

YOUR DONATION'S IMPACT

There's no better way to show the impact of your gift than by allowing a member to tell their story.

"Katie was all smiles when her grandmother, Judy Stevenson, picked her up from Camp Jewell on August 22nd. She could hardly stop talking as she shared stories of new friendships, gymnastics on horseback, and days at the waterfront. The sound was music to Judy's ears. August 22nd had become a somber day in their household as it was the birthday of Judy's daughter—Katie's mother—who died suddenly and tragically three years ago. But this year brought a sense of celebration back to the date as the two reunited and Katie enthusiastically recounted her two weeks in the Bandit Village at camp with a smile a mile wide.

'Camp let Katie be a child again without so much sadness. It gave her something to enjoy that was just for her', says Judy. 'She returned more independent than ever before and with a sense of security in who she is. It was a huge boost in self-esteem.' Stevenson goes on to share her relief that Katie was able to connect with children and counselors of different races and backgrounds, something that is important to their family and somewhat difficult to achieve in their neighborhood.

Judy was nervous about leaving her eight-year-old granddaughter at camp for the first time but was put at ease when she saw how organized the drop-off process was. 'Everything was so well run,' she says, 'and the counselors were amazing—so filled with energy. Katie was already making friends before I left.'

Katie was able to attend Camp Jewell on a YMCA Annual Campaign scholarship, something she would not have been able to do otherwise. Raising her granddaughter on a part time salary, Judy finds that she often has to cut corners to make ends meet. She worried that Katie would miss out on the kinds of opportunities she was able to offer her own children. Thanks to the scholarship, she doesn't have to.

This is not the first time that the YMCA has come through for the family. With a discounted membership to their local Y, Katie learned how to swim. The lessons clearly paid off when Katie returned from Camp Jewell with the award for "Camper Most Likely to Swim Fully Dressed." 'Giving her this experience was a phenomenal gift,' says Stevenson, 'something we are truly grateful for.'

—These names have been changed.

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Financial assistance is available.

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"Dear Camp Jewell,

I have been a stay at home mom for 12 years, and am just getting my career reestablished after ending an abusive relationship that my son and I endured for all that time. We have moved out of the house, but are struggling to make ends meet financially. I made a promise to my son that when he turned 12 he would be able to attend Camp Jewell with all of his friends. Is there anything you can do to help me give this opportunity to my son?

Thank you for your consideration..."

—YMCA Member

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Your generous support of our YMCA Annual Campaign makes it possible for us to provide life-enriching opportunities for kids, families, and individuals who need just a little help.

Your gift of \$25 a month provides a child with a month of afterschool enrichment.

Your gift of \$50 a month provides a child with a week of resident camp.

Your gift of \$100 a month provides a child with a full two week session of resident camp.

Your gift of \$250 a month provides a child with a full two week session of ranch camp and an additional child a week of traditional resident camp.

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Your gift to the Camp Jewell YMCA's Annual Campaign makes life-changing experiences possible.

A team of volunteers is working to secure the goal. They make time to do this important work because they've seen the impact the Camp Jewell YMCA has on its members. **Your support does make a difference.** A monthly gift from your checking or credit/debit card will help many people.

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