



Securing the future of Camp Easter Seal for generations of Campers to come...

Dear Friend,

Since 1954, the shoreline of Little Manitou Lake has been a magical place of adventure and belonging for the many children, youth and adults attending the only barrier-free Camp of its kind in Saskatchewan, Camp Easter Seal. Each summer, YOU – the residents of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach, Watrous and surrounding area – extend your arms, welcoming staff and the hundreds of Campers experiencing disability to your picturesque piece of the province. For that, we continue to be forever grateful, and we know that gratitude extends from the many Campers’ families and loved ones too.



Camp Easter Seal is truly magical and for many of these Campers, it is the Disneyland of Saskatchewan. All Campers get to experience so many normal activities that are adapted for their unique abilities. It is a judgement free zone, but most of all, like Disneyland, there is always a lot of magic in the air!!! My daughter, Hope attended Camp for many years and it truly was like a trip to Disneyland for her. She had a smile on her face from the time she woke up at Camp until the time she went to bed. ”

Brenda, mom to CES Camper Hope

Camp Easter Seal has seen many seasons and changes. It has weathered many storms and the obvious wear and tear that comes from usage over the years. The unique facility is a mix of historical buildings with the chalet and dining hall dating back to the 1930s and more recent structures like the newly renovated swimming pool which supports Camp’s very popular aquatics program. The goal has always been, and continues to be, to provide a safe, accessible, and fun experience for Campers to enjoy each summer for generations to come.

With a rich history dating back many decades, it would come as no shock that Camp is an aging facility. In 2018, after much review and consideration, SaskAbilities began a capital campaign to raise \$3,000,000 to complete the much-needed improvements to Camp Easter Seal. A substantial amount of work is being done to ensure the health and safety of Campers while maintaining the integrity of older buildings and structures on the property. The COVID-19 pandemic, while devastating, brought with it a unique opportunity. As Camp Easter Seal programming switched to virtual, on-site construction began and work continued throughout the summer without affecting Campers. The excitement of securing a future for Camp has been met with one big obstacle – capital costs have now increased, bringing the new total closer to \$3,800,000.




That first year, he was so excited to go. When we arrived, we met the Camp staff and got a tour. It didn’t take long before Nick was happily walking away with his new counsellor, off to see his cabin – after that, he never once asked to come home.

Gerry Ann, mom to CES Camper Nick

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Jonathan would never be able to go to other camps in the province. He would need me to go with him anywhere else, whereas with Camp Easter Seal he gets to go and enjoy Camp independently with his own group of peers and build confidence and important life skills in the same way that his siblings do."

Teresa, mom to CES Camper Jonathan

SaskAbilities has invested over \$1,000,000 in Camp Easter Seal improvements and upgrades. With the generous support of the provincial government, organizations, and private donors another \$1,800,000 has been secured. We are grateful to have a substantial amount already raised and are within \$1,000,000 of reaching our campaign goal. By extending our reach and ask to the community, we are hopeful that our goal of restoring the vibrancy of Camp Easter Seal will be achieved!

For over 65 years Camp Easter Seal has been a trusted place for families to send their loved ones, knowing they are safe, well taken care of, and having the time of their lives. It is SaskAbilities' most far reaching recreational programming serving approximately 600 individuals across Saskatchewan each year. For a week each summer, Campers enjoy an experience like no other: an inclusive environment adapted to their unique needs. It is a place where participants can enjoy art, games, and sports programming, along with the infamous campfire sing-alongs and themed celebrations! It is essential that we secure the future of Camp Easter Seal, ensuring that generations of Campers will be able to access and experience the magic that so many have before them.

We are turning to the communities that know the magic and impact of Camp like no other! Your generous donation would be used for the next phase of upgrades and improvements to Camp including reroofing many cabins with metal roofs, upgrading the electrical in the chalet, dining hall and cabins, completing additional sewer work, creating more accessible pathways, and several steel projects including fixing railings around Camp to ensure that they are secure and safe. A large but very important project yet to be done is water infrastructure. Aging waterlines are needing to be replaced now to avoid future disruptions or damage. There is also a great deal of mechanical work remaining in the chalet, dining hall and cabins, as well structural work to the infamous "pill box", Camp's medical building.

Camp Easter Seal is such a gift. It's a gift for the parents and it's a gift for the Campers. You know your child is going to learn new things and be open to experiences they might not be otherwise with you around. As a parent you know your child is going to be safe. They can just be themselves."

Jalyn, mom to CES Camper Ocean

Without the necessary upgrades, Camp cannot continue as it is. There are many projects still needed to be completed to ensure that when Campers arrive, they enjoy the richness that is Camp without the limitations of an aging facility. We know Campers cannot wait to come back to Little Manitou Lake and we, more than ever, are just as excited to open the gates once again. We hope together we can continue the legacy of Camp Easter Seal.

Sincerely,

Ian Wilkinson, Executive Director

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