2020 CAMPAIGN

## Join us for our most important Stay At Home Tea ever!



#### Dear

I hope you and your family are staying safe and well. As Coronavirus continues to dominate national and international news, I wanted to personally share with you news a little closer to home.

SaskAbilities and Camp Easter Seal have reached a difficult decision. With heavy hearts, we have put Camp Easter Seal on pause for the 2020 summer season. Many of our campers are especially vulnerable, and their health and safety is always our first priority.

We will be back next year. In the meantime, we invite you to see this extraordinary time as a challenge to come together and grow even stronger. That message is at the heart of my invitation to our 37th annual Stay at Home Tea, July 5th at 3 p.m.

### "Whether in fair or dark stormy weather ..."

The world is often small for people experiencing disability, due to the challenges they face, the resources of their family and the expectations of those around them. Camp Easter Seal has been an enduring means of widening that world, so you know our decision to pause was not made lightly.

We have a saying at Camp: "Whether in fair or dark stormy weather, Camp Easter Seal will keep us together." Campers are counting on us to make sure the Camp Easter Seal tradition continues next year once the threat of Coronavirus has passed. They are also counting on us for ongoing contact, connection and community in a time of great uncertainty and anxiety.

As physical distancing rules have come into force, families and communities have turned to virtual platforms to stay connected. SaskAbilities and Camp Easter Seal staff and volunteers are working hard to do the same. We are trying new, creative ways to virtually reach out and connect campers to the Camp community.



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I want to become a Companion Club Monthly Donor. Please see other side.

Stay at Home Tea has always been a virtual fundraising event, but it has never been more relevant or more important. I invite you to join us at your home, to put on a pot of tea and reflect on the tremendous impact Camp Easter Seal has on thousands of lives across Saskatchewan.

### Raise a cuppa to your favourite Camp memories.

Stay at Home Tea is a time to share your favourite Camp memories—virtually, with a few close friends or family. My own reflections take me back to my first camp experience in the summer of 1984, when I was the pediatric resident assigned to Camp. I remember going on a campout with a group of 12 and 13-year-old boys. What fun we had!

We are not sitting still! We are not only exploring innovative ways to stay connected as a Camp Easter Seal family, we are also taking this time to plan and prepare for next year and to do some maintenance work while campers are not present.

My career path and my interests led me to a position on the SaskAbilities Board, where I had many opportunities to witness the sheer joy campers experience at Camp. Sean, who has attended every year since 1998, once said to me, "I love to go to Camp every year, there is always someone I know. I don't have a favourite thing to do because I like everything!"

I can only imagine Sean's disappointment this year, or his eagerness to return to Camp next year. We are doing everything we can do ensure Camp Easter Seal rebounds from 2020, but we also need your support to find ways to connect with Campers virtually. We understand circumstances may be different for some of you, but we also hope you will support the Stay at Home team as you are able.

We hope you will continue to support Easter Seals™
Saskatchewan in this challenging time. We are counting on our supporters and partners to help us maintain Camp Easter
Seal so we can re-open

next summer.

As part of our annual tradition, I have enclosed one of my favourite tea time recipes—Welsh Cakes! It was passed on to me by a dear friend from the United Kingdom, and it is the perfect complement to an afternoon tea celebration.

Thank you so much for your past support. Please join us again this year on July 5th at 3 p.m. for what may be our most important Stay at Home Tea ever. As a special virtual event this year we invite you to submit your fondest Camp Easter Seal memories or share with us why you enjoy supporting Camp Easter Seal to communications@saskabilities.ca. Join us on July 5th, 2020,

on Camp Easter Seal's facebook page (@sac.campeasterseal) as you enjoy your tea

with us during a live feed. We will be reading out as many stories as possible and enjoying our tea with you too! Stay strong, stay true and stay well.

Sincerest wishes,

Dr. Ulla Nielsen Former Board Member, SaskAbilities

Camp Easter Seal Supporter

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