Camp Kudzu's 2015 Annual Report Message from Leadership and Board Chair

Dear Camp Kudzu Family:

This year we worked with parents, volunteers, donors, children and youth on a Strategic Plan that first asked Why and then How. We concluded that we must do more: there are over 6,000 children living with T1D with 430 children newly diagnosed each year in Georgia alone. These children need our programs and community support. We are committed to growing and increased impact. In 2015, we plan to serve at least 770 children. Please make sure our 2015 Annual Report is for you or anyone who can make a difference in the future. 

This year, over 159 counties represented at Camp Kudzu are located in Georgia. After midnight & before sunrise, 497 Blood Glucose Checks were taken for new diabetes patients. Why do we need Camp Kudzu? That’s the question we address with every program we develop, every change we make and every budget we create and with each change we make.

We believe in you as we reflect in 2015 and how we answered the question why as we plan for the future. 

Bottom line - we believe that children with type 1 diabetes (T1D) deserve opportunities to experience acceptance and joy throughout their youth and to anticipate healthy lives as adults.

We need your help to be successful. To make a difference in the lives of 20% of Georgia’s children with chronic illness and to lead healthy lives.

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It is our vision to expand and execute on the good we do together.

Whitney LeHew,
Camper Services Administrator

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THE PLAN

Camp Kudzu’s 2015 Five Year Strategic Plan

The 2016-2020 Strategic Plan sets forth to reach the needs of hundreds more children living with diabetes than at present and to expand and deepen our impact for our organization. It is the culmination of conversations with children who attended camp over eight months.

The first pillars of the plan are:

• Expand collaborations and partnerships that educate and empower.
• Increase enrollment with program partnerships, volunteers, families, donors and media.
• Acquire at least $3.3 million next year to fund capital projects and qualify programs.
• Develop processes, plans and systems that allow Camp Kudzu to serve more children and families.

The plan envisions that over 800 children will attend camp this year.

The first 96 campers have grown to a community and families.

20% of campers return as volunteers of former campers.

One of the most powerful motivators for a successful and strong organization is its leadership. Camp Kudzu’s board is comprised of dedicated people who support the mission, vision, and strategic plan.

Our mission to educate, empower and inspire children living with type 1 diabetes (T1D) remains strong because we are fortunate to have 6,000 children in Atlanta who are interested in our accomplishments in 2015. The last 37 campers have grown to adulthood. Almost 100 alumni returned this year to help us continue the mission.

These days many worthy organizations serve children with diabetes, researching treatments and advocating for patients. Why do we need Camp Kudzu? That’s the question we address with every program we develop, every change we make and every budget we create.

In 2016 Camp Kudzu will continue to build on our 2015 accomplishments, every budget and every change we make.

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Mary Garcia, age 10

Determined the day after my 10th birthday, my world has been a whirlwind. As a young girl, I was always thinking of what I want to be when I grow up. I thought about my future and what I wanted to do in life. I have always been passionate about helping others and being a positive influence in my community.

I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when I was 10 years old. It was a rollercoaster ride, but with the help of my family and friends, I have learned to manage my disease. I have learned that it is important to support my loved ones and be a role model for others. I want to be a positive influence in my community and help others who may be going through similar situations.

I am the founder and president of Camp Kudzu, which is a camp for children with diabetes. I work hard to make sure that every child who attends the camp has a safe and enjoyable experience. I believe that it is important to give back to my community and help others who may be going through similar situations.

I want to be a positive influence in my community and help others who may be going through similar situations. I want to make a difference in the lives of others and be a role model for others. I am committed to my community and helping others who may be going through similar situations.

I am proud of all the progress that has been made in diabetes research and treatment. I am hopeful that one day a cure will be found. I am grateful for all the support and encouragement that I have received. I am committed to my community and helping others who may be going through similar situations.

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