



Kevin with — who else? Girls, of course!  
(Mindy and Brittany, to be exact.)

## 30 Years & 30 Heroes

Hero #8 of 30

All of Special Love's campers deserve the title "hero," none more so than **Kevin**, who lives in Winchester, VA (with his sister, Katie, an avid BRASS camper and volunteer). He was diagnosed with a brain tumor in June of 2003 at age 11 and since that time has endured 43 surgeries, 24 of them in the six months following his diagnosis. During half of that span, he couldn't walk, talk, get out of bed, or eat. Special Love became a major part of Kevin's life during his first trip to Camp Fantastic in 2004 (left). Over the years Kevin has attended camp in a wheelchair, he has walked with the assistance of his counselors, and everything in between. He has been tube-fed, had breathing problems and used a trach tube, and yet his positive attitude has remained constant.

Kevin's applications for the Kay/Moore Scholarship Fund have consistently scored at the top of the list and, because he attends a local community college, we have been able to fund all of his college classes to date. Kevin is a known flirt at camp and his favorite things about camp are, "Girls, dancing, girls, being the biggest flirt, girls, and the dance." He now spends his days in college and working out at the gym. His mom says,

**"He is truly an amazing miracle. When he was diagnosed I was told he would probably only live a year. Currently he is the strongest he has ever been! He has never wavered in his thinking that he would get better and camp has helped immensely with that. According to Kevin, 'Just the atmosphere is a breath of life!'"**

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