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Dear Parent(s),

Special Love is gearing up for another fantastic week – at **Camp Fantastic**, a one week adventure created by Special Love, Inc. just for kids with cancer. This year the magic happens on August 13-19, 2017 at the Northern VA 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal, Virginia. Come see what one of our campers said “was one of the best weeks of his life. I don't know how you guys top one year after the other!” It's open to all children between the ages 7 and 17 **who are presently in treatment for cancer** (chemotherapy, surgery, transplant, etc.) or **who have received cancer-specific treatment since August 2014 or a bone marrow transplant since August 2012.**

Campers will stay in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and enjoy lots of fun activities like canoeing, crafts, sports, cooking, drumming, and more! Plus, they'll find two other things that no mainstream camp can give them: lifelong friends and memories with other kids who understand what they're going through. Over half of our campers have completed treatment, so they can serve as inspiration to kids who are still battling their cancer. Camp Fantastic is free if you use the enclosed scholarship form, or you may include an optional donation of \$25.00 to help us cover administrative expenses related to your child's application.

After completing and returning the enclosed Camp Application, Camper Information Sheet, Special Love Parental Consent and Release Form, Code of Conduct for Camp Fantastic and Medical Consent Form, you will receive information about pre-camp screenings. Pre-camp screenings are required for all campers and play a vital role in our ability to meet the unique needs of each individual camper. They are informal interviews conducted by camp nursing personnel and *do not include any tests or physical examinations*. They simply help us better prepare for whatever needs your child may have at camp.

Camper selection is first-come, first-served for the first 50 eligible campers, so please return your application as soon as possible. The remaining 40-50 openings will be prioritized by a screening committee made up of camp and medical staff. Correct medical information on your child's camp application will ensure rapid processing of the application. In order for your child to be considered for camp, the **completed** forms should be mailed to **Special Love, Inc., 117 Youth Development Court, Winchester, VA 22602**, as soon as possible, but **no later than May 15th**. We realize the application process can be challenging, especially for first-time campers' families, but we hope you'll consider the extra time required as an investment in the safety and specialized care that your child deserves. Call us toll-free if you have questions.

All of us involved with Camp Fantastic are excited about this year's program and look forward to hosting your child.

Sincerely,

David A. Smith  
CEO & Camp Fantastic Director

*\*Please be assured that any health information you provide, including medications, conditions, and other sensitive information, will be kept confidential and used solely by the medical staff and your child's room counselors to customize his or her care while at camp.*