



Photo Courtesy of Andrew "Turtle" Ho at Camp Kesem at UCLA

## June 2015

Dear Friends,

As we say goodbye to June, we celebrate the completion of our first month of Camp Kesem 2015 - where we've served over 1,250 children during 12 different weeklong sessions of FREE SUMMER CAMP for children touched by a parent's cancer!

Camp season is off to a fantastic start! And thanks to your generous support we are on our way to serving a record-breaking 5,000 children - a **25% increase** over last summer!

None of this growth would be possible without our passionate volunteer college student leaders who work tirelessly throughout the year to make sure every child we serve experiences the power and strength of our Kesem community.



I had the privilege of visiting Northwestern's camp two weeks ago - along with members of our Chicago Board and other friends of our mission. What a joy it was to - once again - see firsthand the authentic community being built by our counselors for our campers. I was especially proud of the Northwestern student leaders - as they are one of 12 chapters who now offer a second week of camp to accommodate an ever-increasing list of camper applications!

I'm equally proud of our new chapters - who are opening their doors this summer to hundreds of more children!

One of those new chapters (and we have 8 this summer!) is the University of South Alabama (pictured below). South Alabama is not only a new chapter - they were one of our first camps of this 2015 season, so I loved hearing these thoughts from their director, Bubbles:

"Being a first year chapter, and a first time member of Camp Kesem all I can say is - IT'S AMAZING! WE spend a year planning, and imagining what it will be like; we spend a whole year imagining what kind of relationships we will form with the kids and their families and the counselors, but when camp actually begins we form so much more than just relationships. We become part of their family and they become part of our family. When we begin, we meet all kinds of new people and by the end there is not a single stranger. Not only do the kids grow, but we grow. Not only do the campers leave empowered, but we - as well - leave empowered."



Bubbles' words are a humbling reminder of the impact and power of Kesem.

Our mission changes the trajectory of lives - the lives of our campers as well as those of our counselors. New chapters. And seasoned ones. The magic of Camp Kesem is real.

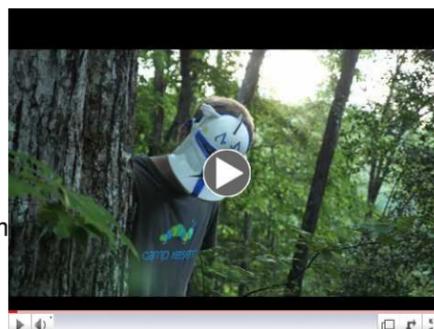
Thank you for your support of all that we do. I hope you'll check out our [Facebook page](#) daily for a reminder of the impact your support is making in the lives of thousands of children!

With gratitude,

Jane Saccaro  
CEO, Kesem

### Camp Kesem UGA 2015: A Space Odyssey

Camp Kesem at the University of Georgia put together this incredible video of their 2015 camp experience. Please enjoy this recap of Camp Kesem UGA's fourth summer creating magic!



### Announcing: The Magic Relay 2015

The *Magic Relay* is a fundraising event, held on October 11, 2015 in cities nationwide. Individual runners and teams will come together to support Camp Kesem through the power of giving and exercise. To learn more and join the *Magic Relay* team, click [here](#).



### Run the Chicago Marathon with Team Kesem!

Who's running the Chicago Marathon? 45,000 are running - and we're looking for 25-50 of them to run on behalf of Camp Kesem! You? A friend? Help us spread the word and have them sign up [here](#).



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