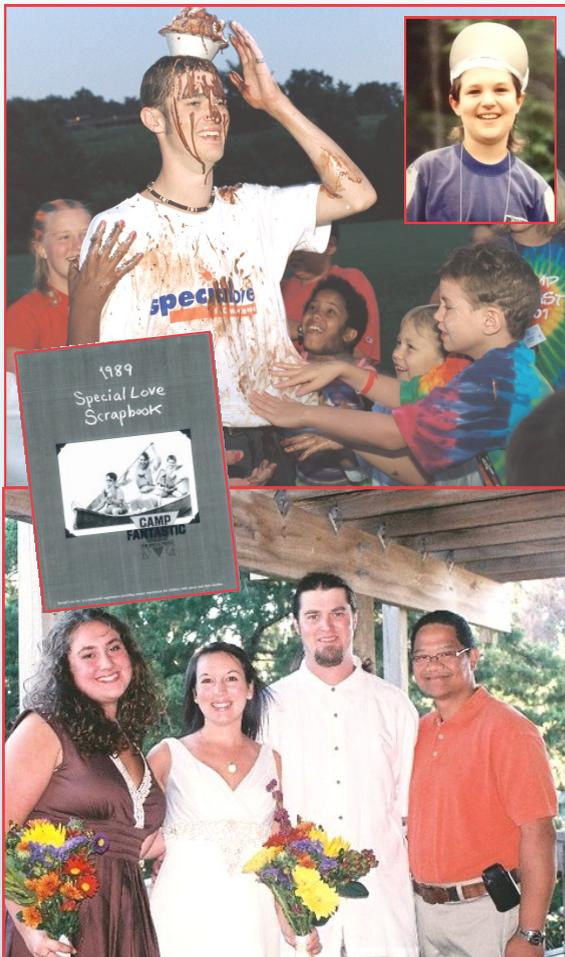




30 Years & 30 Heroes

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Jeremy is a Special Love “double dipper” - he was only seven years old when he attended his first week of Camp Fantastic in 1988, but twice that old when his leukemia returned and so did he—to camp! Fortunately, even in his inaugural year, he had a few advantages: he was “local” (camp was only 25 minutes from home) and he’d been to several family weekend camps prior to his week-long adventure. He remembers “spending a lot of time on Lake Culpeper, canoeing and fishing.” He did all the camp activities he could, up to and including our teen and young adult outings as he got older. When he relapsed as a teen, he says, “I tried to give back to the younger campers as the older kids had done for me.”

Jeremy’s entire family got into the act with his sisters Ashley and Sara attending BRASS Camp and his parents joining the fun at family outings. He even helped out with camp mailings at Special Love’s office in Winchester. Jeremy made an impression from his first year, landing on the cover of our 1989 scrapbook/annual report and even starring in one of our first promotional brochures. As a teenager, he was one of three “stars” of our video *A Story of Special Love*, which we used for *fifteen years!* [You can watch it here.](#)

These days, Jeremy lives at the beach in North Carolina with his wife, Alison, and still keeps in touch with Jarvis, one of his first camp friends and the best man at his wedding. He still loves to canoe and fish, not to mention sit around a campfire, all activities he first tried at camp. Says Jeremy:

“I’ve rarely found closer friends than those I met at camp, including Jarvis, who took me under wing during my first year at camp. I know that I can always count on them to be there to make me feel better when I need it—that’s what Camp Fantastic is all about!”

From top: Jeremy in his teen years, starring as a “human sundae”: in his ‘89 camp portrait (inset); the ‘89 scrapbook cover; and a happy wedding portrait with Alison and best man/best friend Jarvis.

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