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Dear Parent(s),

Spring is almost here and that means **Camp Fantastic 2020** is not far behind! Camp is **August 9-15** and will include traditional camp activities like canoeing, crafts, sports, and cooking, as well as drumming, creek exploration, and other special activities. Your child will also make lifelong **friendships and memories** with other kids who understand just what they're going through. Our campers range from those who have completed treatment to those still in the midst of it. Thanks to our partnership with the National Cancer Institute, they can get their regular treatments and still enjoy a normalized camp experience.

Eligibility: Our one-week adventure will be held at the Northern VA 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal, VA, and is **open to children between the ages of 7 and 17 who are presently in treatment for cancer** (chemotherapy, surgery, transplant, etc.) or **who have received cancer-specific treatment since August 2017 or a bone marrow transplant since August 2015**. Kids between 3 years and 5 years of treatment – not including a BMT – may be selected on a space-available basis.

Cost & Screenings: 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. Once we receive your child's completed application, we will send information about **pre-camp screenings**, which 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.

Selection: A screening committee made up of camp and medical staff will review and prioritize camper applications and you'll be notified as soon as possible. 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 June 1st**. Applications received after that date will be reviewed case-by-case on a space- available basis.

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 anytime if you have questions.

Complete pre-camp info (what to bring, etc.) will be sent once camper selections have been made. In the meantime, please join us for a family event – details are listed on our website under the "Camps" tab. We hope to see you at an event soon!

Sincerely,

Dave Smith, Director of Camp Fantastic