

Journey

SPRING 2022



REFER A CHILD FOR CAMP

Kids Camp is provided free of charge and is open to any child in the community even if their loved one didn't utilize hospice services.

To refer a child, contact your local Foundation office or visit our website at www.bristolhospicefoundationca.org/kids-camp to use our online referral form. Referral forms may be submitted year-round.

CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD

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MOM'S AGREE: LET'S SPREAD THE WORD **ABOUT KIDS CAMP!**

Since 1993 Kids Camp has helped hundreds of children who are grieving the death of someone they love. Although the camps have been held for so many years, when we spoke with some mom's of our campers they all agreed more people need to know about Kids Camp!

YOLA

Mom Yola sprang into action to help her two children when they lost their brother. She made sure that she talked with them, and she had them in counseling and therapy. Their counselor recommended Bristol Hospice Foundation Kids Camp.

Yola had not heard of Kids Camp, and she didn't know what to expect, but she trusted the counselor's advice. And she's happy she did.

"They loved it, and I liked that they offered the kids so many activities with intention," said Yola.

"Camp is a great experience for kids. It gives them time to forget a little and relieve that stress and pent-up energy in other ways. Kids Camp helps with the grieving process," Yola added.

STACEY

Hosted by The Taylor

Friday, August 12 - Sunday, August 14 at Camp Arroyo

Family Foundation

Ages 9 to 16

in Livermore

Stacey didn't know that her husband was gravely ill until a week before his passing. She and her sons didn't have time to process it. There was no closure, no final conversation for Stacey and her sons.

During that tough time, a friend who was a high school guidance counselor recommended Kids Camp. And now Stacey recommends Kids Camp too.

> "More people need to know about and support Kids Camp," said Stacey.

> > Bristol Hospice Foundation Kids Camp provides children an opportunity to connect with others who are grieving, camping activities, in an atmosphere where both staff and campers understand their special needs.

learn coping skills and enjoy traditional

Camp information and referral forms are available online at bristolhospicefoundationca.org/kids-camp

"As a mom, it was good to let the kids go so they can experience a fun and care-free time with other kids who have experienced a loss. It's important for them — well adults too — to know they are not the only ones who have gone through this experience."

Both boys have attended camp a second time, and they plan to attend camp again.

"When they go to Kids Camp, they let go. They can escape everything and just be a kid," said Stacey.



successful camp possible.

JESSICA

Jessica's son, Anthony, has attended Kids Camp three times.

The first year they learned about camp from a school counselor.

"It was hard to let him go because it was his first time away alone," said Jessica.

"The director, Cherie, did a Facebook live. We could see the kids, and that was reassuring. I was able to type a hello message that Cherie passed on to Anthony."

The second year the family had experienced another loss. Jessica was the one who shared the camp information this time; She encouraged her sister to send her kids too.

Jessica's freshman-age niece resisted, especially when she learned that they could not bring electronic devices. Her nephew was just 10 and hadn't had a successful sleepover in the past, so they were prepared for a call to come get him that evening. But that didn't happen. Her nephew loved it. And her niece didn't even notice that she didn't have her phone.

Jessica said, "As a parent you might be hesitant to send them to camp. Each day something exciting is happening at camp, and they are getting counseling at the same time. They get to interact with kids their age who have also experienced a loss. It's a great experience for kids. More people need to know about this resource."

Association to provide the most supportive and

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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BECOME A HERO

SPONSOR A CHILD FOR KIDS CAMP

Sponsorships allow us to provide this amazing opportunity for young people who have experienced the death of a loved one at NO COST to the family.

If you would like a sponsorship packet or if you know a company or individual who would like to change the life of a child contact Cherie Shoemake at (661) 716-8000 or via email at cherie.shoemake@bristolhospice.com.



The Foundation is truly touched by the generosity shown during a very trying year

From our Bristol Hospice employees to our events sponsors, our corporate and individual donors, and everyone in between, your generosity in 2021 was greatly appreciated.

Your support assisted us in continuing to fulfill our Mission to support patients, families and members of our communities.

- We provided funding for 924 days of hospice care for patients without insurance.
- Even with significant modifications made to our 2021 Kids Camps due to COVID, 100 children were able to attend one of six sessions.

Thank you to our generous **Bristol**and Optimal employees who
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in 2021 through the
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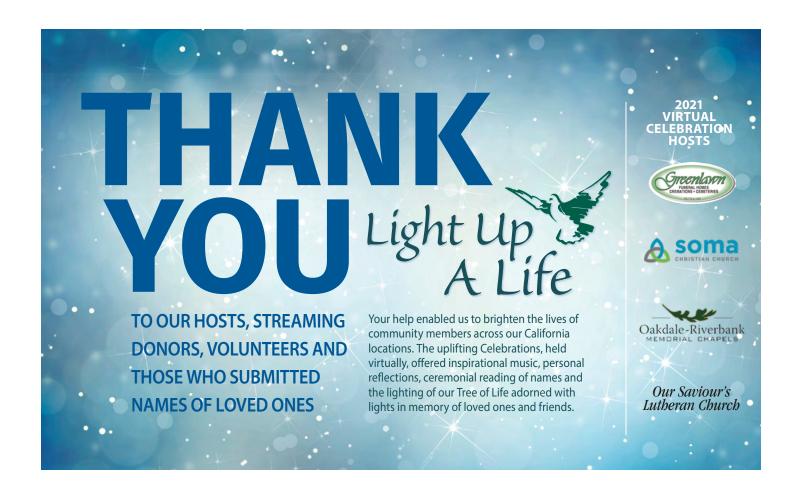
- Our outreach was expanded from eight Central California offices to 19 offices from Redding to San Diego.
- The Foundation Board of Directors continued its commitment to support patients and families dealing with a life-limiting illness by adding new or expanding existing programs and services commiserate with growing needs.
- Our website and on-line donors systems were updated to make it easier for communities to support our Mission with a more secure, easier to use experience and an option to make re-occurring gifts with flexibility to fit your giving preferences.

Thank you for your support



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