

Hello to our Camp Family:

There is no greater encouragement and comfort than the Camp Family at a time like this. You have been in our hearts and our thoughts as we have made decisions regarding our summer programs.

At CHT, we take the health and safety of campers, volunteers, and staff in our community very seriously. We have been actively monitoring the spread of COVID-19 and updating our procedures and plans for summer with the help of our Medical Advisory Committee and Board of Directors. We have also been following the advice of local and national agencies in regard to our response in order to best care for your families.

At a meeting of our Board of Directors this past week, we came to the difficult decision that CHT **must suspend summer 2020 in-person programs**, and focus our efforts on finding new and creative ways to stay connected with Campers through the summer. This means that all in-person summer sessions and family offerings are canceled.

We know that this is disappointing news for our CHT community and trust that you understand that our highest priority when making this decision was the well-being of members of our community. We are especially cognizant of what these changes mean for Campers for who are 17 years old. As such, we are working on offerings for them for later in 2020 and summer 2021. We will keep these campers informed as we know more.

The following areas of concern helped to guide our decision-making:

There have been significant delays in developing program design and acquiring supplies that are necessary for facilitating summer programs due to COVID-19.

There are challenges in recruiting and maintaining medical professionals who are desperately needed to care for patients in hospitals and clinics.

We have seen a significant decrease in donations due to the cancellation of Hope Grows Celebration and the current economic climate. The majority of our facility rentals have also been cancelled adding to CHT's financial considerations.

Camp is not a suitable environment to maintain social distancing protocols and recommendations.

We are committed to bringing Camp to you in the best way we can. We know that everyone could use a dose of CHT to turn the world around, now more than ever.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact McKenzie at program@campholidaytrails.org or 434-960-1377 or Tina, Executive Director, 434-305-0929/434-760-1120 or by email at tina@campholidaytrails.org. We are grateful for our Camp family and know we will get through this together. On behalf of all of us here at CHT, we wish

you good health during this time and we look forward to seeing you all again at Camp in brighter, happier days ahead.