Honorary Board Member, Former Camp Board Member, current Camp Foundation Board Member, and long-time volunteer Steve Supple passes. See page 2.

Camp Courageous is a year-round recreational, respite, and travel program for individuals of all ages with disabilities.
Camp Courageous saddened by the loss of Steve Supple

One of the many rewards that comes with being a part of Camp Courageous is you meet some of the most wonderful people in the world. Good, kind and caring folks. It is with tremendous sadness that we learned Honorary Board Member and current Camp Courageous Foundation Board Member Steve Supple has passed. Steve was not the ‘one-in-a-million.’ He was more of the ‘one-in-a-billion.’ Like Leo Greco, we kept thinking Steve would come back and rally after a diagnosis of cancer and some severe infections, but it wasn’t meant to be.

Steve Supple dedicated over four decades of his life to Camp Courageous. Seldom did a day go by he was not doing something for the camp.

One of many things I always admired about the Supple Family was something I personally witnessed. During an early morning meeting at the Supple home, Jan made breakfast for a large group planning a camp fund raiser while juggling their kids. As the kids were heading for the school bus, BJ and Jen both gave their parents a big hug and told them they loved them before heading out the door…it melted me.

Steve was not only active with Camp, he was also very community minded. Being a farmer, he was involved with many ag related groups and boards from Soil

If the community had a project, they knew they could depend on the Supples to help. Camp Courageous Board Member Skip Manternach of Cascade, introduced Steve to Camp Courageous back in the 80s as Skip searched for those who might give camp hogs for sausage for the Camp’s breakfasts. Skip had the ability to get a huge group of volunteers together with short notice, to help the camp…a trait Steve would quickly learn. The Supples soon became a great source of hogs for camp and volunteerism.

Steve was hooked on camp from the start. Every single Camp Courageous project, going back to the 80s, he had an active role. They continued to supply hogs, but expanded to picking thousands of ears of sweet corn and processing it by shucking it, boiling it, cutting it off the cobs and putting it in buckets…1,000s of bushels over the years. Steve graduated from taking a tree stump out about every hour to using a tree stump grinder. He played a key role in the construction of 25 new buildings over the years….from general manual labor, to miles of door, window, and floor trim, to staining 100s of cabinets. Steve served on the Camp’s Building and Grounds Committee for decades.

In addition, over all these years Steve and Jan have been very active with campers through preparing and serving food in the kitchen for special events, respite weekends, week-long stays, and much more. Each year they helped with the Back-to-School Festival, where about 1,000 campers attended, with Steve being the camp’s official driver of the John Deere Model A tractor for the camper hayrides.

At any hour, usually several times a week, Steve was called on to help with the donation of furniture and household items for camp and its Manchester Garage Sale. With one call…we always knew that Steve would be there to help.

Along the way Steve received numerous awards including the 9-Who Care Award, the JC Penney Award, and the Governor’s Volunteer Award in 1996.

This wonderful couple set a beautiful path to follow by example, now firmly into the next generation with five grandchildren from seven to 18 years old, the grandkids are already taking after their grandparents and volunteering at Camp.

Camp Courageous can never thank Steve Supple enough for his lifetime commitment to the Camp! Even though Steve has left us…his incredible legacy lives on…

-Charlie
Musco donates High Tech Lighting for new Miniature Golf Project and busy Road!

Camp Courageous’ wonderful friends at Musco Lighting have donated nine beautiful light poles, each with the latest in LED lighting technology, to provide lights for the new totally accessible miniature golf course! In addition, Musco has provided critical lighting to the roadway that campers and the public cross from base camp to use the zipline and new miniature golf course.

The beauty of Musco lighting is they do not do flood lighting. Each LED light is specifically designed to cover an exact area with no excess. This high-tech donation from Musco is setup in the factory for the exact location for the poles and lights, which is critical to a successful project. A special thank you to Bruce Veenstra and Veenstra Construction from Oskaloosa for providing Camp an exceptional price for the installation of these Musco lights.

As an extra gift, Musco has provided special lighting for the actual poles, so the poles will light-up in a variety of colors. We cannot wait to see the excitement campers will have for this incredible visual experience! THANK YOU, MUSCO!

Harris Miniature Golf Courses Inc. constructs Camp’s all-accessible course

Camp Courageous was very pleased with the dedication and hard work of the Harris Miniature Golf Course Team from Scranton, PA. Several companies were interviewed before Camp chose Harris. They are a premier designer and builder of custom miniature golf courses. They came in with decades of experience in building courses around the world with unmatched quality and service. Camp’s #1 reason for going with Harris was the fact that they did the course at Twin Pines in Cedar Rapids. Camp toured their facility and was very impressed with the course and the staff comments about working with Harris. The Harris staff working this project think the world of Camp Courageous, which lead to the President of the Company, Salvatore Conaboy, flying/driving to see Camp Courageous firsthand. He now understands why the Harris staff were so taken by Camp.

Camp appreciated Harris discounting the project by having their crew stay in the Camp’s dormitory and eat meals at Camp along with using some of Camp’s equipment and staff.

See page 30 on how you can help with the Miniature Golf Course. You can also scan the QR code to get more details about the course and how it can be rented by the general public.

FIAT 500 ABRATH RAFFLE

Pictured is car donor Eloise Dennis.

High performance 1.4-liter turbocharged 14, FWD, 5-speed manual, Mint Condition, 2013 Abarth sports model with less than 3,200 miles. $25 per ticket!

Drawing Dec. 31, 2023 at 12:00 PM CST

All proceeds go to Camp Courageous, a year-round recreational, respite, and travel program for individuals of all ages with disabilities. Ticket sales end on 12/30/2023 at 12 PM CST. Scan QR code for more details.

Construction was completed on the Camp’s new all-accessible 18 hole miniature golf course in May. Campers have been enjoying the course that is located next to the zipline area.
Stead and Slusher continue long-time support of Camp

Vance and Roddy Stead, along with their family, had supported Camp Courageous for years. After their passing their children, Kaytlin, Peggy, and Dave, stepped up to continue their family support of Camp. Peggy (Slusher) is now a regular Camp volunteer who helps wherever she is needed.

Cam can not thank Kaytlin, Peggy, and Dave enough for their ongoing support.

Kaytlin Stead and Peg (Stead) Slusher stand by pictures of their folks, Vance & Roddy Stead at the train depot located by the Memorial Park. Vance and Roddy’s funeral service was held at Camp and they received a 21 golf ball shoot into Lake Todd.

Peg (Stead) Slusher and Kaytlin Stead sit at the Vance and Roddy Stead bench at the train depot near the Memorial Park.

Kaytlin Stead and Peg (Stead) Slusher stand by Hawkeye, Camp’s new medical emergency vehicle provided by Peg and her late husband, John.

Campers enjoy Summer Luau Dance event

Camp Courageous hosted a Summer Luau for campers at the Durgin Pavilion this summer. This annual free camper event was filled with music, dancing, contests, games, food, beverages, and more. Campers and their staff filled the pavilion.

Camp Courageous hosts free camper events throughout the year. Watch for details on the Camp's website at campcourageous.org (click on Camper Events) as well as on the Camp's Facebook page.

Iowa V.F.W. and Auxiliary continue support of Camp

Camp Courageous congratulates the Iowa V.F.W. & Auxiliary (Veterans Of Foreign Wars) on their 102nd Annual Convention! Camp is humbled and grateful they have chosen to be supportive of Camp Courageous for 50 of their 102 years! It was an exceptional Convention with Ron Leber as VFW State Commander and Renee Quinn as the VFW Auxiliary State President. They have had an outstanding year! The outpouring of support from this group, warms the heart.

Watch a video on Camp’s relationship with the VFW at https://youtu.be/PC0QxMvKCEE or scan the QR code above.

It was an honor for Camp Courageous to host Jim Beckwith, son of the late Honorary Board Member, Bill Beckwith, and his wife, Karen, during their recent visit to Camp. They had the opportunity to see first-hand, why Bill was so involved in the Camp and all that Bill accomplished. It was particularly fun to have Jim & Karen join the staff for lunch... the interaction was wonderful. They are a great couple following the legacy of Bill... humble, kind, compassionate, and hard working. Jim is President of the F.W. Beckwith Charitable Foundation with Kris Beckwith as Vice President and Sue Beckwith Treasurer. Bill’s legacy continues live on...
Silent & Live Auctions, Hawaiian Dinner, Camp Program, and more!

NEW FOR 2023! Auctions will be online with Qtego!

Gala auctions will be presented by Qtego, the #1 auction platform in the nation. Qtego staff will be assisting on-site.

Watch for the Pineapple Sales at area Hy-Vee Stores coming in early August.

Scan the QR code or visit the Gala web page at [https://campcourageous.org/pineapple-gala](https://campcourageous.org/pineapple-gala) for ticket and auction details.

MAIL-IN FORM FOR TICKET ORDERS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE 2023 PINEAPPLE GALA & AUCTION

NAME: 
ADDRESS: 
CITY, ST ZIP: 
PHONE: 

☐ We would like a table for 10 at $750. 
☐ We would like to purchase _____ tickets at $75 each. 
☐ We would like to donate the auction item(s): _____________________________
☐ We would like to make a donation to the Gala of $ __________

For more info contact Charlie Becker at cbecker@campcourageous.org or call 319-465-5916, ext. 2100.

Send this form to Charlie Becker, PO Box 418, Monticello, IA 52310-0418

All sponsors will receive special recognition during the ceremonies and identification in promotional material developed for the event.

3 LEVEL AMOUNT Receive up to...
☐ Bronze $1,000 1 Table (10 seats) 
☐ Silver $2,500 3 Tables (30 seats) 
☐ Gold $5,000 5 Tables (50 seats) 
☐ Title $10,000 10 Tables (100 seats) 

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.
2023 Cruisin for Camp Courageous has tremendous year

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the 2023 Cruisin’ for Camp Courageous event such a big success! The weather made for a great day for this annual car show benefit presented by the Cedar Valley Street Rods car club.

The cars started rolling in before 7 AM and the Cedar Valley Street Rods car club was ready for them! Camp Courageous can’t thank this club enough for all their hard work throughout the weekend with set-up the day of the show and clean-up after. Also thanks to Cedar Rapids Corvette Club for helping with the set-up and clean-up as well. With their help the 2023 “Cruisin’ for Camp Courageous” was a huge success!

New for the ‘23 Cruisin’ event was the addition of Taylor Concessions Food Truck. Show participants and guests were treated to smoothies, funnel cakes, deep fried twinkies, loaded cheesy fries, and more with a portion of every sale being given back to the event. Shown is Preston Taylor and his son as they present a generous check to camp.

The planning for the 2023 “Cruisin’ for Camp Courageous” began shortly after the 2022 show ended by the Cruisin’ Committee. Each member of the committee has a specific role in presenting the show, but they all pitch in where needed. From finding and picking up donations to recruiting volunteers, they are instrumental in the success of the show. A group truly dedicated to helping Camp! Pictured are (L-R) Front: Sharon Davis and Becky Melchert. Back row: Roger Hindman, Larry Hampton, Terri Cox, Terry Dolezal, Della Schmuecker, Whitey Hermansen, Chuck Melchert, and Dave Schmuecker.

First and second place trophies were awarded in 24 different car classes at the 2023 “Cruisin’ for Camp Courageous” car show. In addition, the guests of the show are allowed to choose their favorite vehicle with the winner receiving the “Spectators Choice” award. This year’s award went to Dave Ruhs from West Des Moines for his 1932 Ford B400. Shown is Charlie Becker (L) as he presents the award to Dave.

Camp appreciates all who entered their vehicles, especially the wonderful car clubs that continue their tremendous support for Camp Courageous. It is great to see so many return for this annual show and how many new entries there were for this year’s event.

Mark your calendars now for 2024 Cruisin’ for Camp Courageous
Sunday, May 19, 2024

NRG Media hosts Fishing Derby benefit for Camp

A huge thank you to everyone at NRG Media’s KOKZ (105.7), ROCK (108), KXEL (1540), and HANK (107.3); along with David Gott, Account Executive and Allyson Hillman, Market Manager for putting on the 2nd Annual Fishing Derby to benefit Camp Courageous. It was a perfect day in so many ways! It was a Respite Weekend, so the vast majority of campers and staff loaded up and headed to the beautiful Pleasant Creek State Recreation Area near Palo to participate.

A special thank you to the Cedar Rapids/Iowa City (CRANDIC) Walleye Club for taking care of all the judging and awards... huge job!

Camp’s Assistant Aquatic’s Director Casey Shalla helps a camper with their fishing pole. It was a great day with almost every camper catching a fish... some multiple fish!

(L-R) KOKZ’s David Gott, Account Executive and on-line DJ Mike Waters present the Fiat 500 Abarth car Camp is raffling off.
Thank you to Sheri Melvold, long time KMAQ News Director, for interviewing Camp Courageous at the KMAQ station in Maquoketa. Sheri is retiring, so she lined up the interview with Maquoketa Mayor Tom Messerli, who is also KMAQ’s Chief Engineer and DJ. Tom’s Uncle and Aunt were Joe and Esther Messerli of Monticello, who were among the very first individuals to get involved in building Camp Courageous back in the mid-70s. The Messerlis stayed active with the Camp up to their passings. Tom remembers many trips to Monticello and Camp Courageous during those early years. Sheri’s son is married to Camp’s Honorary Board Members and original board members, the late Bill and Kay Pitlik’s granddaughter! Sheri and Tom have been dating for years... a wonderful couple. We had a wonderful interview about Camp Courageous. Camp humbly thanks KMAQ and the folks of the Jackson County area for their decades of support. The late Honorary Board Member Muriel Allen from Maquoketa sold 1,000 Camp Pineapple and 1,000 Camp Fruitcakes annually! Camp also wishes long-time KMAQ, Voy 61 Drive-in Theatre, and Voy 3 Theatre owner Dennis Voy the best of health and happiness!

Hunter Kemper is a triathlete who has represented the USA in four Olympic Games, won 27 ITU World Cup races and is a five-time US National Champion. Abigail Adams, known as Abigail the Advocate, is a disability advocate and motivational speaker who will be participating in the 2023 event.

Hunter and Abigail will be speaking at the Hotel at Kirkwood at 9 AM & 11 AM on Saturday August 12th. The event is open to the public and free to attend.

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Happy 95th Birthday to Marilou Simpson of Rock Island, IL! Marilou and her husband, Don, lived and volunteered at Camp Courageous for over two years. After leaving Camp they continued to visit regularly and was Camp’s #1 Fruitcake seller in Illinois. They were also regulars at all Jim McDonough Concerts in the Quad City area. Marilou has been in the Friendship Manor in Rock Island for five years, having moved from the Milan, IL area. It was an honor to learn that Marilou has been hanging out with another ‘Charlie’ for the past few years (a name she gave her walker). If you would like to wish Marilou Simpson a Happy 95th her address is Friendship Manor, 1209 21st Ave, Rock Island, IL 61201. They don’t come any finer...

It was a treat to have (L-R) Leroy and Janet Magnuson of LaPorte City visit Camp Courageous for a tour along with Paul and their daughter, Tracy Blisk of Summerville, South Carolina. LeRoy was part of Norb Bahl’s Team from Jesup, IA through Frost Oil and Consolidated Energy. LeRoy was primarily in the LP business. Those were some wonderful days in the history of Camp... we thank the Magnusons for their years of support!

Camp Courageous Board Member Jim Foels of Brooklyn, IA has been bringing donations from the Montezuma Mothers Club to Camp Courageous for years. Recently, they arranged for a program to be given to them in Montezuma about the Camp. After the program the group decided it was worth a road trip to the Camp to personally check it out. Camp was excited to welcome (L-R) Carol Behounek, Bonnie Cox, Beth Sheets, Deb VerMeer, Kathy Cox, Francene Cranston, Kathy Osborn, and Marydiane Cook to Camp. Super group!

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If you would like to volunteer at Camp in any department contact:
volunteer@campcourageous.org

Volunteers needed in every Camp department as well as for events (camp breakfasts, Sprint Triathlon, Cruisin car show, and more!)

Pictured are photos of school and facilities groups that visited Camp Courageous this spring. TEACHERS AND FACILITIES... If you or someone you know is interested in signing your class or group up for a spring session in 2024 contact program@campcourageous.org or call 319-465-5916, ext. 2300.
Happiness is not by chance, but by choice.
BELLE PLAINE, IA
Judy Mehlert - In memory of Dwayne Crounhauf
Donald and Reda Prichard - In memory of Bill Villeta, Bonita Johnson, Carroll Miller, Don Gordon, Esther Wilkinson, George Grovert, Harlan Crounhauf, Kurt & Diane Buckingham, Louis Winslow, and Paula Pecenza - In honor of Arlen Hakeman
Cindy Weldon - In memory of Bill Villeta, Louis Winslow, and Paula Pecenza
BELLEVUE, IA
David & Janice Brinker - In memory of Cecilia Hager
Mark & Linda Heim - In memory of John Botkin and Vivian Pitlo - In memory of Jessica Theisen
Dennis and Diane Ploeger - In memory of Louis Weis and Lyle Ties
Joe & Nanci Ploessl - In memory of Cecilia Hager
Tom & Linda Bieckens - In memory of Cecilia Hager
BELMONT, IA
Doug and Sandy Steenblock - In memory of Rusty Kames
KVMF Auxiliary #2442
BENNETT, IA
Bev and Larry Green - In memory of Maria Mess and Steve Stoltenberg
Richard and Kathy Kreinbring - In memory of Janice Ketelsen and Mary Kreinbrin
Mark Schaufl and Kim and Terri Timmerman - In memory of Carol Anderson
BERNARD, IA
Bob and Mary Laban
Dale & Lisa Meyer
Carl and Patty Pfeiffer - In memory of Anna Askam, Dolores Putz, Inez Merges, Monica Cole, and Ron Ludwig
Melissa and Nick Schroeder
Wayne & Kären Stref - In memory of Arleen Perez Nick and Betty Wagner - In memory of Toni Marie Sergott
BETTENDORF, IA
Christopher Bernard
Norah Breen - In memory of Lucille Smock
Lynn Broughton - In honor of Newbyjohns Jon & Madi Kathy and John Bucicfero
Vicor and Judith Dibben - In memory of Frank Coller Kauph
Barbara J. Donald
Jan Dorgan
Paul Eglit - In memory of Jon & John
Catherine Gehmann - In honor of The first day of Spring and the start of summer
Maxine Hansohn
Craig and Marcia Johnson - In memory of Jack Johnson
Mike and Mary Jo Johnson
John and Katie Morrow
John & Carol Mulhansen - In memory of Helena (Ellie) Dearborn
Marie and John Schraut
Julie Schmitz
Jan and Michael Tandy
Shirley Wait - In memory of Ruth Eleanor Carthy
Dennis and Janet Zahr - In memory of DeWeavey Crounhauf
Michael and Sharon Zukowski
Ame A. & Janice A. Meincke Charitable Foundation
Farwest
Terry and Linda Fund Fund, Quad Cities Community Foundation
BLAIRSTOWN, IA
Vivian Crounhauf - In memory of DeWeavey Crounhauf
Larry and Theresa Hagen
Larry and Sharon Koster - In memory of DeWeavey Crounhauf
BLOOMFIELD, IA
Tom and Paula Robinson
BLUE GRASS, IA
Vincent and Connie Motto
Deborah and Daniel Testore - In memory of Linda Hartzell
BOONE, IA
Churdash Lions Club Firetower
BRANDON, IA
Karl Smith - In memory of Colleen Maynard
VFMF Aux. #8884
BROOKLYN, IA
Bob and Marion Cullum - In memory of Kay Walford Ron Donald - In memory of Mike Street - In memory of Rev. Richard Paulus Jim and Elise Feets - In memory of Joan Brubaker, Martha Plucar, and Steve Supple - In honor of David Unzelman, Ryan's 22nd birthday and Uncle Herb Morch's 90th birthday
Arlene Ford - In memory of Howard Anderson
Larry & Denise Ford - In memory of Howard Anderson
Craig and Connie Hall - In memory of Caroline Ellis Philip and Mary Ann Heishman - In honor of Father Philip Ryan's 92nd Birthday
J & M Roofing & Maintenance, Inc. - In memory of Mary Ann Platts
BRYANT, IA
Roland and Bette Petersen - In memory of David Grantz and Richard Keeny
Order of the Eastern Star 
BURLINGTON, IA
Gary and Didi Lloyd Burlingon Noon Lions Club Fireway
CALAMUS, IA
Don Haack - In memory of Norman Boussetol
Dick Johnson - In memory of Norm Boussetol - In memory of Harold Anderson
Dorothy Goettsch's 70th wedding anniversary
Julie Kalfas - In memory of Justin Porth
Chuck and Karen Porth - In honor of Dwain & Dorothy Goettsch's 70th wedding anniversary
CALMAR, IA
Dennis and Barb Mashek - In honor of Kyle Mashek
CAMANCHE, IA
Joy and Karen Anthony - In memory of Steve Altop Ron and Evelyn Blaisdell
William and Connie Dohrmann - In memory of Doreen Faselt
Dorothy Kellermann - In memory of Gary Manuc Murl and Tracey McCulloch - In honor of Alan & Sue Fletcher's 50th wedding anniversary and Alec Davis
John Shaff
CARLISLE, IA
Dennis & Kristine Woodruff - In memory of Rosemary Marshall
CASCADE, IA
Dick and Janison James Betzner - In memory of Steve Supple Mac Boffeli Gaye Bries - In memory of Linda Benke, Michael and Donna Callahan - In memory of Judy Burns
Warren and Bonnie Callahan - In memory of Steve Supple
Von and Jean Deininger - In memory of Jim Mottet and Ryn Rietveld
Rita Driscoll - In memory of Steve Supple
Kym and Mark Felton - In memory of Linda Benke and Steve Supple
Chris and Kat Foltin
Allen Felton
Terri and Jon Fraser - In memory of Inez Merges, Jerry Joepke, Joseph R. Burtle, Karen Kechen, Kay Link, Linda Benke, Lisa McDonnell, Shirley Hansen, and Steve Supple
Gary and Gloria Gavin - In memory of Steve Supple Diane Gavin
Bill and Kathy Gehl - In memory of Steve Supple
Mike Gehl - In memory of Steve Supple
Mike and Julie Green - In memory of John Krogman, Linda Benke, Pat Ward, Robert Hamilton, and Tim Otting
Sue E. Gudenkauf
Nick and Deb Holub - In memory of Karen Kelchen and Steve Supple
Pat and Sandra Howard - In memory of Karen Kelchen and Steve Supple
Steve Junk
Pat and Peg Kearney - In memory of Steve Supple
Mark Ruth - In memory of Brian McDermott
Bernie and Jess Koob - In memory of Grace Gatto, Karen Kelchen, Marie Green, and Steve Supple
Karen Pollard
Trudy Kurt
Ellen Linderauer - In memory of Donna Flynn, Gent Callahan, Karen Kelchen, and Linda Benke
Ralph and Rina Manternach - In memory of Steve Supple
Linus and Shirley McDermott - In memory of Donna Flynn, Karen Kelchen, and Steve Supple
John and Mary McGuire - In memory of Steve Supple
Kevin and Rhonda Meier - In memory of Steve Supple
Dale Mecher - In memory of Steve Supple
Doug and Grace Noonan - In memory of Steve Supple
Greg and Gloria Otting - In memory of Steve Supple
Mike & Michaela Otting
Tonya Pry - In memory of Blake McDermott
Jenny and John Rausch - In memory of Jean knepper, Joe Boulage, and Kay Link
Ed and Darice Recker - In memory of Cathy Kurt and Karen Kelchen
Jeanne Sadler - In memory of Linda Benke, Sandy (Gile) Bixenius, Steve McDermott, and Steve Supple
Barbara Sauser - In memory of Steve Supple
Travis and Amanda Scherber - In memory of Steve Supple
Kevin Schockemoehl - In memory of Steve Supple
Matthew and Mary Jean Simons - In memory of Steve Supple
William Stevens
Lynn Supple - In memory of Steve Supple
Roger Supple - In memory of Steve Supple
Lois Tauer - In memory of George Simon Jr. Brother's Market
Budgie Spells - In memory of Steve Supple
Steve Spells Memorial Donations - In memory of Steve Supple
Stone Hollow Dog Training - In memory of Steve Supple
CEDAR FALLS, IA
Patrick and Carol Brickley
Dottie Clegg - In memory of Don Clegorn, Grant McKee, and Lyle Lolf
Janice Crowe
Rita and Larry Dorschewen - In memory of Mary Dorschewen
John and Karen Eastland
Linda Fitch - In memory of Dayna Decker-Nuzum
Mike Green
Bud Kvetor
Tracy Lumetta - In memory of May Lumetta, Ann Mortz, and Thomas and Charles Stub
Peter and Marilyn Vossers
Maureen White
Gaylen and Barbara Witzel - In memory of Larry Wichmann
Alan and Sally Yakish
Cedar Falls Lions Club Fireway
CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
Jason and Lori Achenbach
Dwayne and Les Ackmann
Janet Alrich & Greg Chapman
Manuel Alitz
Connie Allies - In memory of Richard Hover
Bruce and Jan Alfitor
Paul Andersen
Steve and Vicki Archibald - In memory of Jolene Watkins
Ruth and Steve Armstrong
Heather Bachman
Tom and Becky Barker - In memory of Robert Smekal
Michael and Karen Barnotes
Barb & Kathy Barta - In honor of Joe Konecny
Deon & Debnick - In honor of Joe Konecny
Todd Beck
John and Cheryl Bell
Linda Bena - In memory of Ken Bonty
David and Teresa Bennett - In memory of Ken Bonty
Ricky and Michael Blackwell - In memory of Betty Bobboda
Bill and Alice Blazek - In memory of Mark Timlin
Margaret Bocenstedt - In memory of Myrna Earhart
Paul & Steven Boland - In memory of Kenneth E. Bonty
Stacy Bostom - In memory of Linda Skala
Gaylen and Christine Botkin - In memory of John Botkin
Roy and Sharon Bowers - In memory of Onalee Arnold, David Botkin and Karla Bower - In memory of Bill Grabe
Connie Bowler
Bobbie Bowman
Janice Boyles
The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.
Camp is hiring for Respite Weekends:

Camp Courageous focuses on providing barrier-free opportunities to children and adults with disabilities and chronic illnesses. Campers of all ages and abilities attend throughout the year. Campers who attend have the opportunity to try a wide variety of activities including arts and crafts, laser tag, high and low ropes courses, Zipline, canoeing, bowling, swimming, miniature golf, and more.

Camp Courageous strives to accommodate all campers regardless of their ability and to adapt activities to anyone who chooses to participate. If one is looking for a meaningful job or would like to gain experience working with a diverse camper population, this is the place. At Camp Courageous, you will join staff from around the world, brought together by a common commitment to serving those with disabilities. For anyone seeking a career in Special Education, Therapy, Human Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Pathology, Recreational Therapy, Social Work, or any other Helping Profession, Camp Courageous is an excellent career stepping-stone to gain experience and build a resume.

Here are some benefits of working Respite Weekends:

**Flexible schedule:** Respite weekends are typically the 1st and 3rd weekends of each month.

**On site training:** CPR, First Aid, Life Guarding

Weekend rate is $330.00

**Room and Board provided** while working with campers

To apply please visit:

[campcourageous.org/respite-care-counselor-application/](http://campcourageous.org/respite-care-counselor-application/)

Robert Steuber - In memory of Ruth & Donald Steuber
Bruce and Kris Stolba
Gary and Nancy
Strandberg - In memory of John Slusker
Tudy Streletzky
Richard & Sandra
Sudderberg - in honor of Joe Konecny
Mary Tarbox and Robert
Nicholson
Cathy Taylor - In memory of
John Botkin
Patricia Thompson - In
memory of Richard Hover
Steve & Teresa Thompson
Douglas Thurm
Jacob and Marci
Townsend
Nathan Townsend
Elizabeth Trcka - In
memory of Betty Jean Svoboda
Alice Tittle
Ruthie Trudo - In honor of
Ed Herrman
Jacqueline Unkrich - In
honor of Janet Jones’ 90th birthday
Mary Van Houten - In
memory of Steve Supple
W. Kent Van Meter - In
memory of Betty Svoboda
David and Eileen VanGorp
Mike Zlatohlavek
Betty Grulke
Estate - In memory of
Ken Bontty
Konecny
of Richard Hover
Mike Zlatohlavek
Charles Zavcek
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Aegon Transamerica
Charitable Foundation
Anderson Financial
Services, Inc. - In memory of
John Botkin
Betty Svoboda Memorials - In memory of Betty Svoboda
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Cedar Rapids Corvette
Club
Cheddars Casual Cafe
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Church
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Wing Depot
Fareway Stores, Inc.
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Methwic Manor Residents
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PepsiCo
Raining Rose
Sam’s Club #8162
Scott’s Family Restaurant
Simmons Perrine Moyer
Bergman PLC
Starbucks Coffee Co.
Starlight Room
Students of Kirkwood
(Community Life)
Telecom Services of Iowa, Inc.
Texas Roadhouse
The Betty Jean Grulke
Estate - In memory of
Betty Grulke
The Cedar Rapids Kernels
Theater Cedar Rapids
To the Rescue
U.S. Bank
Van Meter Industrial, Inc.
Veridian Credit Union -
in memory of Deanna
Kroemer
Walker Detailing
Washington High School
Football Program
CENTER JUNCTION, IA
Paula Antons - In
memory of Katie Rockzien
and Steve Supple - In
memory of Blake & Morgan
McBerrott
Stacy Campbell
Mark & Sheryl Drask - In
honor of Joe Konecny
Jennifer Husman
Angie Shady
CENTER POINT, IA
Clara Cook - In memory of
Diane Lynn Garns, Grant
McKee, and Stacy Sue
Nuss
Stuart and Lori Davidson
- In memory of
Eggleston on his birthday
Eloise Dennis - In memory of
Maryann Schuchmann
Whitey and Shirley
Herrmann
Lynn and Nicole Hingt
David and Pamela Kircher
- In memory of Lori Langen
Cristy McNamara - In
memory of John Botkin
Rita Porter
Michael and Gail Rheinhardt
Dan & Theresa Scheeler
David and Beth Seltrecht -
In memory of Gary Haars,
Phil Cummings, and Ruth
Atwood
Dennis and Monica Zieser -
In memory of Gary Haars,
Jance Ferguson’s 87th
Birthday, Kate Maynard,
and Phil Cummings - In
honor of Linda Kester
Eastin
The Pizza Place
CENTRAL CITY, IA
Rick and Laura Batchelder -
In memory of Ron Franklin
Linda Carpenter
Ross and Judith
Cummins - In memory of
Glen Muters
Wayne Drousser - In memory of
Leo & Louise Greco
Bonny Gordon - In memory of
Don Williams and
Maynard Beitz
Doug and Sara Kelley
Wayne and Linda Martin
Jodi Midicaffe Hageman - In
memory of John Botkin
Rose Noonan - In memory of
Lawrence Kerr
Leland Oksendahl
Gary Schuch - In memory of
Betty Svoboda, Curtis
Baily, David Nietert, Joan
Goldsberry, John Sheele,
Ron Franklin, and Ruth
Stacy
Dick and Bert Shulista
Stephanie Silka
Thomas and Leola
Sperflsage - In memory of
Parker Sperflsage’s
18th birthday and Parker
Sperflsage’s Graduation
St. Stephen Ladies Guild
CHARLOTTE, IA
Daryl and Verda Mae
Glahn - In honor of Andy
Andersen
Bob and Sandra Unruh
- In memory of Martin
Andersen
CHURDAN, IA
Jeri Breid
CLARENCE, IA
Shirley Geadelmann
Velma Hueblner
Robert and Phyllis
Hunwarden - In memory of
Betty McCay and Ruth
Hornman
Connie Kelly - In memory of
Betty McCay and Keith
Krone - In honor of Lois
Ruchotzke
Gene and Kathryn Koth - In
memory of Ruth Hornman
and Sally Meyer
Shirley Mostaert - In
memory of John Botkin
JoAnn Wenndt - In memory of
Katie Rockzien
CLINTON, IA
Dolores Diercks - In
memory of Gilbert Diercks
and Judy Denkman
Ed and Jean Hupfer - In
memory of Mary Kircher -
In honor of Loren &
Marlyn Peters
Fred and Carole Jensen - In
memory of Alan Kaster,
Denise Gregoire, Gary
Munck, Joyce Wing,
Leonard Gerber, and Mary
Kircher - In honor of Jean
Lauritzen’s 100th birthday
Bar and Johns
Lynn and Larry Kelley - In
memory of Shawn Price
Sharon Ketelsen - In
memory of Ruby M.
Lotspeich
Bernard Lehman
Alice Mohl - In memory of
Deb Burnett
Judith Smith - In memory of
Darrel Blinkinsop
Helen Stein
Christopher Streets
Fareway
Goose Lake Lions Club
Grandma’s Goody Jar LLC
Hye
Mac 94.7 FM and KCLN
AM
Skyline Center, Inc.
St. Edwards Council No
707
CLIVE, IA
Karla Haats
Elleen Moore - In memory of
Rosemary Marshall
Robert & Mary Ann Van
Dyke - In memory of
Rosemary Marshall
CLUTTER, IA
Clutter ZCB Lodge - In
memory of Irene Hans
COTTON, IA
Steven and Julie Fette
Steve and Lynn Goode
Lisa Kirk
Cletus Kremer - In memory of
Gladsy Hulting
Steven and Mary Sheppard -
In memory of Dolores
Putz, Lois Francois, and
May Lumetta
Mike and JoAnn Woods -
In memory of Marilyn
Knowlton
COLESBURG, IA
Richard and Phoebe
Johnson
Arfan Ernest Kickbusch
Helen Schweitner
Farmers Savings Bank -
In memory of Brian
Wulfekuhle
COLLINS, IA
Marjorie Parham
CONROY, IA
Dale Gosnell
CORALVILLE, IA
Sara Burton
CORALVILLE, IA
Arlene and David Gibbon
Steve Kessler
Bruce Sevig - In memory of
Ken Botnty
Kevin and Shelley Sherlock
- In memory of Mike Streit
and Rosemary Marshall
Gary Watts
Mike and Donna Welter - In
memory of Judy Denkman
Mark and Gloria Yorek
Grace Lighting
Harney Oil
CORYDON, IA
Roger Winslow
COUNCBLUFFS, IA
Bill and Steve Andrews -
In memory of Rosemary
Marshall
CRESCO, IA
Twila Brant
Creston Fareway
Mealt ime is the right time for many campers, especially when the food comes from a cookout.
Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.
Durgin Pavilion is located on beautiful Lake Todd. Two accessible levels. Upper Level accommodates 250 people. Lower Level features arcade games. Lower Level Patio accommodates 300 for outdoor seating. Large parking area and additional parking across 190th Street.

Other Camp Courageous facilities available for rent include the Sill Barn, indoor pool, Pictured Rocks Addition for retreats, and more. All rental proceeds go towards helping Camp serve thousands of campers annually.

Need catering for an event at camp? Camp Courageous recommends these sponsors...

Hy-Vee & Teddy's Barn & Grill

Teddy's Barn & Grill

For more information, visit www.campcourageous.org/rental or contact rental@campcourageous.org or 319-465-5916 ext. 2140.
When you reach the age of 72 you are required to take RMDs (required minimum distributions) from your IRA. You can make all or part of your RMD’s nontaxable by making a charitable donation directly from your IRA. Consult your tax advisor for more details or visit: https://camp Courageous.org/ways-to-give/

Have you ever considered a Charitable Gift Annuity? A charitable gift annuity is basically a “gift that pays you income for life.” Now is a great time to look at this particular type of annuity in your will because current return rates are very good. If you get returns above the guaranteed rate then you can gift that amount to Camp Courageous!

When you fund a Charitable Gift Annuity you get a FIXED payment for life no matter what happens to the economy. An income tax deduction this year for part of the funding amount. You receive possible capital gains benefits when you fund one by transferring stock. You can receive payments for one or two lives, but with similar rates, and you can be comfortable knowing every gift annuity benefits Camp’s mission of serving individuals of all ages with disabilities. Contact your financial advisor to learn about funding a Charitable Gift Annuity!
Cookies BBQ Wagon benefit for Camp Courageous
Monticello Fareway Parking Lot
October 18-20, 2023

Selling pulled pork, ribs, and other items with a portion of all sales going to Camp Courageous!
Charlie’s remembrances on some of Camp’s loved ones...

Mr. Daryl Griffith, who was a wonderful teacher, a great supporter of Camp Courageous, and a personal lifetime friend, has passed. He was my Earth Science Teacher back when Earth Day originated and in many ways he was ahead of his time in his teachings. Daryl’s class inspired me to plant 10s of thousands of trees over my lifetime, be a huge advocate of solar, and do things in general that preserve our world for future generations. All those teachings one can see living out at Camp Courageous. Camp’s sympathy goes out to his wonderful wife, Twila, family, and friends.

Camp Courageous is saddened by the recent passing of Art Kromminga, 86, of Monticello, IA. Art’s history with Camp Courageous goes back to some of the in its earliest days. Art was a person of many talents. Along with owning and operating Kromminga Motors, Art was extremely active with the Monticello Lions Club for decades, he was a singer, a volunteer, a fund raiser, and bottom line... he was a person of great integrity who was known to wear his heart on his sleeve. Art’s passing is a loss for Camp Courageous. We will miss seeing Art at almost every Camp event, but is also a huge loss for the community of Monticello that he dearly loved along with his wonderful family, who mirrored his ‘service to others’ and will carry Art’s legacy forward.

Betty Lou McVay, 96, of Clarence, IA has passed away. She was an energizer bunny! For decades she would organize members of St Paul’s Lutheran Church of Stanwood, along with loyal workers and friends, to come to Camp to volunteer. They were a hardworking group. Every Fall they would come to Camp to wrap gifts for Campers, help with mailings, baking fruitcakes, and so much more. A wonderful lady who left her mark of achievement in all she was involved in. Camp’s sympathy goes out to daughters, Linda Pieper and Kay Forest, along with family and friends.

Camp Courageous is saddened by the passing of DeWayne Cronbaugh. DeWayne and his wife, Vivian, have been longtime supporters of camp, attending many camp breakfasts and other events as health allowed. They were also known for bringing a carload of many items from our needs list over the years. Craig and I first met DeWayne and Vivian October of 2016 when we took a trip to Mackinac Island with Destinations Unlimited to benefit Camp. We enjoyed riding bicycles around the perimeter of the island and visiting over a good meal. DeWayne and Vivian also invited us to visit the new recreation center in Williamsburg to get ideas for a possible new gym at camp. DeWayne was a farmer and mail carrier. Both he and Viv were hard workers, but they also knew how to enjoy the simple things like keeping active, spending time with friends and family and traveling all over the U.S. and Canada. They also knew the importance and joy of giving to others in need. DeWayne will be dearly missed. Camp’s deepest sympathy goes out to Vivian, her kids, and family.

- Submitted by Craig and Sheri Lampe

Camp Courageous is saddened by the passing of Agnes Duit, 86, of Monticello, IA. Agnes had the distinction of working for Camp Courageous as Business Manager with the three directors Camp has had: Gary Turbes 1973-1976; Bud Ewell 1977-1979; and Charlie Becker 1980-current. Agnes brought continuity, stability, and growth to the Camp during those early years when there was great question as to whether the Camp could survive. Agnes engaged the entire family in helping. Avron, Agnes’ husband, printed the first substantial handbook for staff while working in the print shop at Cuckler Manufacturing. Her son, Bruce, helped in maintenance and helped Rick Harris, Hopkinton, wire much of Camp, including its first pool in 1980. Daughter-in-law Judy helped in the office. Daughters Carol and Jean were great volunteers wherever help was needed. Agnes was loved by the campers, staff, parents, and teachers of the campers who she would register for Camp. Camp Courageous will be forever grateful to Agnes for providing a solid foundation from which the Camp has grown.

Camp Courageous is deeply saddened by the passing of long-time camper Linda Hartzell. Linda started coming to Camp in 1981. She was here 32 times and took nine trips with Camp to Omaha, Twin Cities, Springfield, Wisconsin Dells, Milwaukee, St. Louis, and more. Linda was a dear friend. My most memorable experience with Linda was September 20, 1984. President Reagan was visiting the Cedar Rapids Airport. It was physically disabled week at Camp, so we gave the campers the opportunity to vote if they wanted to see the President because we could obtain tickets. They all voted ‘Yes.’ Campers and staff loaded onto the Camp buses and headed to the airport. Linda was on a stretcher for medical reasons and needed to remain flat. Maintenance volunteers Chuck Wood and Gene Junker lifted Linda on her stretcher into the air so she could see the President. In return, the President gave her a wave. It was one of my most memorable experiences at Camp. For the next 40 years our conversations tended to start off with, ‘remember when...’ Linda was an inspiration to all. Her sweet, kind, and appreciative personality will be missed.

Charlotte Leslein was another one of those wonderful Manchester Garage Sale Workers for the past 20 years and a great collector of can tabs for the Camp. She recently passed at the age of 98. Charlotte was a graduate of Dubuque Senior High, the Finley School of Nursing, and was a cadet nurse during WW II. Camp’s path crossed with Charlotte not only at the Garage Sale, but also through the V.F.W. A wonderful person!
The Camp Courageous staff was saddened to learn of Camper Tyler Heady, 18, of Anamosa, passing. Tyler had been coming to Camp since about the age of 4. Tyler did well long stays, respite weekends and special events. He was a joy to all. Tyler was also a huge Hawkeye fan and always looked forward to the annual trip to Iowa City to visit with Coach Ferentz and the Hawkeye players. Tyler’s mother, Katie Heady, was a passionate advocate for Tyler, always putting him first, blazing many trails for those who will follow. Tyler graduated from Anamosa High School on May 21, 2023. Just like at Camp, during Tyler’s years of school, he created lasting memories with all his teachers, paras, school nurses, and classmates. Camp’s sympathy goes out to Katie, Family, and Tyler’s many friends.

Camp has lost other dear friends that are listed below who have requested memorials go to Camp. Use the envelope included with this newsletter or visit campcourageous.org to make a tribute in their name:

- Kenneth Bonnity, Norway
- Jacqueline Jack, Anamosa
- Betty Svoboda, Alburnett
- Joan Schneiter, Marion
- Nicole Dickerson, Aurora, IL
- Ruth Carthey, Iowa City
- Dayna Decker-Nuzum, Winterset
- Cecilia Hager, Henderson, NV
- Edward Hermann, Cedar Rapids
- Rosemary Marshall, Des Moines
- Neale Bowman, Andrew
- Raymond Gent, South English
- Judith Denkman, West Liberty

Marvin Rickels, 83, of Monticello recently passed. Marvin was a jack-of-all-trades and a master at most. He would come to the Camp over the decades and entertain 1,000s of campers with his musical talents. He built dozens of bluebird houses for the birds to call home and help with lessening the mosquito population. He also enjoyed creating numerous things out of wood in which Camp was the recipient of his talents. Marv could play almost any instrument from the accordion to the guitar to the keyboards. He would not only entertain the campers, but he also played for an endless number of the Senior Home residents. Camp’s sympathy goes out Marv’s wife, Daisy, and daughters Judy (Bruce) Duit; Peggy Rickels; and Kay (Tom) Tiernan. Marv brought happiness and joy to many.

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Camp’s sympathy goes out to Christine (Cox) Brosh, along with the family and friends of Terry Brosh, 76, of Solon who recently passed. Terry’s support of Camp Courageous goes back 40+ years and only strengthened when Terry married Christine in 2003. Terry loved the Pineapple Gala and it brought him great joy to obtain a treasured auction item, bid against someone on an auction item to get the price higher, or to happily be the high bidder on items. Terry always brought joy and happiness to the Gala and so much more. He will be dearly missed.

Camp’s sympathy goes out to Norm’s wife of 64 years, Jeannene, along with their family and friends. Norm wished for memorials to go to Camp Courageous.

It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.
Pool Rental - Pool rentals are limited to 1 hour swim time. Non-swimmer guests are included in each package.

- **$50/hr**...Party Room (25 Guests)
- **$150**...25 or less Guests One Pool (2 Lifeguards)
- **$175**...26-30 Guests 2 Pools (2 Lifeguards)
- **$225**...31-50 Guests 2 Pools (3 Lifeguards)
- **$275**...51-75 Guests 2 Pools (3 Lifeguards)

**Annual Pass:** $500.00

Refer to web site for exact dates and times.

https://campcourageous.org/pool

The Vermazen-Carver Aquatic Center is available for rental when not in use by campers. For questions or details visit campcourageous.org/indoor-pool or contact 319-465-5916, ext. 2600 or aquatics@campcourageous.org
Manchester Garage Sale

Camp’s largest year-round fundraiser!

Buy new and gently used items with proceeds going to Camp Courageous!

Run 100% by these incredible volunteers:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesdays
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturdays
9:00 AM to Noon
Hours are subject to change.
Visit campcourageous.org or the Facebook page for updates.

Donated items accepted and added to the sale daily. Credit cards are accepted for purchases of $10.00 or more. If dropping off more than three bags of items or need assistance unloading call 319-465-5916, ext. 2340 to make an appointment. Get a list of accepted donations on Manchester Garage Sale’s website by visiting the web address below or scan the QR code (with your smartphone camera app).

1121 E. Main Street, Manchester, IA • Phone: 563-927-2120

Get more details at: campcourageous.org/Manchester-Garage-Sale

Great people do things before they are ready.
FUELIowa holds annual Golf Outing Benefit for Camp Courageous

There was a large turnout for FUELIowa’s annual Golf Outing Benefit for Camp Courageous held at Finkbine Golf Course in Iowa City, IA. It was a sold out event! There were many new players entering this year’s event, and they quickly became friends of Camp Courageous. It was good to rekindle many old relations, as well.

Participants enjoyed a great day of golfing during a gorgeous summer day. The golfing was followed by a prime rib dinner, program, and an auction to raise funds for Camp Courageous. We thank all the participants and FUELIowa for making this annual benefit possible.

Campers enjoy Hawkeye Tailgate

It was an AMAZING experience for campers attending the 2023 Camp Courageous Hawkeye Spring Tailgate. Campers and their guardians gathered at the University of Iowa Hansen Performance Center in Iowa City to meet with Hawkeye Football coaches, staff, and players. They enjoyed great food and beverages along with T-shirts provided by Molo Companies.

Campers were able to go through an autograph line with the players and Coach Kirk Ferentz. Molo Companies provided footballs and other items for campers to get autographed.

Camp Courageous thanks the University of Iowa Football organization for helping to make this day possible. Thank you to Glenn Hasken and Molo Companies for making the day extra special with providing the food, event T-shirts, and other items that were enjoyed by everyone.

Camp Courageous would like to thank participating Fareway Stores and their customers for supporting Camp during the “Round Up for Camp” held May 22-27, 2023. It was a huge success!! During the Round Up, customers could round up their purchase to the nearest dollar to be donated to Camp. This donation allows Camp Courageous to purchase needed items from Fareway for camp and respite sessions throughout the year.

This year’s participating Fareway Stores included:

Ames (North and Downtown), Anamosa, Bettendorf, Boone, Burlington, Cedar Falls (both), Cedar Rapids (both), Clinton, Creston, Davenport, Decorah, Dubuque, Dyersville, Eldora, Evansdale, Grinnell, Hiawatha, Independence, Iowa City, Iowa City (East), Knoxville, Manchester, Maquoketa, Marion, Marshalltown, Moline, Monticello, Muscatine, Nevada, New Hampton, North Liberty, Oelwein, Ottumwa, Peosta, Tiffin, Toledo, Vinton, Waterloo, Waukon, and Waverly.
It’s time to start thinking about FRUITCAKES! Volunteers are needed August 12-16, 2023 to help bake and package Camp’s delicious fruitcakes. If you would like to help call 319-465-5916 ext. 2180 or send an email to: fruitcakes@campcourageous.org

Van Buren students raise funds in memory of classmate

Camp was excited to welcome back students from the Van Buren school district this spring, their first visit since 2019. Like many schools, the restrictions over the past few years meant fewer opportunities to visit other places. This year Van Buren was able to plan a three-day session at Camp Courageous.

When the Van Buren group arrived they informed Camp that student Spencer Lee Goemaat passed away in November. Spencer attended Camp Courageous many times and he would have graduated with his class this year.

Spencer’s obituary mentioned he loved coming to Camp Courageous. His first visit to Camp was when he was in kindergarten. He loved zip lining, rock climbing, visiting the animals, and swimming. He was known to have fun splashing others in the pool.

Two of Spencer’s classmates, Grant Lilley and Hunter Jones, decided to start a candy/cookie tray fund raiser in honor of Spencer. Their goal was to earn money to send Van Buren County students to Camp Courageous. Grant and Hunter raised $1,435 in honor of their classmate! Camp thanks them for their efforts in honoring Spencer.

Earlier this winter Camp presented a program to the Women of Hope from Hope Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. That program resulted in ladies collecting a large donation of items from the camp’s needs list. (L-R) Linda Jones, Patty Hasson, and Betty Nelson made the trip to camp to deliver the items. Only one of them had ever been to camp and she was very surprised at all the changes since her last visit. The trio enjoyed a tour of the facilities and decided to head to Manchester to take in the garage sale as well! Camp thanks all the members of the Women of Hope group and Hope Lutheran Church.

Help needed for fruitcake baking!

It has always been the goal of Camp Courageous to provide campers with the most exceptional experience, with the best staff and best facilities. Camp is always exploring the finest facilities and programs to learn from the best. Camp’s Aquatics and Program Staff toured the beautiful Marion YMCA facilities. What a great program and facility... camp learned a lot! Thank you to their staff and volunteers for the royal tour. In addition, Camp Staff recently toured the University of Iowa Recreational & Wellness Center. (L-R) Lisa Twitchell, Camp Courageous Aquatics Director; David Francis, U of I Assistant Director of Aquatics; Shea McMurray, U of I Assistant Director, Facility Operations, Recreation Services; and Casey Shalla, Assistant Aquatics Director at Camp Courageous. A first-class program that draws folks from around the country. Fun fact: Their pools contain two-million gallons of water!

Guenter Andert never seems to run out of ideas or wood for his hand-carved walking sticks. Each walking stick he creates is unique and a work of art. The camper’s love them! Shown is Guenter with the latest batch of walking sticks he delivered to Camp Courageous.

Richard ‘Groovy’ Grovert, from Newhall, legacy lives on with this huge donation of needed items from the needs list from his daughter, Jane Ficken, on Richard’s 90th birthday. The items were given in memory of Richard, by Jane and grandchildren Kristina, Drew, and Anna and their families. We sure miss Richard, and all his friends and donations he would bring to Camp... this in many ways was a deja vu moment. Side note: Along with being a wonderful Lions member that supported Camp since 1984, Richard was a Hawkeye Women’s Basketball season ticket holder. He would be so proud of their success! We miss Groovy, dearly.

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If you spend too much time thinking about a thing, you’ll never get it done.
New Leader Mfg provides funding for Fast 50kW EV Charging Station at Camp Courageous!

New Leader Manufacturing made a contribution that led to the installation of a 50kW fast EV charging station at Camp Courageous. This is the first publicly available electric vehicle charger in Jones County.

New Leader Manufacturing is committed to programs that involve sustainability. Many visitors have already used the charger and have viewed the camp video, taken tours, and learned more about the mission of Camp Courageous.

Thanks once again to Corridor Running (corridorrunning.com) for a donation of T-shirts from area races to Camp Courageous! This running gear is a huge hit at Camp. This relationship goes back decades to the CVRA (Cedar Valley Running Association), who also donated extra running gear from races. (L-R) Candy and Jeff Mullen have been accumulating items in their garage for Camp for years. They are surrounded by cases of items that headed to Camp Courageous, recently.

For several years members of St. John’s Bliedorn Lutheran Church from Grand Mound have been creating beautiful quilts and donating them for the campers at Camp Courageous. Recently, one of their members had a relative volunteering at camp. She mentioned the camp could use some new pillow cases. With that, the ladies got to work and sewed 50 pillowcases in addition to six new lovely quilts. Many thanks to Sandy McAvan who has roots in the Monticello area for, once again, delivering them. The campers will certainly enjoy these colorful creations.

Thank you to the Elkader Central Community School District 7th & 8th Grade Classes for having a special Daddy/Daughter Dance to benefit Camp Courageous. Elkader is a great community with an exceptional school, staff and students. A special thank you to 7-12 Principal and Activity Director Arron Reinhart, who, along with introducing Camp to the students, provided a tour of their wonderful programs designed for those with special needs. Everyone is mainstreamed into the school system. Some super advocates for those with special needs! This event was organized by a student and associate who attend Camp Courageous... and love it! The students presented the money raised to Camp.

Thank you to the employees of New Leader Manufacturing for volunteering for a day at Camp Courageous. They helped with landscaping, picking up donations, and more. A great company with wonderful employees!

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Campers go on first Expedition session

Camp Courageous hosted the first Expedition trip! Campers arrived at Camp Courageous the day prior to departure to orchestrate a simulation of how we would learn valuable lessons while out trekking on the trails. The crew learned how to prepare food on a camp stove and cook and prepare food for their fellow crew members. The crew learned the principles of Leave No Trace, how to respect the trails and Mother Nature, and to always strive to leave a place better than when you found it. During the duration of the trip the group had to complete tasks such as completing mystery challenges including working together to make a meal, helping set up tents, and loading and unloading gear on to the bus. The crew trekked an estimated 20 miles throughout the duration of the expedition. Every night while enjoying dinner the group was introduced to a “Real Talk” topic which is a prompt meant to help develop stronger interpersonal relationships within all the crew. While on the trail the group faced bouts of enlightenment and adversity.

The crew trekked through rain showers, but the weather conditions never posed a challenge for them. The crew was near the end of our five mile trek, and they were faced with crossing a stream of running water. The campers never hesitated once presented with this hurdle. Expeditioners linked arms with our Expedition lead and strategically crossed the chilling water. All you could hear on the other side was the cheers of the other expeditioners. Once we made it to our destination, we all raised our trekking poles in triumph. The crew got to experience the Effigy Mounds, a site made by Native Americans. The mounds were established approximately 850-1,400 years ago to act as a site for ceremonial purposes. Camp Courageous Expedition 001 was a success, teaching participants lessons about themselves to take back to implement in their home lives. Embracing any challenge that is placed on their personal trail.

— Jacob Niemand
Program Specialist

For several years, the students at Kirkwood Community College have been doing a paper drive for Camp Courageous and have delivered thousands of rolls of paper products. Shown are Emily Grace and Erik Ryan delivering a carload of toilet paper. Camp is extremely grateful for their continued support!

Camp Courageous’ Dietary Director Ashley Burino presents Camp Board Member and former Iowa Senator Merlin Hulse a huge selection of donuts. These were some of the hundreds of donuts donated by the wonderful folks at the Cedar Rapids Donutland for the recent Omelet Breakfast. Merlin celebrates his 100th birthday on September 21, 2023 with an Open House. It will be held from Noon to 2 PM on Saturday, September 23 at First UCC Church, 600 Mulberry ST, Tipton, IA. A light lunch will be served.

Endowing Staff Positions at Camp Courageous

You can ensure that Camp Courageous continues to grow through exceptional staff by endowing a position. Position endowment creates employment stability and also reduces operating expenses for the camp. Through endowing a position, you will impact Camp Courageous for generations to come.

Those who have endowed a position will be recognized on the Camp Courageous Foundation display. Additionally, a plaque recognizing the donor will be displayed above each position’s office door.

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If you have questions or would like more information regarding position endowment, please contact Charlie at checker@campcourageous.org or 319-465-5916 ext. 2100.
Food Items
- Brown, white, powdered sugar
- Eggs
- Salad dressing (Ranch, French, French, Honey Mustard)
- Boneless/Delhi ham
- Food gift cards

Travel Program
Clear plastic backpacks
- Small utility shower caddy tote
- DVDs
- Permanent markers

Nature Center
Timothy Hay
- Fish food
- Natural pet bedding
- Red cedar bedding
- Dried mealworms
- Small animal wire cages

Pool/Aquatics
Floor square edge
- Mesh storage carts
- Adult & kids swim goggles
- Straps for spinal boards

Office Supplies
Paper (White 8.5”x11”)
- Bubble wrap
- Stamps: forever and extra ounce
- Dymo label cassette
- Calculator tape
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- Esads

Dietary
Dry pasta
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- Frozen or canned vegetables and fruits
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Program
Sleeping pads
- Kitchen 13g garbage bags
- Painters tape
- Campfire grate
- Portable speakers (small)
- TV trays

Medical Supplies
Ice bags - instant disposable 5x7
- Freestanding/folding six-panel room divider
- Bacitracin ointment
- benadryl
- Children’s tylenol
- Claritin (loratadine)
- First aid cream
- Hemochrome ointment
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Imodium
- Iodine
- Glucose gel bug spray
- AED batteries
- Antibacterial liquid soap
- Paper towels

Arts & Crafts
Acrylic paint
- Contact paper
- Colored duct tape
- Large glue gun sticks

Outdoor Living
2-person tents
- Folding campfire grate
- Ensolite sleeping mats
- Waterproof dry bag with shoulder strap 50-65L
- Cooking knives

Volunteer
Paint rollers
- Paint brushes
- Painter’s tape
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- Angle grinder blades

Maintenance
Grass seed
- Wasp spray
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- Style
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$20,000 - 8 passenger people mover
$6,500 - Adult changing table (need 2)
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Camp Courageous Travel Program is on the move!

These are just a few of the destinations that campers have enjoyed this spring as they traveled with Camp Courageous. The Camp’s Travel program provides individuals with disabilities, ages 18 and older, the opportunity to experience the thrill of traveling to destinations both domestic and abroad.

Upcoming trips available from Camp Courageous for campers include Memphis, TN, Iowa State Fair, Hawkeye Football Game, and more. Coming up in 2024 is a big trip to London!

For more details visit the Travel page at campcourageous.org, E-mail travel@campcourageous.org, or call 319-465-5916, ext. 2325.

Aquatic Center needs new Lane Lines for Lap Pool

The Camp Courageous aquatics center is in need of new lane lines for their 25-meter swimming pool! Lane lines in a swimming pool do far more than just outline spots for swimming. They create the correct environment for swimmers to maximize workouts, especially when it comes to competitive swimming. The goal of lane lines is to control water turbulence throughout the entire length of the pool with the intention of eliminating water bounce back and dead spots within the lane. Cost is $459 each and six are needed. If you can assist with replacing the line lanes E-mail aquatics@campcourageous.org or call 319-465-5916, ext. 2600.

Donation Form

Camp Courageous continues to run on donations. Use this form to make a contribution.

Your gift to Camp Courageous:

AMOUNT:

☐ Check ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx

(make checks payable to Camp Courageous)

Your name and address (billing address if using credit card):

NAME (or name on credit card):

ADDRESS (or billing address of credit card):

CITY: STATE ZIP CODE

DAY PHONE #: E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Credit Card information:

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRATION DATE (MM/YY):

CARD SECURITY CODE (BACK OF CARD):

☐ I would like to be part of your monthly pledge program. Please send more information.

☐ My employer, _________________________, will match this gift (please enclose a matching gift form from your employer).

☐ Please send information on including Camp Courageous in my will/estate.

☐ I am interested in volunteering opportunities. Please have someone contact me.

☐ I am interested in having a presentation given to my group or organization about Camp Courageous.

☐ Other ways to help or get information:

☐ Campership Fund Full campership is $700.00 which covers the camper’s fee & may cover other camper expenses

☐ Mainliner Memorial Park

☐ Poolside Sponsorship

☐ Train Depot Plaque

☐ Camper T-shirt Sponsor

☐ 700’ Zipline

☐ Multi-Purpose Field

This gift is a tribute:

In memory of:

In honor of:

To celebrate:

An acknowledgement card or letter can be sent to individuals or families to tell them about your tribute if you provide name(s) and an address below.

Send an acknowledgement about your tribute to:

NAME(S):

ADDRESS

CITY: STATE ZIP CODE

In general, donations to the camp will be tax deductible to many. However, you will need to contact your tax advisor to determine the deductibility of your contributions. Your personal information will only be used by Camp Courageous and will never be sold or provided to a third party.
Campers enjoy the Zipline Day and Night!

Thank you to Joe Corpstein and Mailing Services, Inc. located in Cedar Rapids, IA. They address, sort, and mail this newsletter as a donation to Camp Courageous. They save the camp thousands of dollars with each mailing. Thank you to Joe Corpstein and his staff for their incredible work. Scan the QR code or go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1ZUKpYohLw to watch a video about the relationship they have with Camp.

How can I help?
Camp Courageous continues to operate on donations, without government assistance, formal sponsorship, or paid fund raisers. Therefore, everything that is given to Camp directly benefits the campers. One of the reasons the camp has grown from serving 211 campers in 1974 to nearly 10,000 campers today is the incredible dedication of volunteers. Volunteer help is needed in every aspect of the camp. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to Camp Courageous.

Where can I get more info?
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Camp Courageous is a year-round recreational, respite, and travel program for individuals of all ages with disabilities. It is only through the support of so many caring individuals and organizations that Camp Courageous is able to provide experiences for individuals with disabilities. Please consider supporting camp by scanning the QR code or going to https://campcourageous.org/donate/

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