



December 2016

Dear Friends,

I have two INCREDIBLY exciting announcements to share with you - one that closes out 2016 with a bang and one that will help us ring in 2017 with fireworks!

First, some news from Giving Tuesday 2016. Thanks to the incredible outreach efforts of Kesem's 3,000+ college student leaders, staff, boards, alumni and - most of all - our amazing supporters like yourselves, Kesem received over 24,000 donations on Giving Tuesday and an unbelievable

\$1,250,000

While that is a staggering number by itself, what we at Kesem see in it are the thousands of additional children who will reap the benefit of this kindness.

To all of you who supported Kesem on Giving Tuesday, I send my thanks and gratitude for helping us end 2016 on a very high note.

Now on to 2017 news.

January is the official month where we finalize and announce Kesem's newest chapters (which will open in the fall 2017). While we don't know all of the chapters yet (see below for information on how you can help us select many of them!) I can tell you that we will be opening a record-breaking 18 new chapters!

Our annual Kesem Chapter Expansion Campaign will begin shortly after the first of the year. At that time we will introduce you to several fantastic schools who have been selected as "finalists" to open a Kesem chapter.



Then, on January 30, you'll be able to vote online and help us select many of the 18 new chapters we will be opening in the fall of 2017! So stay tuned and we thank you, in advance, for your support with this fun, exciting project!

It's been a wonderfully memorable year at Kesem. We are grateful for many things but mostly for having the opportunity to continue to serve more and more of the 5 million children in our country who have been touched by a parent's cancer.

We wish you a happy holiday season filled with love and family!

With gratitude,

Jane Saccaro
CEO, Kesem

Camp Kesem is once again an official charity partner of the Los Angeles Marathon in 2017!

Team Kesem has full marathon slots AS WELL as multiple charity relay slots (which means you only have to run HALF!), so if you or anyone you know is interested in running for a good cause on March 19, 2017, please have them fill out [this interest form](#), or contact teamkesem@campkesem.org with any questions.

If you're not a runner, but still want to support Team Kesem in the LA Marathon, consider joining our cheer squad! You can sign up for that using the same [interest form](#).

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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