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"CAN ACHIEVE MAXIMUM POTENTIAL"

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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.

Lynda Currie

Parent

My name is Lynda Currie, and I am the proud mother of Chelsea, who has been part of C.A.M.P. University since its founding nearly 19 years ago. Chelsea is one of the original CAMPer's, and I can honestly say that C.A.M.P. University has been a constant, life-changing presence in both of our lives.

Over the years, Chelsea and I have faced many challenges together, including the loss of her father and, more recently, my own serious injury when I broke my hip. Throughout every hardship, C.A.M.P. University has been there for us - not just as a program, but as a true support system.

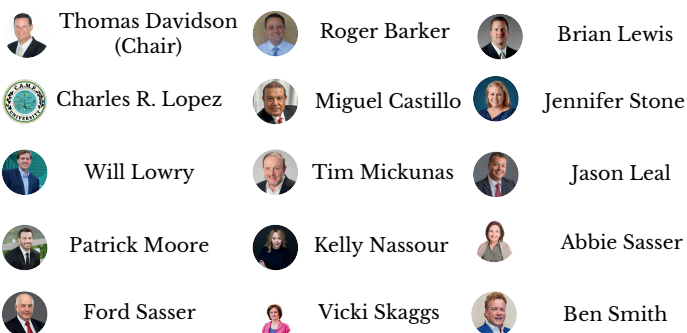
When Chelsea's father passed away, CAMP helped her process emotions she struggled to express verbally. After the death of another CAMPer's father, I witnessed a profound change in Chelsea. She showed an emotional awareness and depth of connection that I had never seen before - holding me close, accepting affection, and clearly trying to communicate her feelings. One day she told me, "Ask my teacher," because she knew CAMP understood her in ways others sometimes could not. Another day, she clearly used the word "organize," a word I wasn't sure she fully understood until CAMP helped her build those communication and life skills. These moments are priceless to me as a parent.

When I broke my hip, it was just Chelsea and me here in McAllen. My other children live out of state, and there was no one nearby to stay with her. Without hesitation, a member of the C.A.M.P. University staff stayed with Chelsea until her sister could arrive. During my recovery, CAMP staff also helped make sure Chelsea was safely transported back and forth to CAMP so she could maintain her routine and sense of stability. That level of care goes far beyond what most programs provide.

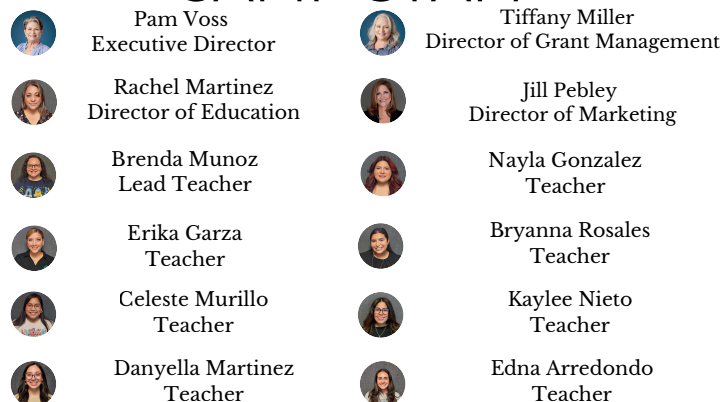
C.A.M.P. University has given Chelsea far more than activities - it has given her emotional growth, understanding, independence, and a sense of belonging. For me, it has provided peace of mind, support during crisis, and reassurance that my daughter is valued, understood, and loved.

I truly cannot imagine our lives without C.A.M.P. University. Its impact on individuals with special needs and their families in the City of McAllen is profound and lasting. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to share our story.

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At C.A.M.P. University, we are continually reminded that our mission is strengthened by the incredible community that surrounds us.

The team from **Restore Wellness** brought smiles when they treated every CAMPer and staff member to a Chick-fil-A lunch. They didn't stop there—they spent meaningful time with our CAMPers, creating arts and crafts projects and building genuine connections that made the day extra special.

Coffee Zone gave us a celebration to remember by preparing a delicious Thanksgiving feast. Their generosity created a festive atmosphere that allowed our CAMPers and staff to enjoy the joy and togetherness of the season.



During their spring break, volunteers from **Rice Temple Baptist Church** chose to serve—and what a gift that was! They led engaging activities with our CAMPers and generously helped assemble our new bocce court, which will be used for practice and fun as our athletes prepare for Special Olympics.

Roosevelt's at Seven hosted a "Reverse Happy Hour," donating a portion of the proceeds to support our programs.

We are also deeply grateful for the continued support of **Universal Provider Services & Guardian Home Care**. Their annual donation plays a vital role in helping us sustain daily operations and continue providing high-quality programming for our CAMPers.



And of course, a little magic goes a long way! **Jesse**, a professional magician, generously volunteered his time to entertain and amaze our CAMPers, bringing laughter, wonder, and unforgettable moments to our classrooms.

Each of these acts of kindness reflects the heart of our community. Whether through a shared meal, a financial gift, a service project, or simply time spent with our CAMPers, these partners are helping us create a place where individuals with special needs can grow, connect, and thrive.

We are so grateful to be part of a community that truly believes in transforming lives and celebrating abilities.

Want to be part of the CAMP Community?

Whether through volunteering, hosting an event, or making a donation, there are so many ways to get involved. Contact us today to learn how you can make a difference!



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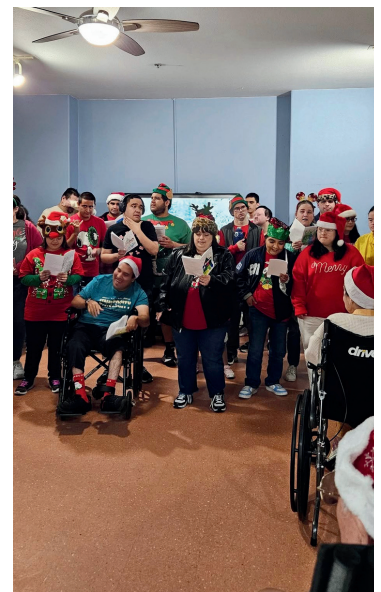
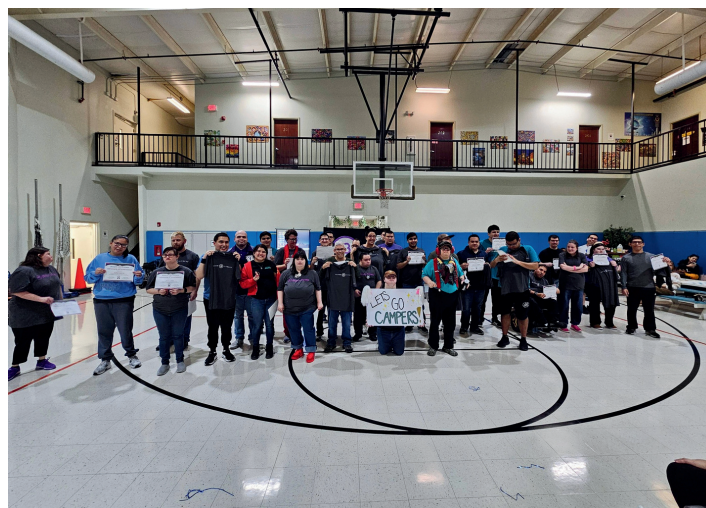


The past six months at C.A.M.P. University have been full of growth, celebration, and meaningful experiences for our CAMPers.

Bloom Fitness continues to be a daily favorite, helping CAMPers build strength, confidence, and healthy habits. We recently celebrated those efforts with a special awards ceremony, recognizing milestones and achievements along the way.

Our CAMPers also enjoyed fun and engaging outings, including a field trip to Maddie's Pumpkin Patch and an unforgettable dino-themed party. This educational celebration featured hands-on activities, a live show from RGV Dinosaur, and delicious food from Whataburger and Dairy Queen. Even more special – this entire event was funded by proceeds from our summer lemonade stand, giving CAMPers a chance to see the impact of their hard work.

Giving back has remained at the heart of CAMP Life. During our "25 Days of Giving," CAMPers participated in daily acts of kindness—baking cookies for first responders, singing Christmas carols at nursing homes, creating cards and bracelets to share with hospital patients and residents and making pet beds and toys for animal adoption facilities. These moments not only spread joy, but also helped CAMPers experience the value of community connection.



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We also opened our doors to the public during our CAMP Open House. CAMPers proudly welcomed guests, gave tours, served homemade treats and lemonade, and sold crafts they created themselves—showcasing their talents and growing independence.

And last but certainly not least, our CAMPers have been hard at work preparing for Special Olympics basketball, demonstrating teamwork, determination, and school spirit.

As we look ahead, excitement is building as CAMPers practice folklórico dance in preparation for this year's A Night at the Races Gala on Cinco de Mayo. Their dedication and enthusiasm are a beautiful reflection of the joy and pride they bring to every performance.

Each of these moments reflects what CAMP Life is all about—building skills, creating connections, and celebrating every success along the way.





C.A.M.P. University is thrilled to invite you to A Night at the Races, our annual gala, happening this May! This year, we're combining the excitement of a derby with the vibrant spirit of Cinco de Mayo, for an evening full of fun, food, music, and giving back.

Guests can enjoy:

- Exciting live and silent auctions featuring unique items and experiences.
- Delicious dinner and drinks in a festive, celebratory atmosphere.
- Live entertainment and derby-themed fun, bringing the thrill of the racetrack to life.

Your support matters. Tuition only covers about one-third of the cost to operate C.A.M.P. University, which provides a vital educational day program for adults with special needs in our community. Fundraising through events like A Night at the Races ensures that more students can continue developing life skills, social connections, and independence, while families receive the support and respite they need.

Over the years, A Night at the Races has become one of the Rio Grande Valley's favorite nights of celebration and giving, attracting friends, families, and community leaders who want to make a difference. By attending, sponsoring, or donating an auction item, you help make our programs possible and support a brighter future for adults with special needs.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled, meaningful evening! For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.NATR26.Givesmart.com or email marketing@campuniversity.org.

Together, we can celebrate, give back, and help C.A.M.P. University students reach their maximum potential!

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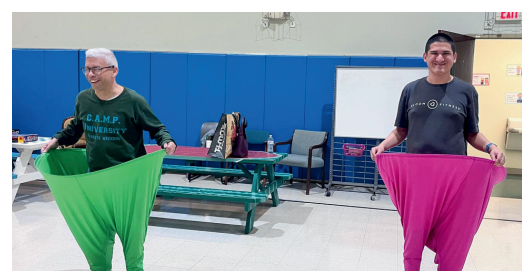
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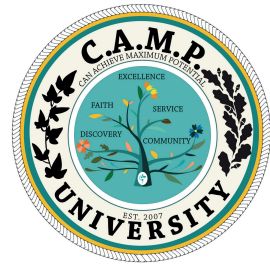
an educational environment offered to adults with special needs. Admission is by application. Call for an appointment @ 956.800.5292

Next Events Are...

May 5th - A Night at the Races
June 25th & July TBA - Lemonade Stand

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