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THANK YOU so much **FOR HELPING.**

Camp Winston is the **FUNNEST** place on earth!

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A SPECIAL PLACE FOR CHILDREN WITH
COMPLEX NEUROBIOLOGICAL DISORDERS

“ Camp Winston was the first place in my life where I felt accepted, not judged, and I was able to make friends ”

Camp Winston, located on the shores of Sparrow Lake, plays a crucial role in the lives of children with complex neurobiological disorders, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, Tourette Disorder, ADHD, learning disabilities and many others.

For children with complex neurobiological disorders, life can be challenging – and they are often left out of social settings like school, sports and recreational programs, including summer camp.

At Camp Winston, children have the opportunity to escape their often difficult daily lives, connect with others in a way never before experienced, and build lifelong skills to better cope with the world around them.

Camp Winston offers summer programs for children ages 7-17, as well as respite weekends and support services throughout the year for families challenged by the daily pressures of raising children with neurobiological disorders. These programs and services also support grandparents raising grandchildren, and children being raised in alternative care.



connecting



belonging



thriving



MORE THAN A SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

Celebrating 30+ years of success, Camp Winston has become a recognized leader in supporting children with neurobiological disorders and has a uniquely compassionate approach that allows campers to feel safe and welcome enough to connect, belong and thrive, without fear of rejection. Camp is a launching pad from which alumni go on to lead richer, better integrated and more independent lives.

THE GROWING DEMAND FOR SPECIALIZED SERVICES

With an increasing number of children diagnosed with neurobiological disorders, demand for Camp Winston's programs and services is rapidly growing. Children enrolled in Camp Winston are accepted regardless of their ability to pay, creating an equal opportunity and inclusion for children who need it most.

Since 1991, we've been on a mission to provide individualized support for children and youth with complex neurobiological disorders, enabling them to manage their challenges and use their gifts to find success, as well as support families and caregivers.

It is only with the generosity of Camp Winston's donors that the benefits of the Winston experience can be made available to so many children and their families who desperately need it.



95% OF CAMPERS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID FROM CAMP WINSTON



“ Thank you donors for **HELPING**
Camp Winston open back up! ”

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After two long and challenging years of no summer camp due to COVID, it was incredibly heartwarming to welcome campers back!



Some campers were returning after a few years away while others joined us for the very first time. Every camper's experience is unique, but one thing is always the same: the positive and powerful impact Camp Winston has on our campers and their families.



We were reminded of the “full family” impact of the Camp Winston experience after speaking to Kas Lingenfelter, mother of Arjan, who attended summer camp and one of our respite programs for the first time this year.





“Camp Winston is truly a place that has made [my son Arjan] feel happy and welcome. Camp Winston made him feel like he belonged.”
- Kas, Arjan’s mom

An Incredible Summer Camp Experience:

“What you guys do is God’s work!” It’s sad that Arjan hasn’t been able to experience summer camp until this summer. The way you’ve designed the Camp Winston experience – the adaptations and support you offer all campers – has given Arjan the opportunity to finally take part in that, just like his peers and his sibling! We are so happy and grateful that Arjan was able to have this incredible experience.”

Transformation in Social Skills:

“Arjan’s social skills have improved significantly since camp. He’s been noticeably more interactive with people when they greet or talk to him, he’s open to new experiences and he’s even been trying new foods! His therapists have said that it’s been eye-opening to see how much Arjan benefited from Camp Winston. Giving him this opportunity to get out of his comfort zone has truly kick-started a lot of really positive changes and progressions in both his skills and behaviours. His experience at Camp Winston was so joyful and transformative, and has enabled Arjan to gain greater independence.”

Respite for Parents and Family:

“As Arjan’s caregivers, we are often up throughout the night tending to his needs. The first night while Arjan was at camp was probably the most restful night we have had in ten years. As well, Arjan’s time at Camp Winston allowed us to give Arjan’s brother our undivided attention, something that unfortunately never happens because of the constant attention that Arjan requires.”

Camp Winston is Arjan’s Happy Place:

“Arjan smiles when we talk about Camp Winston. Though we initially had reservations about sending him to camp, we now know how positive the experience was for him. This was especially clear when we saw how excited he was to return for the respite retreat in the Fall. Our entire family is looking forward to his next summer at Camp Winston! We printed some photos of Camp Winston and put them on Arjan’s walls. He looks at them often and it’s amazing to see how happy they make him. Camp Winston is truly a place that has made him feel happy and welcomed and, where for the first time in his life, he fits right in.”

Meet **ARJAN**



THANK YOU



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It is with tremendous gratitude that we thank our generous supporters who helped make our first ever Day of Giving Matching Fund Campaign this past June a remarkable success!

“Thank you camp Winston staff, donors, parents and volunteers for working hard and diligent to open your doors this year! Kids look very happy and rejuvenated! They sure can't wait till summer 2023! 🍌🍌
- Ellie Panforyb, camper parent

2022 HIGHLIGHTS

7 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS

32 CAMPER EXPERIENCED SUMMER CAMP FOR THE FIRST TIME

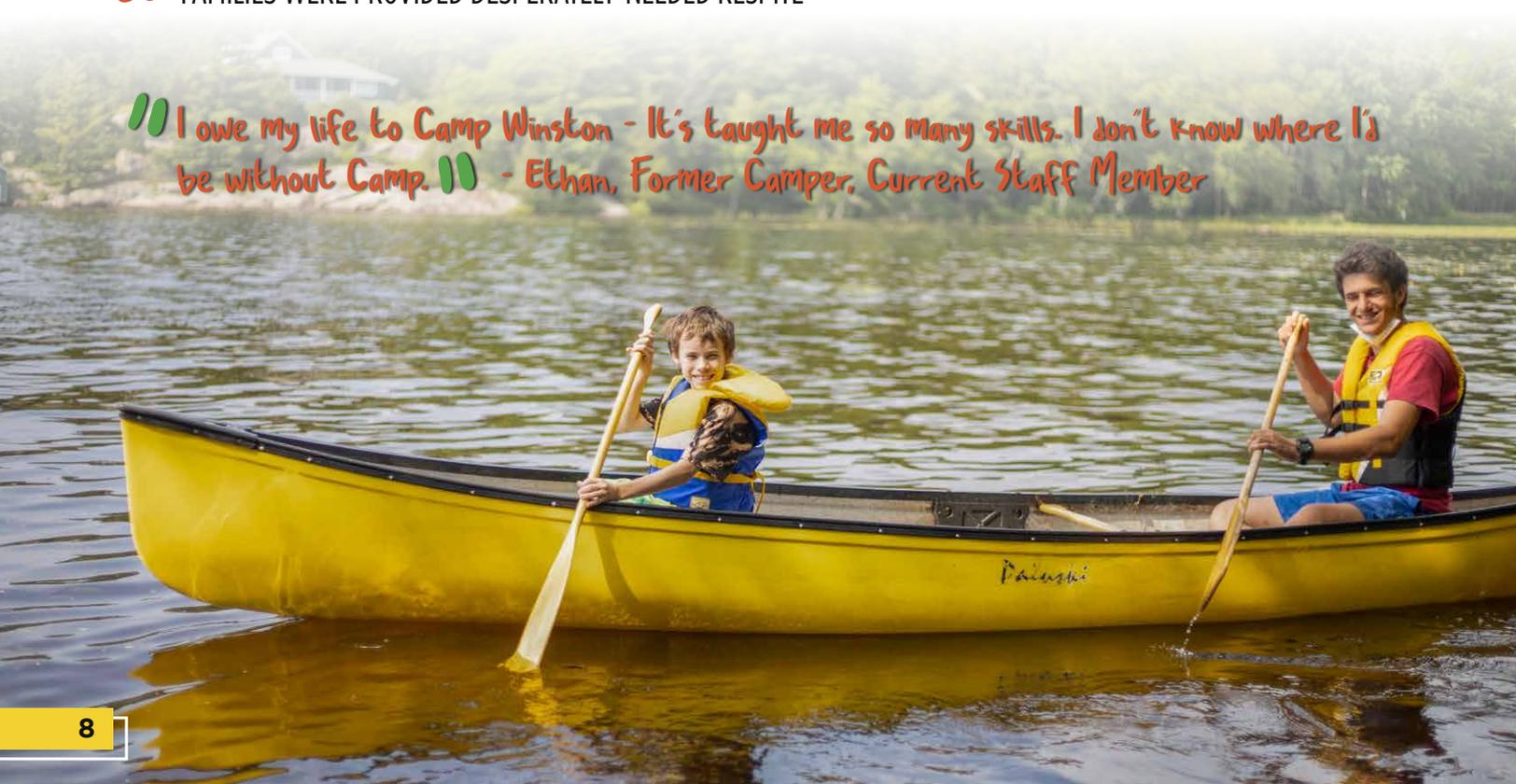
2 RESPITE RETREATS

89 FAMILIES WERE PROVIDED DESPERATELY-NEEDED RESPITE

487 DONORS RAISED \$863k

→ +252 MORE DONORS SUPPORTED US THIS YEAR
→ +279 NEW DONORS RAISED \$301k

“I owe my life to Camp Winston - It's taught me so many skills. I don't know where I'd be without Camp. 🍌🍌 - Ethan, Former Camper, Current Staff Member



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My son had a great weekend at your camp. He met some new friends and did really well for his first time away from his parents. This has been a great experience for my whole family. Thank you for giving my son the opportunity to learn new skills and meet other children like him! He can't wait to go back!!!
- Hanako Bartlett

Best place on earth- who needs Disney World with those smiles.
- Robert Revrok

Love seeing kids can be who they are and yet feel understood and loved. Thanks amazing camp staff!!!
- Ellie Panforyv

CAMP WINSTON'S CAMPERS & THEIR FAMILIES, THANK YOU

It's impossible to describe how much Michael enjoyed his time at Camp Winston. Thank you so much, camp staff and donors! It was bitter sweet to welcome him home as a happy child who was glad to see us but sad his camp experience was over. It took him a few days of "why it's ended? what do I do now? and when are we back?" It's been an emotional rollercoaster to regulate his emotions but seeing updates online help and we get to reminisce until the next summer! Michael is still constantly sharing new skills and fun facts he learned at Camp! Thanks for giving Michael the best camp experience ever.
- camper parent

It's been 10+ years since I've been to Camp Winston. I still think about it. Had such a positive impact on my life. Happy to see you guys still going strong.
- Nicholas Goddard

I can't even put in words how much AJ enjoyed camp! Until next summer! Thanks for making the best possible experience.
- camper family

You make the world a better place, Camp Winston!
- Kenneth Shyminsky

Camp Winston has forever impacted our lives and the boys and I consider it our home away from home. You don't realize how isolating and lonely it can be until we have Camp Winston opportunities. We are grateful.
- Anonymous Parent

Camp Winston changed my life I'm excited to go back every year I hope to see the same and many more kids to come.
- Counsellor



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