



# CAMPS For Kids

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**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**





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# OUR IMPACT

## THE FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS FROM PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND CAMPERS DEMONSTRATING THE IMPACT OF CAMPS:

"Many of our kids are embarrassed to show their scars or to be seen as different. At Camp Systole, everyone has scars and they are cool. Even many of the camp counselors and staff have Zippers (open heart surgery scars). Its okay to be who you are, talk about your challenges and your successes. Year after year parents report with joy how their kids begin to talk about their CHD's, even sharing them with their classmates, and start prompting awareness of heart disease! Without the support of Camps for Kids, CHD Families would be unable to provide a free medically supervised summer camp for kids with Congenital Heart Defects." – **Camp Director**

"Parents tell us often that their children come home renewed and encouraged for the future, rather than wanting to hide away as a lot of them did before. The success can carry through the entire school year, sometimes changing their entire life. I don't think people realize the impact camp has on children- especially those with disabilities. To be accepted just as they are, in a place they feel welcome and safe, is the first step to building their self-esteem." – **Camp Director**

"When I'm at camp, I feel like a normal kid. Some kids don't get to go outside because our parents are just working too much and it's not safe. At home, I'm just watching movies all day. I don't want to get too old to come to camp." – **Camper**

"My girls loved camp. Investing in these kiddos truly impacts their lives long term. I know it's a lot of sacrifice for each and every volunteer." – **Foster Parent**

"I learned I can accomplish anything I set my mind to." – **Camper**

"I look back on the struggle of my childhood and one of the most important and best childhood memories I have include the time spent at camp with the amazing men and women who treated me like I was normal despite my struggle." – **Former Camper**

"As we expected camp has been WONDERFUL. The genuine smile on (my daughter's) face in the pictures I took at drop off and the ones the counselors are sending me are testament to what amazing things you are doing. Thank you so very, very much!" – **Parent**

"I can see what other kids have gone through and how they survived. It helps me get through & conquer. We are all survivors. That's a gift." – **Camper**



## HELP US CONTINUE TO GROW

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## 2022 NETWORK

### CAMPS FOR KIDS SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING CAMPS:

**AileyCamp:** dance platform for urban youth

**Camp Alphapointe:** visually impaired children

**Camp Carousel and Camp Erin:** children suffering a loss of a caregiver

**Camp Encourage:** children with autism spectrum disorders

**Camp Fire Heartland:** day camp for kids

**Heartland Therapeutic Riding Camp:** children with disabilities

**Camp Hope:** children who have had or have cancer

**Green Works ECO Career Camp:** empowers urban youth to care for the environment

**Camp Sibsational:** siblings of children with cancer

**Joshua Center Camp:** children with autism spectrum disorders/Tourette's/OCD

**Camp MITIÖG:** children with spina bifida

**Camp Quality:** children with cancer

**Camp Shakespeare:** the art of theatre, understanding of Shakespeare, and history

**Camp Systole-CHD Families:** children with congenital heart disease

**Whatsoever Community Center:** a day camp for underprivileged children

**Wildwood Outdoor Education Center:** an outdoor education program for youth from Kansas City's urban core

**Camp Wilderness:** youth with bleeding disorders

**Camp WIN:** sports camp for girls

**Wonderland Camp:** children with developmental disabilities



# OUR MISSION

Camps For Kids works to ensure that no Kansas City-area child will be turned away from summer camp because of low income, or physical or developmental disabilities.



**65% NEEDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**



**58% HAD A MEDICAL NEED**

*\*some children are counted in both categories*

## PERFORMING IMPORTANT WORK

The COVID-19 pandemic presented challenges for all our network camps in 2020 and 2021, yet all of our 20 network camps proceeded with their summer camps in 2022, continuing to make the unique experience of summer camp available to the special needs and underprivileged communities that we have served since 1981. Camp directors and staff worked to adapt to the new realities and meet the unique needs of the children and youth they serve. This solidifies and reaffirms our belief about what's truly important: family, friends, health, and the support of the community for those most in need. The work we do is crucial for the wellbeing and flourishing of disadvantaged and special needs children and youth and is paramount to the health of our community. Thank you for supporting Camps For Kids, our camps, and our kids.

*Without the support of Camps for Kids and the matching fund, CHD Families would be unable to provide a free medically supervised summer camp for kids with Congenital Heart Defects."*

**- Director, Camp Systole**

# FINANCIALS\*

## REVENUE AND SUPPORT

CAMPAIGN EFFORTS	\$433,661
LESS GROSS AMOUNTS RAISED ON BEHALF OF OTHERS	(\$152,776)
PUBLIC SUPPORT	\$280,885
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$102,983
OTHER INCOME	\$547
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORTS</b>	<b>\$384,415</b>

## EXPENSES

FUNDS FOR PROGRAM SERVICES-CAMPERSHIPS	\$334,455
LESS GROSS AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED ON BEHALF OF OTHERS	(\$152,776)
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$181,679
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	\$89,631
FUNDRAISING	\$41,973
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$313,283</b>

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$269,998
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$341,130
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$71,132

*\*As agents for our camps, camp-designated donations are not recognized as a Camps For Kids revenue or expense.*



## SUPPORT FOR CAMPS FOR KIDS

### OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

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#### \$10,000 - 24,999

W. J. Brace Charitable Trust  
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