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Camper George At The Age of 17 Had Never Been Away From His Parents

George, like many of our campers was diagnosed at an early age with cancer, and as a result of his treatments, has experienced severe side effects which resulted in cognitive difficulties and delayed emotional development that led to a loss of friends. George experiences 15-17 seizures a day and requires supervision around the clock. George's parents split their time taking care of him and making him comfortable.

In 2008 his parents heard about our program, a sleep away camp for children with cancer, with mixed emotions they enrolled him in Camp Quality New Jersey. George's parents were feeling a little anxious and very nervous, this would be the first time George would spend this much time away from them. George flourished during that first summer camp. When he got home all he could talk about were the activities he participated in and seeing his friends at Camp Quality again.

During our teen weekend camp held over the winter, George was reunited with his friends. George turned 18 before the 2009 summer camp and unfortunately would no longer be eligible to participate in our week long summer camp. George's mother approached the board and asked if we could make an exception, since emotionally George was still a teenager about 12-13 years old. After an in-depth review, we made an exception and he would be eligible to camp until he was 19 years old. George returned to our winter weekend teen camp in 2010, and George's parents commented that he has made tremendous progress in the last two years. This was due to two factors; improved medication that reduced the number of daily seizures, and Camp Quality New Jersey.

"I just wanted to personally thank everyone for George being able to attend Camp Quality again this year. He told us that he had a wonderful time. He also told us about some of the things he had the opportunity to do while at camp. I do know that he seemed to be much better about leaving us for camp. And THANK YOU to Camp Quality's companions, Dr. Appel, and the nurses that got up so early to make sure George has his 5am meds and the staff for all of their efforts to make this a wonderful week for these children and giving them the chance to be kids"

Camper Georges Mom

For over six years through our unique one companion to one camper system, we have been building self esteem and memories for both campers and companions. Our entire program is run completely by volunteers, people, like you who come from all over the state, and meet for one week, every June, in Blirstown New Jersey, because they want to....Not because they are paid to. Camp Quality New Jersey is a 501 (C) (3) tax exempt organization, in addition to our week long camping experience we provide free year-round support programs for children with cancer, ages 5-17.

On June 10, 2010 we will hold a golf outing, our major fund raiser for the year; through generous donations from originations like yours we have been able to make a difference in the lives of our campers. We are in need of gifts for our participants as well as sponsorship for the event. I know we can count on you to help us continue our efforts to provide a unique camping experience for children with cancer and making a difference in a child's life.

Thank you for choosing to support Camp Quality New Jersey, "No one can do anything about the quantity of one's life, but all of us can do something about the quality"

Sincerely,

Matthew Troncone
Friend of Camp Quality New Jersey
P.S.

Children and Cancer don't slow down in a recession....

Neither do we.

