And Now, a Closing Message from Camp’s New Board President

Having served on Camp’s board of trustees for three years, I am thrilled to take up my new role as Board President. I have seen firsthand Camp’s transformative impact on the children and families living with childhood cancer that come to Camp every year after year. It is this unique and profound impact that inspired me to step into the role of President in my last year on the board.

In addition to the exciting updates you read in the newsletter, our board has been growing along with Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times. Together with childhood cancer that come to Camp year after year, it has been a joy to see our board of trustees grow to more than 40 members. We welcome our newest board members and are grateful for their years of service on our Board. Welcome to our newest trustees: Jennifer Freeman, Anne Arzapalo, Ravi Sharma, Ed Lodgen, Carmen Herrera, and Jim Anderson.

Our Board of Trustees advocate and raise funds for Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times to continue to invest our time, talent and treasure for continuing to invest our time, talent and treasure for the children with cancer and their families. Thank you to all for your continued support.

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Ways You Can Help

Through each session, Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times® is touching the lives of children living with cancer, and their families. Please help us fulfill our mission by joining in the following ways:

• Sign up online for SLAM GOOD TIMES and make a monthly, quarterly or annual gift to Camp

• Join our major donor CAMPFIRE CIRCLE with a donation of $1,000 or more

• Contribute to the NONPROFIT 100 FUNDRAISER! Contact Morgan Corner at mcorner@rmhcsc.org (or donate online at www.rmhcsc.org/camp)

Financial Planning Corner

If you own stocks, mutual funds or other securities that have increased in value, you have owned them for more than one year, it may be wise to use them to make charitable gifts. The new law has retained the special tax benefits that come with making charitable gifts in this way. You may still claim a deduction for their full market value, not just the amount you paid, and you do not have to pay capital gains that would be owed if you sold the securities and descended the proceeds.

In the case of the traditional or Roth IRA, people age 70½ and older may make tax-free gifts totaling up to $100,000 per year to RMHC for the benefit of Camp. As a result of reduced estate taxes, it will no longer be necessary for you to use tools for estate planning to gift retirement funds. This means it may now be more practical to use part of a portion of your tax savings to gift charitable gifts in part of your estate plans, because your heirs will receive the same amount or more that they would have owed after paying taxes under the prior law.

For more information on options for making charitable gifts as part of your estate and financial long range plans, please call Development Director Matthew Singh at (310) 643-3108.

Program Milestones & Highlights

2017 was a year for the books – in so small a part because it marked Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times’ 35th Anniversary! Our 35th Anniversary Celebration BBQ was a huge success, receiving camper votes, volunteers and staff, some of which had not seen each other or been back to visit Camp in decades.

Once the course of the landmark 35-weeks that transpired in 2017, YOUR SUPPORT helped transform lives, forge friendships, and build strength and hope among our campers and their families. This year, 1,500 campers joined us over the course of 12 sessions (with an additional 442 campers from our partner camp in a grand total of 1,942 campers) Those same 12 sessions also saw close to 500 volunteers share their time and gifts (our volunteers truly put the “V” in “vital”). Camp’s old dining hall kitchen was renovated and transformed into “The Billy Foreman Kids Kitchen and Pizza Pavilion” for camper culinary classes thanks to generous support from the Billy Foreman Fund. And finally, we are happy to announce a new fundraising tool and one of the greatest treats to be found working side by side with other community institutions and organizations.

We also partnered with Children’s Hospital Los Angeles for the second year in a row to bring Discovery and Adventure Retreat that served 41 teens with Cancer.

We continued to partner with the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation to host their We CAN Family Camps in both English and Spanish (264 campers).

Camp started a new partnership with USC Norris Cancer Center to put on a weekend camp for young adults with Cancer. This year, we served 18 adults.

The 2017 Camp was a great success and we look forward to repeating it in 2018.

Students from the Crossroads Performing Arts School in Santa Monica came to Camp and put on the musical 13 for our campers.

The LA Kings Fan Club & Choir - storm attended all five sessions to teach our campers street hockey.

Past summer, the Crossroads School and fourteen of summer volunteer appreciation party and is looking forward to hosting future events in the future.

The Wind & Fire Harley group comprised of retired firefighters from Southern California and Arizona came up once again for Harley Day to donate their time and funds to the Campers.

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Ready, Set... Walk for Kids™!

Join us on Sunday, April 8th, 2018 at Exposition Park in Los Angeles to support Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times and our Family Camp program — it’s fast-filled weekend for the whole family to bond with each other and families going through similar experiences. For families like the Montijos, it is a weekend away to a haven that would otherwise be impossible given the circumstances. For families like the Montijos, it is a weekend away to a haven that would otherwise be impossible given the circumstances.

We need YOU to help us meet this year’s goal of raising $35,000 to keep our camp programs going for families like the Montijos, who continue to navigate Raylan’s condition with hope and a sense of courage that comes from knowing they are supported by our Ronald McDonald House and Camp families. If you are unable to attend, you can still form or join a team to raise money as a Virtual Walker and/or make a donation by visiting www.walkforkids.org/camp. If you need help starting your own team, or have questions about the Walk, please call Nicole Ring at (213) 664-3003.
Meet Monica “Sunkist” Sewell: Camper Alumni and Dedicated Volunteer

Monica Sewell and Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times (bruins) have been a perfect match ever since the day that the Whittier, California 11-year-old was diagnosed with leukemia. She was referred to the hospital by her pediatrician, and was eventually referred to the Pediatric Oncology Service at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. She states, “The only thing I knew was that in January of 2015, at just nine months old, he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.”

Each time Monica heads back up the mountain, she knows that life-changing experiences await her. When asked to share one of her favorite memories ever, she says, “I always remember the day you got diagnosed with leukemia. I was so afraid that I wouldn’t be able to make it, and so out of my system, like any other child – spunky, inquisitive, charming, and eager (and frequently aggressive) at just nine months old, he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.”

What makes Raylan unique? He is the quintessential example of leadership, doughty4camp.

Our team will build a new, state-of-the-art Camper Village and Dining Hall at our Mountain Center site. Our children and families deserve the very best experience we can possibly offer them, and the much-needed capital project reflects our commitment to serving them. We will continue to grow our programs, to be more inclusive and relevant in our delivery of programs, to be more accessible and responsive to our families. We will continue to improve our programs, to be more engaging and delightful for all of our children and families. We will continue to work hard to make sure that every child’s experience is as special as possible, and we aim to change the lives of children who visit Camp each year. As you can imagine, it’s no small challenge, but we are up for the task.

For doctors, we are beginning building a new, state-of-the-art Camp Village and Dining Hall at our Mountain Center site. Our children and families deserve the very best experience we can possibly offer them, and the much-needed capital project reflects our commitment to serving them. We will continue to grow our programs, to be more inclusive and relevant in our delivery of programs, to be more accessible and responsive to our families. We will continue to improve our programs, to be more engaging and delightful for all of our children and families. We will continue to work hard to make sure that every child’s experience is as special as possible, and we aim to change the lives of children who visit Camp each year. As you can imagine, it’s no small challenge, but we are up for the task.

My friends, I know that 2018 is going to be a great year. It’s my荣幸 to see our friends who have made this possible. We are committed to our mission of providing the best experience possible for all of our children and families. We are committed to our mission of providing the best experience possible for all of our children and families. We are committed to our mission of providing the best experience possible for all of our children and families. We are committed to our mission of providing the best experience possible for all of our children and families. We are committed to our mission of providing the best experience possible for all of our children and families.
W.O.L.P. Kicks Off 2018!

Here’s what you can do to make a difference:

1. Volunteer: There are so many ways to help! From helping with event planning to working with our kids, there are opportunities for everyone. Visit www.wolp.org to find a volunteer opportunity that suits your interests.

2. Donate: Your financial support is crucial to our mission. You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation online at wolp.org/donate. Join our WOLP Family and receive updates on our events and programs.

3. Spread the word: Share our work on social media and talk to your friends and family about W.O.L.P. and the important work we do.

Let’s make 2018 the best year yet for W.O.L.P. Together, we can change lives and make a difference in the lives of kids and families. Join us today!
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In addition to the exciting updates you read in the newsletter, our board has been growing along with Camp. Not only have we had nearly a dozen new members from various fields and backgrounds join in the last year and half, but we also have three camper graduates on the board—Ian Anderson, Tom Clobes, and Chris Nehls. We’re thrilled to have new voices and perspectives join us in this important leadership role to help guide our program.

Thank you to all those who supported us over the course of 12 sessions (with an additional 442 campers from our partner camps in a grand total of 1,362 camps) through your donations. The new law has retained the special tax benefits that come with making charitable gifts in this way. You may still claim a deduction for your full market value, not just the amount you paid, and you do not have to pay capital gains tax that would be owed if you sold the securities and donated the proceeds.

It is the case of the traditional Roth IRA, people age 70½ and older may make free gifts totaling up to $100,000 per year to RMHCC for the benefit of Camp. As a result of reduced estate taxes, it will no longer be necessary for you to make these gifts as part of your estate plan. This means it may now be more practical to use a proportion of your tax savings to fund charitable gifts as part of your estate plan, because your heirs will still receive the same amount or more than they would have after paying taxes under the prior law.

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We continued our partnerships with the Cohen’s & Collins foundation and the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Las Vegas by hosting their summer camp programs every year; serving an additional 25 campers who benefited from our programming, staff and volunteer support

We also partnered with Children’s Hospital Los Angeles for the second year in a row to host a special Discovery and Adventure Retreat that served 41 teens with Cancer.

We continued to partner with the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation to host their We CAN Family Camps in both English and Spanish (serving 284 campers).

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The LA Kings Fan Crew & Cheer team attended all five sessions to teach our campers street hockey.

Post season, the Crossroads School, Los Angeles, hosted our final week of summer volunteer appreciation party and is looking forward to hosting other events in the future.

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Once the course of the landmark 365 days that transpired in 2017, YOUR SUPPORT helped transform lives, forge friendships, and instill strength and hope among our campers and their families. This year, 1,300 campers joined us over the course of 12 sessions (with an additional 442 campers from our partner camps in a grand total of 1,362 camps) Those same 12 sessions also saw close to 500 volunteers share their time and gifts (our volunteers truly put the “I” in “we”). Camp’s old camping bell was renovated and transformed into “The Billy Forever Kids Kitchen and Pizza Lounge” for campers culinary arts thanks to generous support from the Billy Forever Fund. And finally, you are the “z” that makes our partnerships with organizations and families who benefit from the high-quality care we have provided possible.

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Join our major donor CAMPFIRE CIRCLE with a donation of $1,000 or more.

Give as a MATCH FUNDING for Camp! Contact Nicole Eng for ideas and support at mball@rmhcsc.org (213) 268-8488 ext. 512.

Include Camp in your ESTATE PLANS (i.e., bequest, will, life insurance, IRA, etc. Contact Marlene Stang at (323) 644-3008 or 310-268-8488 ext. 1250 for details).

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