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"CAN ACHIEVE MAXIMUM POTENTIAL"

NOVEMBER 2023



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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.



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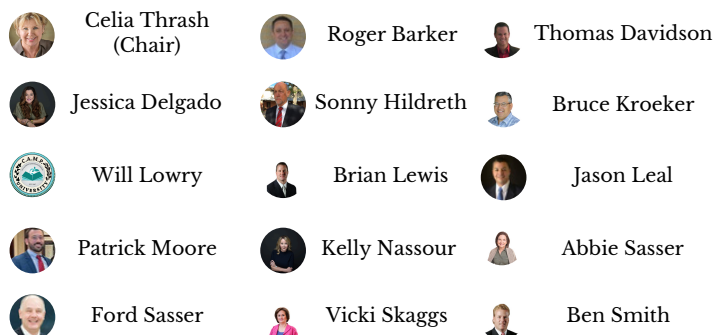
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Dearest Supporters of C.A.M.P. University, You are so faithful to read our newsletters and care about our mission! We continue to grow in numbers and in support! None of our successes could be achieved without YOU! Our Board of Directors recently began the Sasser Honorary Endowment to be sure that we see the future of C.A.M.P. University be secured! This will honor the work that has been started by our founders and will provide stability as we look to the future. While we still need support for our operating expenses, endowment gifts allow an opportunity for those who want to leave a legacy gift, or to honor a loved one. We welcome your gifts for "today" and for perpetuity. We know there is a need, and we want to continue to serve this community with our sacred work. Please contact our office if you have any questions, or if you would like a tour of our campus. I am also happy to come to meet you in your home or business and would love to speak to your church leaders. Sometimes it's hard to get my foot in the door, so with your help, I am available. Please let me know and I will be there!

With a heart full of thanks,

Pam Voss

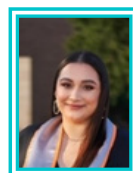
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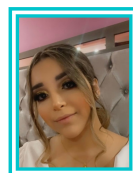
NEWEST FACES @ CAMP



Adriana Garcia, Teacher, was hired after being an intern in the Fall of 2022. She is a motivated person with a strong ability to develop meaningful relationships with students and provide individualized support to help each learner reach their full potential.



Victoria Robledo, Teacher, joined us after being an intern in February 2023. She was only supposed to work for the summer, but she loved CAMP so much she decided to stay. Her love and dedication to our CAMPers doesn't go unnoticed as she strives to help our CAMPers grow.



Keyla Lopez, Teacher, was hired after being an intern over the summer of 2023. She could not wait to start working at CAMP since she wanted to continue helping and caring for the CAMPers. She hopes to continue helping CAMPers reach all of their goals and dreams.

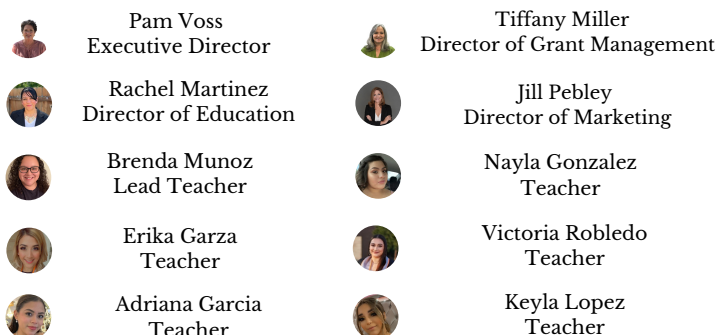


Rachel Martinez, Director of Education, was hired in May of 2023. She has a background in business and education. She has established healthy relationships with the CAMPers and is a compassionate woman who loves to help campers reach their maximum potential.



Jill Pebley, Director of Marketing, is the newest addition to CAMP. She comes to us with a background in education, but we are confident that she can handle any new task we assign her. She is eager to help CAMP University reach the goals that have been set by the board.

CAMP STAFF



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Mexican Consulate Grant

Once again, we were blessed to receive a grant from the Mexican Consulate's office in McAllen. This funding helps to provide education for persons of Mexican origin living in the United States.

Sasser Honorary Endowment Fund

We are happy to announce that the Sasser Honorary Endowment Fund has been established. This fund will help to ensure the success and longevity of C.A.M.P. University for years to come. Several of CAMP's loyal supporters have already donated to the fund. Contact Pam Voss for additional information if you would like to donate or leave a portion of your estate specifically to the endowment fund.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BOCCE BALL

OCTOBER 14TH

Bocce has emerged as a powerful tool in enhancing the lives of the CAMPers. Its benefits, range from physical fitness to social interaction, making it an enjoyable and therapeutic sport. The game involves throwing or rolling bocce balls, promoting hand-eye coordination, balance, and fine motor skills. In the realm of therapeutic activities, bocce stands out as an example of how a simple game can have profound positive impacts on the CAMPer's lives enriching the overall quality of their lives.



BOWLING

NOVEMBER 7TH, 8TH, & 10TH



Flamingo Bowl comes alive as CAMPers arrive and head to their lanes to practice for the Special Olympics competition this November. These humble athletes display true sportsmanship as they compete with their peers and cheer wholeheartedly for each others success. One CAMPer, with the lowest score in the 10th frame, got a strike and the entire group exploded in applause and cheers! Watch out Special Olympics the CAMPers are ready to ROLL.

GIVING TUESDAY

Once again, C.A.M.P. University will be participating in #GivingTuesday on November 28th. With your help we will be able to continue improving the facilities, technology, and grounds which will impact learning, safety, and the well-being of the CAMPers. Plus, CAMP tuition only covers approximately 1/3 of the cost needed to run CAMP.

Cost per Month per CAMPer

Based on 2022 Expenses

2 days per week

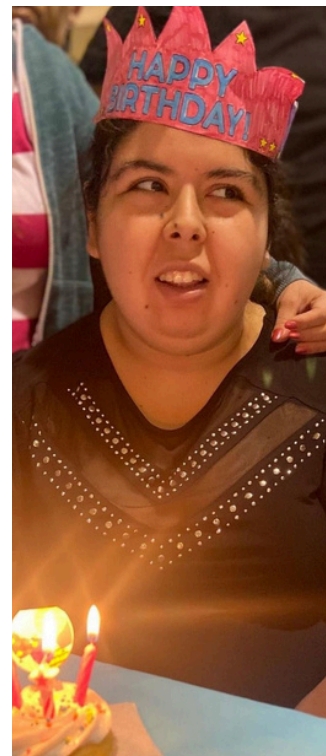
\$571 less \$120 charge = \$451 needed

3 days per week

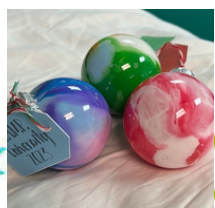
\$857 less \$180 charge = \$677 needed

5 days per week

\$1428 less \$300 charge = \$1128 needed



UPDATE THE CAMPER'S COMPUTERS IPADS UPDATED TECHNOLOGY FOR THE TEACHERS IMPROVEMENTS
TO THE FENCE REPLACE THE 3-COMPARTMENT KITCHEN SINK HAUL OFF APPLIANCES/SHELVING DECORATED
WELLNESS ROOM TREAT WEEDS WITH NON-TOXIC SPRAY PAINT GARDEN BENCHES WEED, TRIM, SWEEP &
TIDY GARDEN AREA STAND MIXER CAST IRON GRIDDLES WAFFLE MAKERS BLENDERS APRONS



Join us as we host our first ever C.A.M.P. Christmas Market. Our CAMPers will be selling, crafts, gifts, and food items they have made themselves! You can also take pictures with our special guest, SANTA. So come on out on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Located at 4200 N. MAIN ST in MCALLEN.



NIGHT AT THE RACES



A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING



By Olivia Wilson

»»» FORD, ABBIE & EMILY SASSER

Our 13th annual “A Night at the Races” was our first “in person” gala since 2019. So many of you came and enjoyed the festivities as you showed your great love for our CAMPers! Many of you also sent donations even though you could not attend. We appreciate each gift, large or small, and we promise to be good stewards of each one! The CAMPers sang and danced and were so excited to receive a standing ovation for their performance! It was a spectacular evening with money raised for our operating budget.

A huge thank you goes to Rio Bank for all their help that evening! Employees from Rio Bank gave their personal time to help C.A.M.P. staff and committee members see that the evening went smoothly. C.A.M.P. University is blessed to have the support of Rio Bank!

READ MORE <<<

With grateful hearts, we thank everyone who shared our special night with us. There were 362 auctioned items donated which allowed 640 bidders to participate in the fun, but friendly competition. We had such a great time and you helped to make the difference!



By Howard Ong

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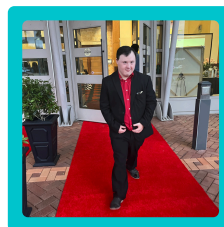
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Summer Vibes



How do you beat the South Texas heat? WATER FIGHT! The CAMPers enjoyed a day of fun in the sun with the UTRGV basketball team. Everyone had a fantastic time in the water with squirters and sprinklers. They finished the day with a BBQ hotdog.



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>>> A VISIT FROM TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF MCALLEN



>>> SAWYER FREELS

Sawyer spent some time at CAMP University constructing raised garden boxes where he planted and nurtured a variety of delicious tomatoes to be enjoyed by CAMPers, staff, and families.

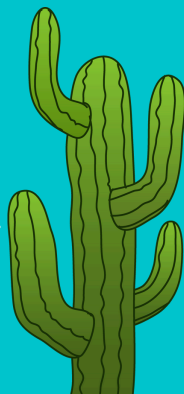


>>> UTRGV WOMENS BASKETBALL TEAM

The ladies from the UTRGV Womens Basketball team lead our CAMPers in fun exercising activities and even shared a few of their secret basketball moves. It was so much fun that the men's team also visited CAMP!

>>> WESTBURY BAPTIST CHURCH HOUSTON TX

The wonderful Westbury Baptist Church out of Houston blessed us with a week of great memories. They spent time with our Campers making crafts for our Christmas Market, helping teachers, and tending to our garden.





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a day program offered to adults with special needs. Admission is by application. Call for an appointment @ 956.800.5292



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November 28th - #GivingTuesday2023
December 1st - C.A.M.P.'s Christmas Market
December 31st - End of Year Giving

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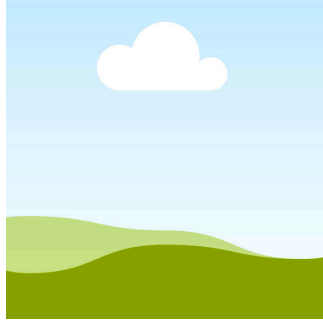
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FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Once again, we were blessed to receive a grant from the Mexican Consulate's office in McAllen. This funding helps to provide education for persons of Mexican origin living in the United States.



We are happy to announce that the Sasser Honorary Endowment Fund has been established. This fund will help to ensure the success and longevity of C.A.M.P. University for years to come. Several of CAMP's loyal supporters have already donated to the fund. Contact Pam Voss for additional information if you would like to donate or leave a portion of your estate specifically to the endowment fund.

TALENT SHOW REHEARSAL

When the STARS come out...

The CAMPers have been working almost daily to perfect their craft, filling the gym with music, smiles, laughter, and applause in preparation for the C.A.M.P. University Talent Show.

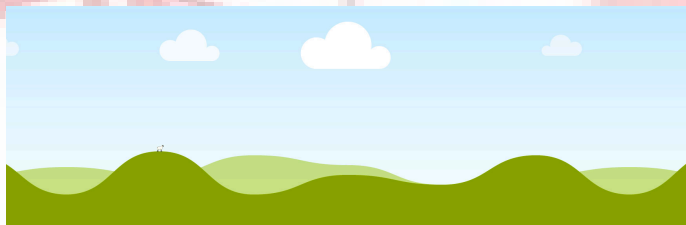
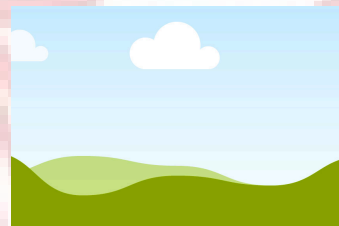
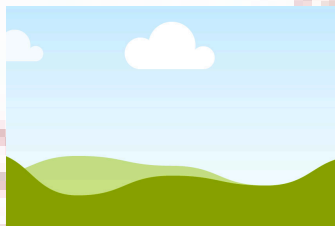
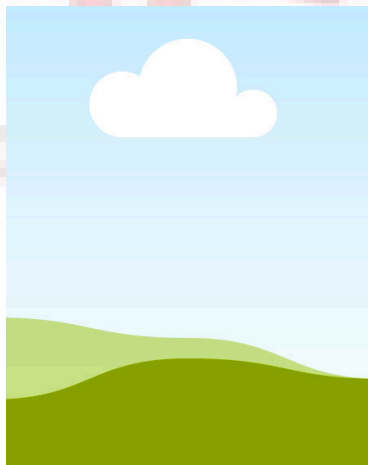


...oh, the STARS come out and SHINE

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BOCCE BALL OCTOBER 14TH

Bocce has emerged as a powerful tool in enhancing the lives of the CAMPers. Its benefits, range from physical fitness to social interaction, making it an enjoyable and therapeutic sport. The game involves throwing or rolling bocce balls, promoting hand-eye coordination, balance, and fine motor skills. In the realm of therapeutic activities, bocce stands out as a shining example of how a simple game can have profound positive impacts on the CAMPer's lives enriching the overall quality of their lives.



BOWLING

NOVEMBER 7TH, 8TH, & 10TH

Flamingo Bowl comes alive as CAMPers arrive and head to their lanes to practice for the Special Olympics competition this November. These humble athletes display true sportsmanship as they compete with their peers and cheer wholeheartedly for each others success. One CAMPer, with the lowest score in the 10th frame, got a strike and the entire group exploded in applause and cheers! Watch out Special Olympics the CAMPers are ready to ROLL.



GIVING TUESDAY



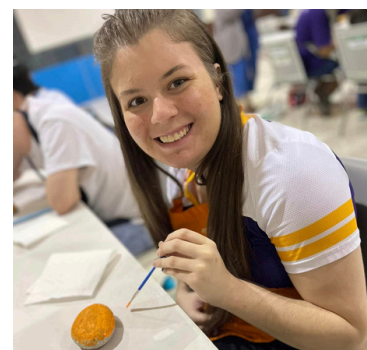
Once again, C.A.M.P. University will be participating in #GivingTuesday on November 28th. With your help we will be able to continue improving the facilities, technology, and grounds which will impact learning, safety, and the well-being of the CAMPers.

● UPDATE THE CAMPER'S COMPUTERS ● IPADS ● UPDATED TECHNOLOGY FOR THE TEACHERS ● IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FENCE ● REPLACE THE 3-COMPARTMENT KITCHEN SINK ● HAUL OFF APPLIANCES/SHELVING ● DECORATE THE DESIGNATED WELLNESS ROOM ● TREAT WEEDS WITH NON-TOXIC SPRAY PAINT GARDEN BENCHES ● WEED, TRIM, SWEEP & TIDY GARDEN AREA ● STAND MIXER ● CAST IRON GRIDDLES ● WAFFLE MAKERS ● BLENDERS ● APRONS





Join us as we host our first ever C.A.M.P. Christmas Market. Our CAMPers will be selling, crafts, gifts, and food items they have made themselves! You can also take pictures with our special guest, SANTA. So come on out on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Located at 4200 N. MAIN ST in MCALLEN.



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