

# Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times

## 2016 Year-In-Review

2016 was another successful year during which Camp welcomed more than 1,600 campers into our community of healing, compassion and love. This community of support is in direct alignment with the philosophy of family-centered care, which recognizes that optimal health outcomes are achieved when family members play an active role in their child's medical care.

Camp surrounds families with an atmosphere of mutual support that encourages sharing between others who are going through the same experience. It helps alleviate stress and anxiety while improving coping skills and resiliency. Most significantly, recent research has shown that critically-ill children and their siblings cope with medical trauma through play. Our programs do the same for parents, who often experience higher levels of traumatic stress than the patient or siblings. Here's what two parents reported after attending a Family Camp session:

*"Camp was the first place we came in contact with other cancer families. We finally met people in real life that truly understood what we were going through. Camp families have become our best friends and our saving grace."*

*"I've never mentioned that family camp brought our marriage back and allowed our family to reunite. #ForeverGrateful!! #truestory"*



### Key 2016 Stats

Campers served	1,636
Number of camp sessions	12
Number of volunteers	1,258
Volunteer hours	49,827

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### DONOR PROFILE

In 2016, Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times launched a new event call "Heroes for Healing," a spirited six-week fundraising competition among candidates vying for the title of "Hero of the Year!" The candidates were selected based on their dedication to helping children with cancer experience the magic and healing of Camp. The winner of our inaugural event was 12 year-old Gracin Kerry, who raised more than \$40,000! Gracin was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer at just one year old, catapulting her family into a world of surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation treatments.

Gracin and her family attended Family Camp for seven years, a special family time when they could just be themselves and take a break from treatment and the frequent doctors' visits. Gracin and her brother Sean now attend summer camp together. The Kerry Family remains connected to Camp not only because of the support it has provided them, but also as an example to other families that they, too, can overcome such a difficult disease and remain united as a family.

