

# C.A.M.P. UNIVERSITY

"CAN ACHIEVE MAXIMUM POTENTIAL"

**MARCH 2024** 



C.A.M.P. UNIVERSITY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING INTERESTS. EXPERIENCING LIFE, SOCIAL, AND JOB SKILLS SO THAT THEY **CAN ACHIEVE THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL. CAMP UNIVERSITY ALSO PROVIDES RESPITE AND SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES.** 



# **Kelly Nassour Board Member**

## Dear Supporters,

I am honored and privileged to be a member of the C.A.M.P. University Board. As an advocate for inclusive education and empowerment, I believe that every individual, regardless of their background or challenges, deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential.

C.A.M.P.'s dedication to providing a nurturing environment resonates deeply with my husband, Dr. Herbert Nassour, and me. We have been constantly impressed with the staff and their commitment to providing opportunities for young adults in the RGV. I can't think of an organization that offers more love, compassionate care, and enhanced life skills teaching than C.A.M.P. University!

I am excited to collaborate with this remarkable community, supporting and empowering each camper to explore their interests and achieve their personal goals.

Warm regards, Dr. Kelly Nassour

# **NEWEST FACES @ CAMP**



Erin is studious, always ready to learn something new and eager to make friends.



Abraham has a contagious laugh and loves to make his friends smile.



Jake has a positive attitude and loves to sing and dance.



Teissy is very considerate and enjoys puzzles and word searches.



Tommy cares about his friends and is a very hard worker.



Cesario enjoys socializing and making memories with his friends.



Krista is extremely creative. She LOVES arts and crafts.



Jackie is outgoing, very stylish, and loves challenging activities.



Hector loves to socialize and always wants to help his teachers.



Ale has a creative imagination and loves adult coloing books.

Artwork by Pedro

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# C.A.M.P. LIFE







There is never a dull moment at C.A.M.P. University! In between classes the CAMPers find time for field trips, fun, and preparing for events. This past Fall C.A.M.P. University visited Shary Road Alpacas where they fed and cuddled alpacas and rabbits, practicing social skills and learning about animal behavior. Special Olympics Bowling was right up their alley, they were ready to roll and brought home multiple medals. Teacher appreciation week brought out the superhero in everyone. We all have a superpower, it's just a matter of finding it. The biggest event of the season was our 1st annual Christmas Market. The CAMPers and teachers spent months preparing items to sell, and it was a huge success. We are also excited that our very own CAMPer, Kenia, won a laptop from the Disability Chamber of Commerce - RGV! At CAMP everyday is an adventure filled with smiles and laughter.





# C.A.M.P. LIFE

To say our teachers are "amazing" would be an understatement. They are truly the backbone of C.A.M.P. University. They modify lessons to meet the needs of every CAMPer and plan field trips taking all challenges into consideration, preparing what is needed to include each individual. Every birthday party and holiday celebration is planned with love. Every smile, giggle, cheer, and happy dance is the result of a C.A.M.P. University teacher that is going above-and-beyond to make a CAMPer's day a little brighter.

















Everything our teachers are able to do would be nearly impossible if it wasn't for outside support from our community. In February, The Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation awarded a grant that Tiffany LEGACY FOUNDATION Miller, our Director of Grant Management, wrote for operational function. We are grateful that The Valley Baptist Legacy Foundation believes in our mission here at C.A.M.P. University and continues to support us generously.



# High of the Races SAVE THE DATE 05.07.24

WE ARE ALL A LITTLE BROKEN AND IMPERFECT, BUT WHEN WE COME TOGETHER WE CREATE A BEAUTIFUL MOSAIC.

A Night at the Races is a fabulous, fun-filled event. There will be a silent and live auction, horse race to bet on, a raffle, Best Hat and Dapper Dude contests, food, fun, cocktails and so much more. This is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and it is greatly needed as we continue to grow. We have exceded our pre-Covid admission number, creating an opportunity for us to implement a small group, traditional classroom rotation system. The CAMPers are exposed to life skills, vocational, educational and physical education classes regularly with music, art, culinary classes and field trips supplementing their learning thoughout any given month. Due to your previous generosity in funding an elevator, we are now able to utilize our upstairs classrooms needed for the various classes. While we charge tuition to our families, it only covers one third of what it costs to attend C.A.M.P. University. The rest of our funding comes from donations, fundraisers, and grants. Your support means everything to us and allows us to continue to achieve our mission. We can't do any of this without you!







# WAYS TO SUPPORT CAMP

We hope you find it in your heart to support C.A.M.P. University. Whether you're able to attend 'ANight at the Races' on May 7th or not, there are various ways you can contribute to making this event a success. Sponsorships for the event are still available for those who would like to support this event. Additionally, you can help by donating auction items, buying raffle tickets, making a monetary donation, or participating in the online silent auction, which allows bidding from anywhere. If you're someone who enjoys being hands-on, there are opportunities to help procure auction items or assist with event setup and decorations on the day of the event. Every contribution, no matter how small, is valued and appreciated by C.A.M.P. University as we work towards creating a memorable and successful 'A Night at the Races'. We are all a little broken and imperfect, but when we come together we can create a beautiful mosaic. Help us make this year's 'A Night at the Races' a masterpiece!

## TRIPLE CROWN

\$12,500



- Name & Brand Your Own Race Horse for our Contest!
- Plated Dinner & Open Bar for Derby Drinks all Night!
- Premium Recognition
- Impact 35 Campers in 2024-2025



\$ 7.500

- Preferred Table Placement Name & Brand Your Own Race Horse for our Contest! Plated Dinner & Open Bar for Derby Drinks all Night!
- **Preferred Recognition**
- Impact 20 Campers in 2024-2025



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- Enjoy a Table for 10 Guests
- Plated Dinner & Open Bar for Derby Drinks all night!

- Impact 10 Campers in 2024-2025



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**\$ 1.750** 

- Enjoy a Table for 10 Guests
- Plated Dinner and Open Bar for Derby Drinks all night!
- Recognition
- Impact 5 Campers in 2024-2025

Dine, drink, race, raffle, and bet!



#### **SOLO RIDER**

175

All proceeds go directly to C.A.M.P. University's operating budget. We heavily fundraise so that RGV families can afford C.A.M.P. Autism is drastically on the rise, with the duration and intensity of other diagnosis following. C.A.M.P. helps!

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