



It's 11:00 a.m. at Camp Easter Seal, meaning music programming has just begun! Echoes of laughter and music fill the historic Chalet as campers gather with boomwhackers in hand, ready for their cue to make as much noise as possible! Grinning from ear to ear is camper Kane Wall, who is more interested in having a great time with friends and his support person, Valentine, than following along with the beat. Without uttering a single word, Kane is obviously having the absolute time of his life!

While music is undoubtedly one of Kane's top activities at Camp – it isn't his absolute favourite. At the top of Kane's list of most spectacular things to do while at Camp Easter Seal, you will find one thing and one thing only... riding in Camp's big white accessible bus, donated by the Saskatchewan Automobile Dealers' Association (SADA). The excitement factor for Kane was so high this year that he decided he needed to share the big news! "In all the years Kane has been

going to Camp, I have never received a phone call. So, it was a shock to me on a Thursday night when I got a call from staff. I'm thinking to myself, this can't be good. I asked over the phone if everything was all right, and of course, it was. It was so funny, though, when Kane got on the phone, he was so abrupt. He was like, "Mom, I'm going on the white bus," and I knew he'd been on it already a few times, but I guess this time he wanted to share that with me," laughs Kathryn of her son's unexpected call from Camp.

Looking at Kane, it is hard to imagine the outgoing teenager with loads of personality was once given the prognosis "failure to thrive" by doctors and medical professionals as a baby. "Kane came into our lives at around six months old, and we had been told so many things then. We were told he was deaf; they told us he was blind and would never live to see his first birthday. It was always he'd never this, and he'd never that. Failure to thrive was all over his charts. But when he

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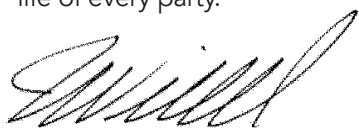
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Camp Easter Seal isn't just a place – it is an experience and an opportunity for campers like Kane to thrive, make meaningful friendships, and collect core memories remembered long after summer turns to fall. The only barrier-free camp of its kind in Saskatchewan, Camp is a much-needed sanctuary for campers and an opportunity for respite to caregivers. This holiday season, SADA is generously matching donations dollar-for-dollar, making it easier than ever to give the gift of Camp!

came into our care, everything changed,” explains Kathryn of Kane’s journey since adoption. Even with the bleak news, Kane’s dad knew immediately that the doctor’s prognosis wasn’t exactly accurate. “There’s a lot of life in Kane,” laughs Justin, “and he’s always been someone who has defied expectations. He has come a long way, and much of that has to do with the love and support he’s received, not just from me and Kathryn but from all the people who have come into his life. He seems to thrive and get nourishment from people believing in him and positive environments.”

One of those positive environments is, of course, Camp Easter Seal. Kane has been attending Camp since he was six years old. Now at 15, Kane is well versed in what to expect during his week-long stay at Camp Easter Seal, and according to his parents, the excitement and anticipation are still there! “Camp is a huge part of Kane’s life. There have been a few times we’ve run into staff outside of Camp, and seeing their faces light up when they see him is incredible – that’s the impact he makes. Camp provides Kane with so many experiences he wouldn’t otherwise have. It’s a different environment than when he’s with me or his mom, yet with that same kind of support and encouragement he needs to thrive,” shares Justin on the positive impact Camp has had in Kane’s life.

Kane’s big personality is welcomed with open arms at Camp each summer. He is pure joy personified. The dynamic camper brings his high energy into all environments, often resulting in laughter and smiles for fellow campers and staff. “Kane is just a ball of positive energy. That’s just him. He’s game for trying all the activities and always looks like he’s having a great time. And of course, we all know he just loves the white bus, and that’s his favourite thing to do when he comes to Camp,” laughs Office Administrator Jennifer Christian. Aside from riding the SADA bus and hitting those musical notes, Kane flourishes in the meaningful connections he makes each year at Camp. “Kane loves people. No matter where he is, he wants to be around people. He is the joy in so many people’s lives,” shares Kathryn of her remarkable son, who she admits is the life of every party.



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Executive Director



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