROFIT ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE CONSULTANT

Once Sheryl came on-board, *Camp Fire USA Orca Council* started searching for a business software provider who could support and train their employees to best use their non-profit accounting software.

Debbie Padden, Board President at *Camp Fire USA Orca Council* recalls, “After doing our research, we approached Mike Renner at Computer Accounting Services because of the knowledge, tools and expertise his organization could provide to support our organization.”

Mike Renner at Computer Accounting Services confirmed that Sage MIP Fund Accounting Software was a good fit for *Camp Fire USA* because of the system’s capability to plan and manage budgets, maximize grants, and produce accurate customized reports in minutes.

Sage MIP Fund Accounting software addresses the specific nonprofit financial management needs of organizations that need to track and report on multiple funds across multiple budget periods to meet their reporting requirements and demonstrate strong stewardship.

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## ABOUT COMPUTER ACCOUNTING SERVICES

By offering a unique combination of training services and interim controller assistance, in addition to their broad portfolio of software solutions, the company has developed a loyal customer base among many of the finest companies in the Northwest US.

Computer Accounting Services, Inc. has been involved with a variety of clients including: Non-Profit, Manufacturing, Distribution and Service companies.

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## MAKE NECESSARY CHANGES AND ENJOY THE RESULTS

Mike Renner proposed a three day intensive training program for Sheryl to understand MIP Fund Accounting software, specifically focusing on reporting to the Board of Directors, explaining the importance of donors and cost-centers and financial reporting in not-for-profit accounting procedures.

“The training Mike Renner provided our new accounting manager was very cost effective, easy-to-understand and thorough! Sheryl was easily able to transition into understanding not-for-profit accounting services, compared to our old-bookkeeper who even after a week-long training program was not comfortable with the system,” say Debbie Padden, who served as Board President of *Camp Fire USA Orca Council* at the time.

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Mike Renner really enjoyed working with the *Camp Fire USA Orca Council* because he was able to use his training and experience to make a difference for an organization that was struggling to understand their finances in the local community.