



Camp Ho Mita Koda

"Welcome My Friend"

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Dear Friends,

Courage is a daily event in the lives of the children that Camp Ho Mita Koda serves. Courage to continue daily management. Courage to face a new day. Along with courage, is the hope that there will be a brighter future. That they will beat their disease and their lives will have a little bit of normalcy. Until that time comes, CHMK exists to provide youth the tools to be successful, confident, resilient, and become the best version of themselves.

This month marks the end of a big year for us – and the exciting start of a new one. We are proud of what we accomplished and well aware that we couldn't have done it alone. With your support and investment in 2019, we grew our programs tremendously, served over 500 campers and families, ensured that no family was turned away, continued to teach and lead in ways we know are good for young people, and collaborated to share our practices. Please review the enclosed '2019 Overview' for a snapshot of the how important your support to Camp Ho Mita Koda truly is.

The past 3 years that the Camp Ho Mita Koda Foundation has existed have been important organizational years of finding out who we are, what we are about, who was going to be responsible for creating the new dynamic, and the first steps taken toward putting an ambitious and sustainable plan for the future into action. This revitalization of camp, along with much-needed changes, were codified into our by-laws, our strategic planning, our policies and procedures, finance manuals, and leadership choices. This time period was a pivotal point for camp, a melding of the old with the new. Over the past 90 years, with changes in leadership, organizational management, board membership and staff, Camp Ho Mita Koda has wholly embraced the future, yet has maintained the value of "Welcome My Friend", which is at the core and spirit of camp. With the campers at the center of every decision we make, we have evolved programmatically as well as professionally, all while expanding, improving and maintaining our program, facilities and grounds.

We are so grateful to you for trusting us to create a life-changing camp with a highly trained and committed staff and organization. In order to continue to grow and stay relevant (yet also remain true to our roots), we need your unwavering support to maintain the physical integrity of our facilities, continued dynamic service to our families and the community, and to help solidify the foundation for the next 90 years. Without the amazing people that make up the CHMK community, from both near and far, *camp would not be possible*. Your generosity is an investment to ensure a better tomorrow for all those that seek to continue the legacy, while experiencing the magic of Camp Ho Mita Koda. As we close out a historic 2019 season, we appreciate and value your continued support as we embrace the future while preserving the past.

"Our son has never connected or interacted with us like this before. In fact, this is the first time we have seen him smile in a long time. His amazing time at camp has given us so much joy and incredible hope for him. It gave him the courage to try new things, make new friends, and build confidence about his diabetes. This camp was truly life-changing for the entire family and we can't thank you enough for giving us our son back. – 2019 Parent

With Gratitude,

Ian Roberts
Ian Roberts, Executive Director

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