

# 2023 Grantee Impact Summary



## OUR MISSION

To give joy, hope and the healing power of the outdoors to children living with cancer and their families.

## BACKGROUND

Care Camps Foundation's sole purpose is to raise and distribute funding to support medically supervised pediatric oncology camping programs across the United States and Canada. We primarily support camps who are members of the Children's Oncology Camping Association (COCA) which provides oversight of the camps' quality assurance and professional education.

To actualize our mission and distribute funding to pediatric oncology camps, Care Camps Foundation provides two grant opportunities annually for COCA members to: 1) support their core operations, and 2) help with capital improvement needs.

- Core operational support can be used for:** any part of operations, including rent, salaries, transportation, food services, among others, and
- Capital improvement support can be used for:** the purchase of specific needed items (such as sports equipment, mattresses and bedding, canoes or other water equipment, computers, first aid equipment); and/or facility maintenance or improvements (such as facility repairs, additions, or renovations).

**ALL pediatric oncology camps who apply for Care Camps Foundation's grants are awarded funding if they meet the following baseline criteria:**

- Are a COCA member;
- Provide medical supervision for all respective camping programs;
- Are engaged in COCA's Gold Ribbon quality program; and
- Attend one or more of COCA's educational and professional development seminars.

**The grant application is administered via SurveyMonkey and is designed to gather and collate the following information for each camp:**

- Organization type, location, and contact persons;
- Expense budgets and costs to provide specific programs;
- Types of programs and services offered;
- How often programs/services are provided;
- Numbers of attendees (campers, siblings, other family members);
- Staffing; and
- For those applying for capital improvement support, the specific use for the funding.





In addition to financially supporting pediatric oncology camps, Care Camps Foundation also provides funding to COCA to support their Gold Ribbon quality accreditation program and professional education for their members.

## PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY CAMPS' IMPACT

All of the data reported in this summary are for the calendar year 2023.

In 2023, Care Camps Foundation awarded \$2,000,000 to support 122 pediatric oncology camps' operational and capital improvement needs – 105 were located in the U.S. and 17 were located in Canada.

Overall, across the US and Canada, pediatric oncology camps funded by Care Camps Foundation had an enormous impact in 2023.

-  Collectively, the pediatric oncology camps **provided eight different types of programs** and touched the lives of over **41,000 individuals** - children living with cancer, siblings, parents and other family members.
-  The eight types of camp programs offered were: **Overnight Residential, Family Retreat, Sibling Camp, Day Camp, Virtual Camp, In-hospital Camp, Bereavement Camp, Outpatient Clinic-Based.**
-  **Overnight residential camp** was the most common type of program offered.
-  Nearly all camps **served children between 6 and 18 years of age.**

See Tables A-C for details.

**TABLE A**

ATTENDEES	# SERVED
Campers	15,397
Siblings	9,406
Parents	10,218
Other Family Members	1,104
Other	5,754
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,879</b>



**TABLE B**

TYPE OF CAMPING PROGRAM	# OF CAMPS PROVIDING PROGRAM	% OF CAMPS PROVIDING PROGRAM
Overnight Residential	101	86%
Family Retreat	55	47%
Sibling Camp	54	46%
Day Camp	52	44%
Virtual Camp	29	25%
In-hospital Camp	21	18%
Bereavement Camp	15	13%
Outpatient Clinic-Based	15	13%

**TABLE C**

AGE OF ATTENDEES	# OF CAMPS SERVING THIS AGE GROUP	% OF CAMPS SERVING THIS AGE GROUP
Less than 6 yr	77	66%
6 to 10 yr	112	96%
11 to 18 yr	115	98%
Older than 18 yr	26	22%

Of the eight program types the pediatric oncology camps offered:



-  74% of camps **offered between two and five program types.**
-  The largest percentage of camps (**47%**) **offered two to three types of programs.**

See *Table D* for details.

**TABLE D**

NUMBER OF PROGRAM TYPES OFFERED	# OF CAMPS OFFERING	% OF CAMPS OFFERING
1	17	15%
<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25%</b>
4	17	15%
5	14	12%
6	7	6%
7	3	3%
8	2	2%

Additionally, with respect to the number of weeks (out of 52) that the camps offered at least one program:

-  Just over half (55%) of camps offered **programming for one month of the year or less.**
-  16% of camps offered at least **some kind of programming for 6 or more months of the year.**

See *Table E* for details.

**TABLE E**

WEEKS WITH AT LEAST 1 PROGRAM*	# OF CAMPS OFFERING	% OF CAMPS OFFERING
1 week only	22	19%
2 to 4 weeks (up to 1 month)	30	26%
5 to 12 weeks (1+ to 3 months)	29	25%
13 to 24 weeks (3+ to 6 months)	17	15%
25 to 50 weeks (6+ to 11+ months)	12	10%
52 weeks (All year)	7	6%

\*Note that each program might consist of a single day or evening, a week, or a weekend event.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT NEEDS

Of the 122 pediatric oncology camps that were awarded an operational grant, 76 also applied for a capital improvement grant and each of them were awarded \$1,000.

Specific items that were purchased by the camps are listed in Table F.

**TABLE F**

CAPITAL ITEMS PURCHASED IN 2023	# OF CAMPS
Tents/Tables/Chairs	10
Computer Hardware/Software	9
Athletic Equipment	8
Medical Supplies	4
Radios/Walkie Talkies	4
Kitchen Equipment (Oven; Refrigerator/Freezer; Ice machine)	3
Personal Protective Equipment (e.g., Covid)	2
Water Jugs	2
Mattresses/Bedding	2
Projection Equipment (movies and presentations)	2
Banners/Signs	2
Tricycles/Scooters	2

**OTHER ITEMS PURCHASED BY INDIVIDUAL CAMPS**

Materials for teambuilding activities, Safety cones for parking/camper registration, Toilets, Conference table, Portable table with sink + accessories, Hammock, Noise machine, Wagon, Misting tent, Speakers, Nature and gardening supplies, Wheelchair Items for a "Calm Space", Camera and accessories, Wagon

## THANK YOU!

In summary, none of this could have been possible without the very generous support of our donor partners. The cards, photos, stories and more that we continually receive from the camps exemplify the joy, hope and healing we aspire to give to these special children and their families.

For more information about the pediatric oncology camps we fund, visit [www.carecamps.org/camps-we-support](http://www.carecamps.org/camps-we-support).

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