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"He was on his own and felt “bigger” and “older.” He had fun meeting other kids who had similar interests and needs. He tried so many new things!! He was proud of himself." — parent

A YEAR OF GOODNESS AND GROUNDING

2018 marked our eleventh year of providing quality overnight camps to youth with autism spectrum disorder in Missouri and Kansas. Your in-kind donations, volunteer hours, and financial gifts made a huge impact on our campers. Through the four overnight camps (two summer and two weekend) and because of you, connections were made, new activities were braved, skills were gained, comfort zones were stepped out of, and hearts were filled.

Strategic planning for continued growth occurred, ensuring a bright future for Camp Encourage and for all that are lifted by its mission. As you’ll see within this year’s Annual Report, 2018 was full of goodness and grounding.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS DISTRIBUTED $55,055

TOTAL NUMBER OF CAMPER SLOTS 186
144 ASD CAMPERS | 42 PEER CAMPERS

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS 300+

IMPACT

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CAMPER STATS

$575K

60%
Campa its that received
scholarship support

82.5%
Campers from the
greater Kansas City area

100%
Campers from Missouri and Kansas

PARENT FEEDBACK

After each camp session, parents were asked to provide feedback to ensure that the experience is meaningful, of high quality, and valuable. Parent feedback in 2018 was overwhelmingly positive.

PARENT SURVEY QUESTIONS | AGREEMENT RESPONSE

Camp Encourage seemed well designed and organized. | 100%
Camp Encourage cares about providing a quality experience. | 100%
Camp Encourage provided an opportunity for my child to meet others with similar interests and/or needs. | 100%
The staff at Camp Encourage assisted my child in feeling good about him/herself. | 100%
Camp Encourage provided my child with an opportunity to increase independence. | 100%
This experience enhanced my child’s self-esteem. | 97%
Camp Encourage provided increased social opportunities and growth. | 97%
Peer model campers are a nice addition to Camp Encourage. | 97%
I would send my child to Camp Encourage again. | 100%
I would recommend Camp Encourage to other parents. | 100%
EXPENSES BY FUNCTION

TOTAL EXPENSES: $359,490

PUBLIC SUPPORT & REVENUE

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*Totals not including those made during Camps for Kids Campaign

2018 PLAYLIST

It isn’t unusual to hear our campers humming, whistling, rocking a solo, singing by the campfire, or listening to tunes for comfort or joy. Music is a common thread among many at Camp Encourage. Songs often heard in 2018 are listed on this year’s “playlist:”

- Brand New Eyes, Bea Miller
- Shine Your Way, Owl City & Yuna
- Try Everything, Shakira
- We Can, Jesse Ruben
- Home, Phillips Phillips

MORE MAGIC TO COME

There is a clear need for the quality services Camp Encourage provides. More youth with ASD deserve this source of encouragement. More parents deserve the respite and the assurance that their child can be safe and successful away from home. A parent in 2018 expressed, “I really feel that it is one of the only places (my son) feels 100% comfortable socializing outside of our home. Maybe even more so. I can tell he understands it’s ok to be exactly himself. There isn’t another place he has the opportunity to interact with other kids on the spectrum as well as supportive peers.”

Thank you for joining us and for being an integral part of the magic of Camp Encourage. Be watching for the next stage of growth as we continue to remain grounded in goodness.

There are many ways to support our mission.

Find out how YOU can contribute at campencourage.org or contact info@campencourage.org

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"We knew he was in great hands and after the thorough application we had no worries. Being at peace with where he’d be for camp and knowing he was surrounded by people who understand him was a big weight off our shoulders as parents. It set a great example for his younger brothers who all now want to go to camp and have a great time too." — parent