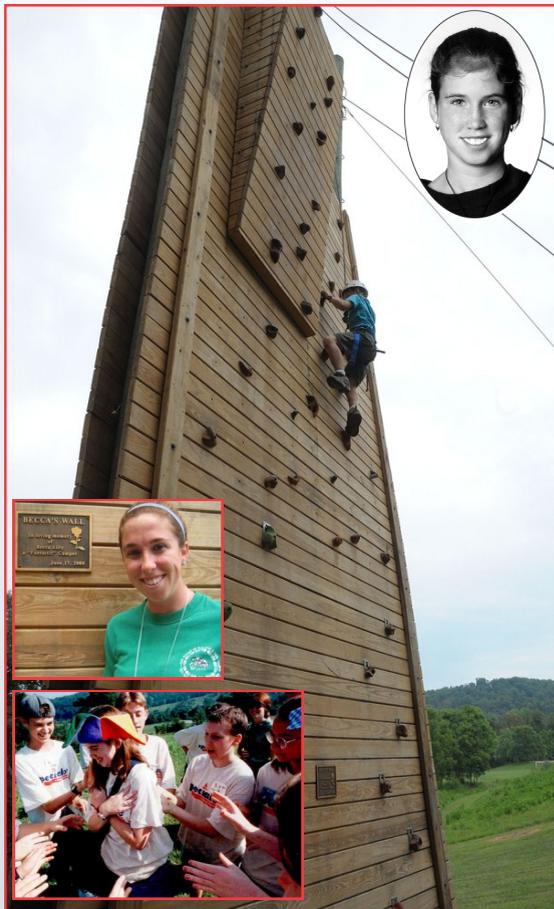


30 Years & 30 Heroes

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Becca's Wall towers over the 4-H center's challenge course, plus (from top) Becca's 1995 camp portrait; her sister Sarah shows off the wall plaque placed in Becca's honor; with her challenge course friends.

Few campers have made as long-lasting an impact as **Rebecca** (known affectionately as "Becca"). Diagnosed in 1991 with an aggressive brain tumor, she endured numerous surgeries and experimental therapies, some of which were so cutting-edge that they prompted The Washington Post to do a [six-part series](#) in their Health section in 1996. Although ultimately unsuccessful, the treatments paved the way for advances that are still helping save other children. Even faced with increasingly risky procedures with less optimistic outcomes, Becca chose to continue in her fight. That courage has inspired countless people, many of whom participate in Becca's Run, an annual 5K in Silver Spring, MD, that kicks off its 16th and final outing on October 20, 2012. To date it has donated over a half million dollars to area cancer charities.

Becca brought her fearlessness to camp in 1992 and it wasn't long before she joined older campers on the John E. Dooley Challenge Course. She was particularly fond of the high ropes, where she became the first camper to cross the high tension wires while blindfolded. That sense of adventure led her family and friends to donate **Becca's Wall**, a 25-foot climbing wall, to camp in her memory. (See photo at left.) Thousands of young people have scaled Becca's Wall and have heard firsthand about the brave young woman who inspired it. Her family is also still actively involved with Special Love: her siblings Annie, Joe, and Sarah are long-time BRASS volunteers and her mother Maureen is a long-time Special Love board member. Maureen reflects:

"We were so fortunate to find this wonderful organization in 1991 and feel the warmth of the collective embrace of all who participate. Special Love has a magical spirit that is hard to define but was so important in our fight against cancer."

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