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# PRIESIDENT'S MIESSAGE

As the air gets colder, the days much shorter, and the trees bare, I always start thinking ahead to summer and warmer, longer days. Any thought of summer has always led to one image for me – CAMP! I still to this day think back on my time as a camper, the amazing experiences that only existed at camp, and the lasting impact

my counselors had on my life. I am confident that summer camp shaped my life and is responsible for who I am today.

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Every summer I am fortunate to visit Camp Hawkeye for at least one weekend. To say that weekend is the highlight of my summer would be an understate ment. I can't help but smile when I find myself at lunch or dinner immersed in a completely diverse community singing, dancing, cheering, competing,

and supporting each other in a way that is not common in the world today. I promise you would be hard pressed to feel the sense of community and family that is Camp Hawkeye anywhere else.

Five years ago I joined the Hawkeye Campership Fund's Board of Directors with

a strong desire to make this experience available for families that would not normally be able to afford it. Camp is truly for everyone! This is not only HCF's motto, but something we are reminded of every summer - we see it in the faces of campers

- those that have received financial support to attend camp as well as those that do not need assistance, the staff that return to camp every summer, and in the grateful look in a parent's eye when they tell us how much camp has meant for their child. As the current President of the Board, I recently presented the board with my vision for the next phase of HCF. This included growing our board, hiring a fund coordinator, organizing subcommittees to focus our efforts, and setting a three-year fund-



7 Things Your Good Dollars Have Done

3,600

Gorgous sunrises

AND SUNSETS

11,250

HEALTHY - WELL

BALANCED MEALS

1,000

SAFE HOURS OF

SWIMMING LESSONS

625

Fun trips in the van

1,210

Songs sung by

THE CAMPFIRE

# YEAR END FUNDRAISING GOAL - \$5000

To reach our goal we need just 22 donors – participants. Choose your donation level and help us get there!

> 4 DONATIONS OF \$500 8 DONATIONS OF \$250

10 DONATIONS OF \$100

Use the enclosed remittance slip or donate online at our new website: www.hawkeyecampershipfund.org

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# TREASURER'S UPDATE

As Treasurer of the Hawkeye Campership Fund for the past 5 years, I have seen the fund grow annually each year. This year HCF was able to support 44 camperships!

Our first year of fundraising in 2008 we raised \$8,945.00 and now in 2014 we are poised to reach \$30,000. HCF has received grants from the Denver Foundation, the Natalie Bailey and Herbert J Kirshner Foundation, Friends Meeting at Cambridge and GoodSearch. Many individuals have contributed their hard work to raise awareness and funds including Gordon Roble through his two Boston Marathon Runs, the "stachers" participating in the annual Stache for Cash event, John and Diane Neylon and Tim Snyder who donated their vacation homes for annual raffle prizes and Jacey Renner and poet friends who rhymed their way through a month of Couplets for Campers. Over 500 individuals have contributed to HCF to date. Thank you all for making the dream of residential summer camp for kids come true.

Debby Colgan HCF Treasurer



Colgan-Snyder



"Five years in the making, this trophy isn't about winning, it is about participating in something both glorious & affecting. If I can help another young person form the life-long friendships & experiences I found working as a camp counselor during college, then I am ecstatic."

### CAMPER TESTIMONIAL

Dear Campership Fund Donors: For the past 5 years I have been a campership fund camper. I have lived in Durham, North Carolina, for the past six years, known as one of the top cities with gang activity. Because of you and your help I have been able to get away from that every summer. I will be finishing high school this year and am applying for university. I want to get a doctorate in forensic anthropology and minor in criminal justice. Now I give back to the community as a camp CIT. I feel I can help make a difference in a kid's life. We are a small camp and that is part of the magic that helps build bonds between campers and forge experiences for kids to remember. I found a camp counselor who came from a similar background as me with whom I could talk and trust. I want to be able to provide that for other campers in the future.

Mandie Escalante

## **Donor Testimonial**

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"I can only say that it is a privlege to support The Hawkeye Campership orgnization which is based in a deep rooted commitment to enrich and redirect the lives of children within a supportive commnity and nature centered program. By supporting this camp and its rich diversity of summer campers who require some financial assistance, I am able to participate in this vision enriching all our lives through the countless ways that children have been positively changed!"

**Diane Neylon** 

