



Dear Friends;

November 15, 2015

Thank you for your generous support of the Hawkeye Campership Fund. Each year the fund grows stronger and reaches more youth wanting to attend camp for the first time. This year 44 kids received campership support from Camp Hawkeye and the Hawkeye Campership Fund. 23 were returning campers and 21 were new ones! HCF has raised more than \$20,000 including our fifth \$5,000 grant from the Kirshner Foundation of Jericho, New York for 2015. **Numbers are important but campers express the meaning of their camp experience more eloquently:**

*"This is my first year as a staff member but my 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Camp Hawkeye community. My first year at camp was in 2012 and I was extremely nervous to come. I had never been away from home. Home was difficult for me because of bullying and I was excited to get away. I felt insecure but the moment I got to camp I was welcomed and loved. I gained, or rather, discovered a confidence I never knew I had. I can't tell you where I would be without Camp Hawkeye. I originally came for 2 weeks but got to stay for an additional 2 weeks thanks to your generosity. I have made lifelong friends thanks to you. Whenever I feel alone at home I think of camp and feel much better. Camp is my oasis, the people my family and the land holds all of my memories." - Danelle*

*"I am forever grateful for your help in giving not only me but also my fellow campers a scholarship to this beautiful camp. Even though I don't know you I love you because camp is the best thing that has ever happened to me. Without your help I would not have been able to stay for 8 weeks! I cannot express my thanks enough but truly mean it." - Simon*

*"Thank you so much for your support. I love Camp Hawkeye so much. I've been here for 2 summers now. This is the place I always want to be 24/7. Without you I wouldn't be at the place I most dearly love. Thank you for making me be able to enjoy my summer more than I could ever imagine." -Dorel*

*"This is my 8<sup>th</sup> summer at camp. I am not a campership recipient but I still appreciate your donations. My best friend here at camp (an arguably one of my best friends ever) came as a campership recipient. I met her 6 years ago during her first year at camp and we have been inseparable ever since. The diversity of this camp is incredible. There are people from all over the world who choose to come to spend their summers here. I know I could travel the world and have places to stay in many countries and that is amazing. I believe that everyone should be able to experience the diversity and learn about other cultures and people no matter where they are from or how much money they have. I have always been thankful for everything you have done for us. Know that it is deeply appreciated." - Sophie*

The Hawkeye Campership Fund's goal for 2016 is **\$30,000**. This will enable us to send 50 deserving youth to camp. Please help us reach this goal with an end of the year tax deductible donation. Make your pledge on line at [www.hawkeyecampershipfund.org](http://www.hawkeyecampershipfund.org) or mail a check using the enclosed envelope. And tell you friends about us too!

Thank you for your continuing support. Have a wonderful holiday season. Remember, **camp is for everyone!**

Sincerely;

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