Camp Wonder Hands
Summer Program
2020 Partnerships

Camp Week: June 21-26, 2020
Partner Celebration: June 25, 2020

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experience **the wonder**

Ah, summer camp. Late night secrets shared bunk to bunk. A tromp through the woods in search of...well, nothing in particular and everything in general. The irresistible lure of a silent, waiting, ice-cold pool...hold hands, close your eyes...now jump!

This we know for sure: The lessons learned here last a lifetime.

where **senses overflow**

Wouldn’t the world be a better place if every child got to go to camp? That is our dream at Camp Wonder Hands. Created specifically for children who are deaf and hard-of-hearing, Camp Wonder Hands provides an environment that celebrates the unique culture of these beautiful youngsters.

Consider the value of this setting. Deaf and hard-of-hearing children are the majority — perhaps for the first time in their lives. Successful, confident adults who share their challenges serve as counselors and role models. Every day, in every activity, their beautifully expressive language is celebrated.

Add to this the many benefits of a summer camp experience, and it’s easy to see why Camp Wonder Hands has grown so remarkably.
Marolyn Amick knows the isolation these children sometimes feel. A former Child Life Specialist at Children’s Hospital, Marolyn is hard-of-hearing and has a child who is deaf. In 1996, she began a summer program in her home. Seven deaf and hard-of-hearing children came to her house each Monday — Marolyn’s day off. People from the community embraced the idea and offered their help.

Today, Camp Wonder Hands is a six-day, five-night camp for children ages 7–15. Held at Camp Kinard, near Batesburg–Leesville, the camp is a program of Prisma Health Children’s Hospital–Midlands. Each camper attends on a scholarship provided by Children’s Hospital through private, civic and corporate donations to Prisma Health Midlands Foundation. There is no cost to the family.
our mission

To bring deaf and hard-of-hearing children to one place where they can get inspiration, enjoyment and have extraordinary role models.

Our goal is to give the campers a fundamental feeling of excitement that they will never forget. For one week, our staff and counselors give their time and dedication to bring happiness to the children who attend Camp Wonder Hands.

our goals

To provide an environment where deaf and hard-of-hearing campers are the majority.

To provide an arena for celebration of their unique culture and beautifully expressive language, thus cultivating a sense of belonging and confidence building.

To provide the special opportunity for campers to make new friends with others of similar experiences, while receiving encouragement from adult deaf and hard-of-hearing role models from our community.

To empower our teen campers with life skills, resume/interview and job preparation or college preparation as they embark into young adulthood.

TO HAVE A GREAT TIME!
we want to do more

Statistics from the Department of Education and the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind indicate that the approximate number of deaf and hard-of-hearing children statewide is between 1,000 and 1,500. We’d like to serve at least 100 children, not only in the core 17 counties served by Children’s Hospital, but from all counties across the state.

get involved

If you are the parent, educator or mentor of a child who is deaf or hard-of-hearing, please contact us for enrollment materials and to find out about the availability of scholarships for this year’s camp.

Volunteer! If you are interested in being a counselor or volunteer, we would love to hear from you. You do not have to be deaf, hard-of-hearing or possess the ability to sign. We provide training during an orientation session, typically held just prior to the camp. We have volunteer positions for:

Overnight counselors (must be able to communicate with sign language)
Full-day counselors (sign language desired, but not required)
Half-day counselors (sign language desired, but not required)

To apply for a volunteer position:
https://www.palmettohealthchildrens.org/programs/camp-wonder-hands

support Camp Wonder Hands

If you would like to support Camp Wonder Hands financially, we welcome your gift. Simply contact Diane Junis at (803) 434-2832 or Diane.Junis@PrismaHealth or send your donation to:

Prisma Health Midlands Foundation
ATTN: Camp Wonder Hands
1600 Marion Street
Columbia, SC 29201

We encourage donations of $500, which covers the cost of a child’s camping experience, but we welcome gifts of any amount.
Your support of Camp Wonder Hands will help us provide the following to our campers: Lodging at Camp Kinard in Batesburg/Leesville, S.C.; certified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters; transportation to and from Camp Kinard and other field trip destinations; meals; and much more!

Partner Celebration Night: Thursday, June 25

If you’d like to hold a partner fundraising event in support of Camp Wonder Hands, contact: Diane Junis, Prisma Health Midlands Foundation 803-434-2832 | Diane.Junis@PrismaHealth.org

Liz Chamblin of Forest Acres was 11 when she first learned about Camp Wonder Hands. “My first time at Camp Wonder Hands was unbelievable! I couldn’t believe how loving and open hearted everyone was. I met so many new friends and made many memories,” said Liz. “I think it is important for every kid to attend a summer camp that makes them feel welcome. Children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing get the chance to meet others just like them at Camp Wonder Hands.”

She added, “My parents realized I was having hearing difficulties when I was about 18 months old and immediately got my hearing checked. I’ve had hearing aids since that time and have really overcome this challenge so much that often people are surprised when I tell them.”

Liz’s favorite activity at Camp Wonder Hands is the pool parties. “It’s so nice to stay cool while hanging out with your friends,” she said. She decided to become a counselor because of her love for Camp Wonder Hands. “I have made new friends, experienced new things and learned some sign language there. Camp Wonder Hands has done a lot for me.”

Liz graduated from AC Flora High School and is now a student at USC Beaufort majoring in Nursing. “I have met some of my lifelong best friends at my college, I am very active in clubs at the college. My favorite fun thing to do while living down in the low country is definitely driving to the beach with friends,” said Liz. “But I wouldn’t want to miss Camp Wonder Hands for anything. Just being able to see all of my camp friends makes my summer ten times better!”

She is looking forward to being a counselor again at the 2019 camp.

special thanks to our 2019 fundraising partners

Dining Hall Partner
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Camillia Lynch

Photographer Camillia Lynch first learned about Camp Wonder Hands through friends who volunteered at the camp. When asked about spending a week photographing the campers, Camillia jumped right in. Camp Wonder Hands is led by Prisma Health Children’s Hospital–Midlands and serves deaf and hard-of-hearing children.

“My favorite part was watching campers from different backgrounds come together to have fun doing activities,” said Camillia. She loves being behind the scenes and observing people as she captures candid moments. “When campers are busy enjoying themselves, I’m able to photograph their genuine laughter and smiles.”

As a deaf woman whose primary language is American Sign Language (ASL), Camillia understands the challenges deaf and hard-of-hearing children face. She enjoys sharing her life experiences with campers and staff. She also encourages others to consider volunteering their time and talents at Camp Wonder Hands. "It's an opportunity to have a lasting impact on children and to celebrate how unique they are. Adult role models help deaf and hard-of-hearing children realize that they are capable of doing anything they want to do," said Camillia.

A graduate of Gallaudet University with a bachelor’s degree in Sociology, Camillia studied Criminology and also holds an associate’s degree in Computer Information Systems. She is a Continuing Education instructor at the University of South Carolina, where she teaches ASL courses. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Donald Lynch, and playing with her Weimaraner dog, Grace. She also likes to travel, explore new photography skills and troubleshoot computer issues.

"Photography allows me to be creative and observant with how I capture the essence of the story behind each picture," said Camillia.

About Prisma Health Children’s Hospital–Midlands

Prisma Health Children’s Hospital–Midlands is South Carolina’s first children’s hospital and has more than 150,000 children’s visits each year. It offers more than 30 subspecialties to meet the unique health care needs of children and has central South Carolina’s only Children’s Emergency Center. With more than 350 professionals who work exclusively with children, Prisma Health Children’s Hospital–Midlands has a team of highly skilled and trained experts unmatched by any hospital in the Midlands. Prisma Health Children’s Hospital–Midlands is the place to go for children’s medical care, because the best care matters. Visit PalmettoHealthChildrens.org.

About Prisma Health Midlands Foundation

Prisma Health Midlands Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, engages community partners to enhance health care for patients and families served by Prisma Health. To learn more about how you can support Camp Wonder Hands through the Foundation, call 803-434-7275 or visit PrismaHealthMidlandsFoundation.org.

For more information about Camp Wonder Hands, contact: E.T. Taylor, Director
CampWonderHands@PrismaHealth.org | 803-296-KIDS (5437)
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### Sponsorship Opportunities

**Camp Wonder Hands memorabilia**

- Presenting
- Dining Hall
- Cabin
- Campfire
- Sunshine
- Stargazer

**Invitation to attend “Partner Celebration Night”**

- Presenting
- Dining Hall
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**Logo or name on display at registration and Celebration Event**

- Presenting
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**Logo on CWH T-shirts**

- Presenting
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**Recognition on Prisma Health Children’s Hospital – Midlands website and social media**

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**Recognition on the annual donor wall at Prisma Health Children’s Hospital – Midlands**

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**Acknowledgement of sponsorship in press publications (Printed/Visual)**

- Presenting

**Recognition on Dining Hall entrance**

- Presenting

**Recognition at Cabin entrance**

- Presenting

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**Meal Partner**

Dinner: $1,000 | Breakfast: $500 | Lunch: $750 | Snacks: $200

- Invitation for company staff and their families to attend “Partner Celebration Night”
- Recognition on the Prisma Health Children’s Hospital – Midlands website and social network sites
- Certificate of Appreciation

**In-Kind Partner**

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- Recognition on the Prisma Health Children’s Hospital – Midlands website and social network sites
- Certificate of Appreciation
sponsorship commitment

☐ Presenting ($10,000)  ☐ Campfire ($2,500)  ☐ Meal Partner ($1,000)
☐ Dining Hall ($7,500)  ☐ Sunshine ($1,000)  ☐ Meal Partner ($750)
☐ Cabin ($5,000)  ☐ Stargazer ($500)  ☐ Meal Partner ($500)
☐  ☐ Meal Partner ($250)

☐ Our check is enclosed and made payable to Prisma Health Midlands Foundation-Camp Wonder Hands. Prisma Health Midlands Foundation’s Tax ID # is 57-0725699.

Please print the following information and keep a copy of this form and your sponsorship benefits for reference. Indicate how you would like your sponsorship to be recognized in promotional materials.

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Please return to Diane Junis, Prisma Health Midlands Foundation | Diane.Junis@PrismaHealth.org | Fax 803-434-2815 1600 Marion Street, Columbia, SC 29201