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A young boy with curly brown hair and blue eyes is ziplining through a dense green forest. He is wearing a bright green helmet, a white t-shirt, and a black harness with blue straps. He is smiling broadly at the camera. The background is a blurred green forest, suggesting motion.

CAMP CHRONICLE

SUMMER 2019

I had a
good week, don't
get a big head.

[Camper]



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CAMP CHRONICLE

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Letter from the Director

Greetings, Campers, Families, and Friends of Camp Royall,

I am so pleased to be back at Camp Royall as your Director and present to you the 2019 Camp Chronicle. With summer 2019 in the books, ASNC has successfully recorded its 48th installment of Summer Camp (the 23rd at Camp Royall) as well as its 10th full year of continuous year-round programming.

This summer, we served 401 campers, from ages 6 to 66! They came from 48 North Carolina counties, ready to have the best summer ever. Some of our campers joined us for the very first time, like Oscar (page 4), who enjoyed time at camp as both a day camper and a residential camper. The Miller sisters (page 6) enjoyed separate weeks at camp, which provided them with opportunities to branch out on their own and gave their family some special time with each girl at home as well.

Throughout the summer, campers had fun while learning new skills and trying activities for the first time. They were supported by about 100 staff members, 10 of whom are on the spectrum themselves. Some staff members come from nearby like Day Camp Counselor Edward (page 12) and others come to us from farther away, like Mebae (page 10) who traveled back to us this summer from Japan. It takes so many people to make Camp Royall a reality each summer, and we are so grateful for all of our dedicated staff. Volunteers, like Nick (page 14), are also an important part of our camp program, and we thank them for their service!

We are so fortunate to have so many generous donors who make camp a reality for many of our campers every summer. LGI Homes (page 22) not only supported our campers financially, but brought their employees out for a service day, donating their time and talents. We owe a debt of gratitude to all of our supporters for making campers' dreams come true; see page 26 for a list of these amazing people.

Please be sure you take notice of the great opportunities for you to get involved at camp all year long. Check out page 21 for more info on our year-round programs, and we hope to see you at camp soon!

With much camp love and "Enthuuuuusiasm,"

Sara Gage, *Camp Royall Director*



CAMPER HIGHLIGHT: Oscar Liu



This was Oscar Liu's first time at Camp Royall, and he liked it so much that he came back for Day Camp after his week of Residential Camp.

Oscar is a happy and energetic 19-year-old. He spent his days at camp exploring on golf carts, on the hayride, and of course, on foot. Amaris Smith, his counselor during Residential Camp, loved his adventurous spirit. "He faced each activity head on and is always ready for an adventure!" she said.

During his week of Day Camp, Oscar was awarded the "Never Steer You Wrong" award by his counselor, Emily Mitchum. "I thought this would be a great award for Oscar because, not only did he love to ride on the golf carts at camp, no matter the adventure, he was a great sport, added lots of musical spirit along the way, and overall made trying new things a blast!"

Before Oscar came to Camp Royall, his parents were concerned about how well he would do. He had been out of school for four months and spent time in a crisis center after a traumatic incident at school.



At drop-off, he had a difficult time leaving his parents, but he soon was enjoying his time. At first, he didn't like the pool, but soon he was walking up and down the ramp happily. And he loved to joke around with the counselors.

"The counselors are so nice and so sweet," said his mom, Ellen Kuo. "They really care for Oscar."

Camp was great for Oscar because he enjoys being active, she said. His favorite activities were gym time, Music and Motion, and hiking. "I always enjoyed our moments together when we could admire the beautiful nature around us," Amaris said. "Another one of Oscar's favorite activities this week was the hayride! We would watch all of the trees go by as we made our way around camp."

Emily noted how much Oscar enjoyed music. "His musical abilities shone through, from his rhythmic abilities with the drums and bells at music and motion, to his awesome singing at Shady Circle, to his whistling and humming in the golf cart," she said. "Oscar never fails to surprise us all with his hidden talents and love for music!"

Oscar will absolutely be back at Camp Royall next summer and possibly for some of the year-round events, Ellen said. We are excited to have him again!

"He's such a happy camper and I love seeing the way his face lights up when he's having fun!" Amaris said. "His smile and laughter are so contagious! You can't help but smile whenever he's around." ■



We're already
such good friends,
I can smell it!
[Camper]





CAMPER HIGHLIGHT:

Mackenzie & Mikayla Miller

The Miller sisters, Mikayla and Mackenzie, joined us for the first time this summer, and they had a blast, each in their own way.

Mikayla, who is 16, shared that she was a bit nervous and didn't know what to expect from camp, but she truly flourished. She made several really good friends during the week and has already had one over for a sleepover at her home in Mint Hill since returning from camp!

Her counselor, Abigail Foster, said she loved Mikayla's kindness. "One day, we had drawn some characters from My Little Pony, and we had a camper who loved the show, so Mikayla chose to give that drawing to him as an act of kindness."



Mikayla's favorite activities seemed to be swimming in the pool, playing in the gym, and doing arts and crafts because she could spend time with her friends, Abigail said. "Especially if she is surrounded by those who care about her, she enjoys the activity more."

Mikayla also is a very talented artist and enjoyed chances to use her creativity. For the end-of-week talent show, she displayed some of her artwork. "Her face just lit up like a Christmas tree when everyone started oooooohing and aaaahhhing," said the sisters' mom, Jennifer. "She was just elated!"

The talent show gives campers a boost in their confidence and self-worth, Jennifer said, and so does being on their own, away from their parents guiding them all the time. "They get a new perspective. They come back refreshed!"



"Camp Royall also gives them an opportunity to be around others with similar struggles so that they see 'hey, it's not just me. I am not alone.' I think that really hit home with Mikayla ... to be surrounded with people like her who she felt she could completely be herself with. That's gold!" her mom said.

Going to camp also gave Mikayla a chance to have fun on her own, Jennifer said. "She has had to deal with a lot being the oldest. That was invaluable to me because I know she needs 'away' time."

A few weeks after Mikayla went to camp, it was Mackenzie's turn.

Mackenzie, who is 10, is an extrovert and a thrill-seeker, her mom said. At camp, she jumped right into the pool the first time she went, and she loved flying high on the tire swing.

"Mackenzie love, love, loves the gym!" said her counselor, Tori Sedlock. "Whenever we get in there, she is happy as can be! She especially loves to run around, throw the basketball with me, and greet her friends."

Mackenzie was always positive, Tori said. Even on a rainy day, Mackenzie just splashed in puddles and giggled, acting silly. "I cannot help but laugh along with her when she laughs! She laughs when we are in the pool, and any chance she gets," Tori said. "She is such a happy girl and makes everyone at camp so happy too!"



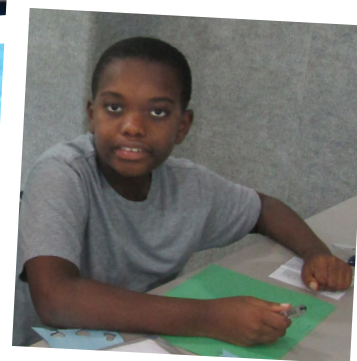
Jennifer said she was thrilled that Mackenzie did so well at camp, her first time sleeping away from her family. "She was exposed to something completely different and new. Mama wasn't around ... Mikayla wasn't around ... and she thrived! I know it did her so much good, and I know between the two girls, she was challenged the most. I'm very proud of her. Of them both."

Camp Royall also gave Jennifer a rare chance to spend time alone and bond with Mikayla. "But the best part is, Mackenzie was having fun too, at the same time! And to have things balanced like this is awesome! I could genuinely enjoy them both this summer during their 'own' time with Mama. I wouldn't have had that opportunity if it wasn't for Camp Royall."

"Camp Royall is a place where these kids are celebrated, not tolerated. That's priceless to us families," Jennifer said. "I will truly have a peace of mind sending them there again."

We hope both Mackenzie and Mikayla will join us many more times at Camp Royall in coming years! ■

Mommy, can I please stay another week at camp? My counselor said it's up to you!
[Camper]



Maybe my sister will get autism, so she can come and have fun at camp, too!
[Camper]







COUNSELOR HIGHLIGHT: Mebae Sasaki

Mebae Sasaki embodies the best traits of a Camp Royall counselor, and we were honored to have her on the team once more this summer.

Mebae, who is 23, first joined us as a volunteer in 2016, all the way from Japan. She was a university student at the time, studying special education, and had heard about Camp Royall from a professor. Even as a volunteer that summer, she stood out for her love of our campers. She is always understanding, adaptable, and consistent.



She was very attuned to her campers and understood them no matter how they communicated, including one young man who was nonverbal. “At first I thought he got upset when he was in a loud place, but spending time with him, I noticed one thing. Even when it was loud around him, if it was a song or music, he did not get upset. He got upset only when everyone was chatting freely. ... But he looked happy when loud music was playing and people were singing together. So I thought maybe he had high sensitivity for harmony.”

With an older sister on the spectrum, Mebae has always wanted to celebrate people with disabilities for who they are. “It’s my life work. I value them,” she said. “I don’t view them as less. I want to change the stigma.”

“Working at Camp Royall makes me so happy. Everyone can be themselves here,” she said.

Since her first summer at Camp Royall, Mebae has graduated with a degree in special education. She plans to work for a company that designs clothing created by people with disabilities, changing the stigma and showing that their characteristics are different, not less.



But first, she wanted to spend the summer as a counselor at Camp Royall. “Mebae is patient and calm and kind and fun, and she above all else puts others’ needs ahead of her own,” said Camp Royall Director Sara Gage. “She truly desired to come back and make a difference at camp and she more than succeeded in that goal.”

“She is the epitome of what a great counselor ought to be,” Sara said. “Her passion for serving others, her deep understanding and great instincts when it comes to understanding autism, her sincere love and acceptance of all creatures, all of this and more make her an extraordinary counselor and human.”

We know Mebae will go on to make a difference in the lives of many more people! ■



“ I learned about loving the little things, and fully accepting and celebrating someone for who they are. In the wise words of a camper, There is no other place where you could wear a shoe on your head and still be treated with dignity. ”
- Staff



Please don't cry for me, I'll come back next year!
[Camper]



Thank you for getting me out the car and being so supportive. This really is the best.
[Camper]





COUNSELOR HIGHLIGHT: Edward Austin

Day Camp Counselors come for many reasons. Some want to give back to their local community, others to gain experience for future career paths. Edward Austin was drawn to camp because of his brother Matthew, who is on the autism spectrum.

Growing up, Edward always had a primary role in helping with his brother's behaviors and supporting him with daily living. When Edward heard about Camp Royall from a high school friend, he decided he should try working with others on the spectrum to learn more about autism beyond his experiences with his brother.



Edward started working with Camp Royall's Afterschool program this past fall. At first, he worked a couple of days a week, and it was "just a job," Edward explained. After he had worked at Camp Royall for a couple of months, it became clear to Edward that it was more than just a way to earn money. "It was like the 'camp bug' bit me, and I knew I needed to get more involved," Edward said.

At the start of the new year, Edward quit his second job and joined Afterschool at Camp Royall all four days it was offered, even providing some transportation as needed to spend as much time with campers as he could. He wanted to learn from campers as much as possible. Edward describes being at camp as a "haven where all of life's stressors just go away, and you can focus on making it the best day ever!"



Now that he has spent every day at "The Happiest Place in the World" – as he describes it – he wouldn't want to spend his summer anywhere else. Edward even changed his career path from general psychology to an Occupational Therapist track.

"Camp Royall is the most accepting place I have been. All that matters is making it the best day and ultimately the best week for every camper that attends." Edward now proudly says he knows what he will be doing with his summers for the foreseeable future: "I will be coming again next year and the year after that and hopefully the one after that!" ■



“ It is a place where people are celebrated for exactly who they are. The positivity, enthusiasm, and love at camp impacts campers and staff alike, providing abundant inspiration and hope. ”
- Staff



This day camp thing isn't so bad after all! I love being with you for campy days!
[Camper]

“ Camp is and always will be my happy place, and no matter how far I go, I will always find a way to come back home ”
- Laura, Program Leader



I am going to go hide by the gate where no one can see me so I can stay here forever!
[Camper]





VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: Nick Bryson

Nick Bryson loved Camp Royall so much as a camper that he decided to return this summer as a volunteer. “I enjoy working with kids and I’m familiar with autism since both my brother and I are on the spectrum. I think it’s a win, win,” he said.

Nick, who is 19 and lives in Raleigh, had attended Camp Royall in 2015 and 2017.

This year, he joined us each Tuesday and Wednesday to help prepare projects for arts and crafts, work with the boats, take photos, and support campers during activities.



“My very favorite was pushing the kids on the zipline because I get to interact with each person,” Nick said. “I would ask them if they wanted to go fast or slow. Only one camper said slow. Everyone else said fast. I would run as fast as I could. The kids had fun.”

Nick also managed to squeeze in some fun and usually could be found swimming in the pool with campers.

“We are so glad Nick took time to give back to camp this summer,” said Nikeeta Giddings, Program Leader. “He took some great photos and really enjoyed hanging out with the campers and counselors in arts and crafts and at the pool, too. We hope he comes back to volunteer again in the future.”

When asked whether he aspired to work as a Camp Royall counselor someday, Nick said, “I actually wouldn’t mind working at the best camp I’ve ever been to. You never know.”

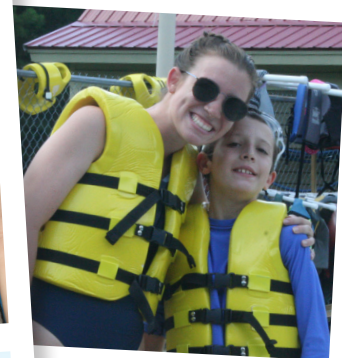
We are grateful for Nick’s assistance this summer and hope to see him again next year! ■



“ Camp Royall has taught me so much about life, love, happiness, and friendship. It has taught me a huge amount about others, but also about myself.”
- Mary Moore, Counselor



Morgan, come get in the pool, the water is DIVINE!
[Camper]



“ Each camper I had made an impact on me in their very own way, teaching me so much about myself and just life in general! I am so grateful to have gotten to spend my summer hanging out with some of the coolest humans I have ever met. ”

- Morgan M., Counselor





I never want to leave camp because I just love you so much, you little chicken.

[Camper]



“Camp gives me a chance to make someone feel like they can be themselves. You can be who you want at a place where inclusion roams.”

- Abigail Foster,
third-year Counselor





Camp Director: Sara Gage [23]
Assistant Director: Emily Piper [7]
Assistant Director: Kristian Page [6]

ASNC Property Manager: David Yell [28]
Facility Manager: Andy Reeder [2]
Administrative Assistant: Jordan Hughes

Facility Staff:

Brenda Howell [20]
 Lawson Whitaker [21]
 Ricky Sampson [15]
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 Linda Burgess [11]
 Ed Wolfram [10]
 Tristan Wolfram [4]
 Ned Weeks [3]
 Jeffrey Oestereich [2]
 Josh Hodge [2]
 Joshua Feltenberger [2]
 Noah Feltenberger [2]
 Mark Delasandro
 Tessa Yell

Program Leaders:

Laura Belmar [6]
 Nikeeta Giddings [3]

Activity Directors:

Amaris Smith [4]
 Allie Lerner [3]
 Candace Attwood [3]
 Emily Bailey [3]
 Marian Easler [3]
 Andi Jones [3]
 Brianna Lewis [2]
 Emily Miles [2]
 Jackie Perez [2]
 Kaleigh Woodard [2]
 Lori Barcello [2]
 Makia Aikens [2]
 Summer Brown [2]

Residential Camp Counselors:

Will Murray [10]
 Rico Thorpe [7]
 Jay Jarrett Morales [6]
 Abigail Foster [3]
 Amanda Campanaro [3]
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 Jada Linnen [3]
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 Alisia Cross [2]
 Emily Mitchum [2]
 Julia Wigger [2]
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 Caitlyn Nelson
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 Faith Rogers
 Maddie Petermann
 Morgan Montgomery
 Amanda Harbour
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Katie Zimmerman [2]
Denise Vanderwoude [2]

Extraordinary Volunteers:

We want to recognize those who so generously gave their time to support us through many tireless hours of volunteer work. Your dedication and support was inspirational and very much appreciated!

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| Linda | Scott | David |
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| Kate | Lily | Masahiro |
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Trainers and Consultants:

We are extremely grateful to friends of Camp Royall from various parts of the autism community who gave their time and expertise to educate us and guide us throughout the summer so that we might serve our campers with the highest level of care possible.

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| Kate Sugg | Tatiana Martinez |
| Kelli Garbett | Anna Morgan |
| Carolyn Penn | Martha Figuerado |
| Michelle Scatamacchia | Stephanie Burke |
| Khloe Mossman | Jen Speakmen |
| Kim Rubish | Kory Morgan |
| Julie Lotz | Olivia Boorom |

[] indicates how many summers spent working or volunteering

Camp Royall Wish List

If you want to support Camp Royall through material donations, we would be grateful to receive the items below. For your convenience, we have also created an Amazon list: <https://amzn.to/2Hhvv1F>

Arts and Crafts Wishes:

- Noise-canceling headphones
- Sensory toys
- Chewie tubes
- Construction paper
- Glue/glue sticks
- Scissors (of all sizes)
- Paint (fabric paint, tempera paint, face paint, watercolors, finger paint)
- Painting supplies (brushes, small paint containers, watercolor paper)
- Pipe cleaners
- Glitter
- Beads (not too small) and plastic string for beading
- Googly eyes
- Stickers
- Plain white T-shirts of all sizes (youth small-adult 4XL)
- Tie-dye supplies
- Dry-erase markers (thin)
- Sharpie markers
- Markers
- Blue painter's tape
- Cardstock (any size or color)
- Bubble solution
- Shaving foam
- Musical Instruments
- Pool toys
- Gym equipment (yoga balls, tumbling mats, balls)
- Puzzles (new or like-new)
- Board games (new or like-new)
- Books (new or like-new)
- Coloring books (new or like-new)
- DVDs (new or like-new)

General Program Wishes:

- Ziploc baggies (sandwich-size and gallon-size)
- Toilet paper
- Liquid hand soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Baby wipes
- Clorox wipes
- Laundry detergent
- Paper products (paper plates with ridges, cups, bowls, napkins, utensils)
- Fans
- Noise machines
- Power strips
- Lifejackets
- Flashlights
- Night lights (and bulbs)
- Batteries (AA and AAA)
- Digital timers
- Charging cords (old Apple chargers, lightning chargers, Android, usb plugins)
- Velcro dots
- Laminating sheets (to be used in a hot laminator)
- Digital video camera (preferably weather-proof)
- Paddleboats
- Golf carts
- 4-wheel-drive pickup truck





Fun at Camp Royall Year-Round

Camp Royall never stops! We offer programs for campers of all ages and on all levels of the autism spectrum year-round. Check out our upcoming programs below – we hope to see you soon!

Family Fun Days offer an opportunity for families to experience all the joys of camp together. Fun Days will take place September 7 and December 14, which will be our holiday party with sensory-friendly visits with Santa. Activities available include boating, face-painting, a cookout, hayrides, gym games, the zap line, arts and crafts, and more.



Family Camping allows families to stay after the Fun Day for dinner in our dining hall, campfire time complete with s'mores, and overnight lodging in one of our cabins. We will also provide a continental breakfast Sunday morning and more time to play at camp.

Mini Camps are set for three dates this fall: September 20-22, October 25-27, and November 15-17. Mini Camp provides campers the chance to spend the weekend at camp, from 5 p.m. Friday to 12 noon Sunday. Campers enjoy a miniature version of summer camp while families benefit from respite; preference is given to campers living at home. Supervision at a ratio of 1:1 or 1:2 is provided during these weekends.

Adult Retreats give independent adults, 18 years and older with high-functioning autism, a chance to enjoy time with friends at Camp Royall. This fall, we will have one week-long retreat, September 29-October 4, and two weekend retreats, November 1-3 and December 6-8. Participants enjoy recreational activities at camp as well as outings in the community.



Teen Tuesday offers teens (ages 13-22) the opportunity to learn life skills in a welcoming group setting. The group meets one Tuesday a month from 5 until 7:30 p.m. Our first meeting after summer break will be on September 17.

Residential Camps will be offered in the fall, October 13-18 for campers ages 4-22, as well as during the winter school break, December 27 to January 1, for campers ages 4 and up. The overnight program includes a 1:1 or 1:2 counselor-to-camper ratio, based on each camper's level of need. ■

For more information or to register for any of our programs, please visit www.camproyall.org. Questions? Contact us at 919-542-1033 or camproyall@autismsociety-nc.org. Also check back later this year for spring dates for all of the above programs!



DONOR HIGHLIGHT: LGI Homes

On June 6, nearly 100 volunteers from LGI Homes came to Camp Royall to donate their time and talents for campers with autism.

The volunteers, who were from the builder's Raleigh/Durham, Winston-Salem, and Wilmington locations, completed a wide range of tasks: painting cabins, extensive landscaping, repairing the hiking trail bridge, and painting the exterior of the gym. LGI Homes donated all of the supplies and materials used in the projects.

Megan Thornton, Regional Office Manager, said some of LGI's staff have children with autism or know someone who does. "We researched local organizations and absolutely fell in love with ASNC and the work they are doing in NC," she said.

LGI Homes holds a Service Impact Day each June as part of its LGI Giving initiative, which aims to support the communities that the company serves



through financial contributions and volunteerism, strengthening local relationships, and demonstrating loyalty. "This event has ultimately increased volunteerism throughout our company as our employees find other opportunities to give back throughout the year as well," Thornton said.

LGI Homes also catered lunch for all of their employees as well as camp staff and the campers. They brought Maple View Ice Cream out for a special post-lunch treat for everyone!

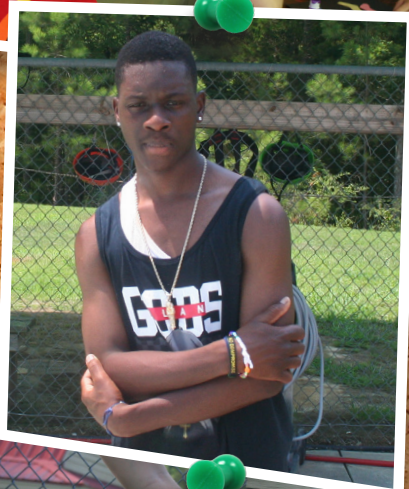
After their day at camp, LGI leadership also donated \$5,000 to Camp Royall, which will enable the camp to continue providing the best summer ever for campers with autism.

The company plans to continue its partnership with ASNC, Thornton said. "We thoroughly enjoyed working with ASNC and are honored to continue helping with the amazing work the organization is doing!" ■



Is your company looking for a way to give back and make a difference in your community? Connect them with the Autism Society of North Carolina! We are excited to work with companies, organizations, and their employees to improve the lives of individuals with autism and support their families. Contact us:

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You Can Help

How Does ASNC's Camp Royall Change Lives?

Camp Royall is the oldest and largest camp program for individuals of all ages with autism in the world, serving more than 3,000 individuals with autism and their families a year. Camp experiences provide an opportunity for exploration, for making friends, for trying new and exciting activities, and a time for personal growth in independence and confidence. As a result, campers return home with skills once thought unattainable by their families and the ability to make a friend and be a friend.

What Are Camp Royall's Needs?

Camp Scholarships: Providing summer camp scholarships to campers each summer is the most critical need. Due to the additional financial demands of caring for a child with autism, most families are unable to afford the \$1,750 cost per week for their child to attend camp and receive the benefits of a week with specialized staff. Fundraising for camp scholarships is a year-round focus. Each year we raise close to \$300,000, but it is not enough to help each family in need.

Program/Facility Donations: Providing program supplies and maintaining a 133-acre facility is expensive. In-kind and financial donations help offset these costs. Current needs include: arts and crafts supplies, sensory toys, technology items, and a pickup truck.

Planning for Our Future: As we look to the future and the growing number of children and families who depend on our services, we must expand the number of campers we are able to serve each

week by providing additional sleeping facilities. We are currently assessing the costs and looking at fundraising opportunities for the future.

How Can You Help?

More than 89 cents of every dollar we raise is used for services that directly affect people with autism, and every dollar raised stays within North Carolina, helping people who live and work in our local communities. Contact Kristy White to discuss partnership opportunities that include individual gifts, named scholarships, planned giving, connections to corporations or foundations, and other opportunities to get involved.

"Camp Royall has increased my son's confidence, independence, and willingness to try new things. I can tell that he feels valued for his contribution," one mom said. "Camp Royall has created happy memories that will stay with him throughout his life. It gave me peace of mind, knowing that he was in a safe, loving, and supervised environment."

We are excited about what is happening today as a result of our efforts. We're even more excited about what can happen with your help. ■

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