



August 2015

Dear Friends,

The end of August brings us to our last week of camp for the summer - where nearly 5,000 children were able to experience the magic of Camp Kesem!

And as we say goodbye to our very last campers, our over 2,200 volunteer college student leaders are already preparing for next summer! Camp Kesem is a year-round commitment for these student leaders - who we refer to as the "secret sauce" behind Camp Kesem.



These driven and dedicated student leaders work year-round to provide children touched by their parent's cancer with a space where they feel safe, loved, and respected. They are responsible for recruiting and training volunteers, reaching out to families in need, raising funds necessary to support their programs, and creating a fun, supportive, and life-changing week of programming.

Over 95% of our student leaders report that Camp Kesem helped them develop teamwork, initiative taking, accountability, problem solving, professional relationship building, time management, public speaking and communication skills. And 90% of our student leaders intend to continue philanthropic work after college!

Even more importantly though, over 75% of the student leaders involved with Camp Kesem have had cancer impact someone in their family. The community they build and sustain is defined by trust, understanding, camaraderie and fun - and the friendships and mentorships formed through Camp Kesem last a lifetime.

I hope you'll join me in thanking our growing community of passionate volunteer college student leaders, who work so tirelessly throughout the year to make sure every child we serve experiences the power and strength of our Kesem community!

With gratitude,

Jane Saccaro
CEO, Kesem

JOIN TEAM KESEM!

Kesem is proud to be an official charity of the LA Marathon, being held February 14, 2016. Learn more on how to join Team Kesem for the event, or donate in support, [here](#).

Team Kesem is a group of dedicated individuals who combine their passion for athletics and adventure with commitment to supporting the Kesem mission. We have had Kesem counselors, alum, Advisory Board members, camper parents, and supporters all join Team Kesem events.



Camp Kesem is a program offered by Kesem, a nationwide non-profit organization that supports children touched by a parent's cancer.



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