

When we rang in 2020 at our New Year's Eve event this past December 31st, we couldn't have imagined this virus that would impact all of our lives in so many ways.

It wasn't long before CKC had to cancel all fundraisers leading up to our scheduled camp in July. How would we provide camp for all our kids who were already registered? Of course, then all summer camps were shut down until further notice. However, we still kept believing, somehow, someway we'd have camp. The new camp we'd be going to, Carolina Creek Christian Camp, was shut down but continued to prepare for re-opening safely. By faith, we reached out through phone calls, emails and social media for support for camp. That's when the miracles began to happen.

#### **Miracles:**

- #1. Sponsorships for campers started coming in, little by little. People gave, knowing camps were not even open at the time.
- #2. The Governor allowed camps that met the strictest of guidelines, like Carolina Creek, to re-open in July.
- #3. On July 12th we welcomed campers to camp 2020!
- #4. No one became ill at camp or in the weeks following.

Thank you for supporting these precious kids. Camp was overflowing with joy the entire week! Our hearts and prayers continue to go out to all who have been affected by Covid19.





MISSION STATEMENT: Champions Kids Camp is dedicated to the nurturing of children who have survived a traumatic injury, illness, or personal loss, such as the loss of a parent or sibling. Since its' creation in 2001, CKC has helped thousands of children to move past their trauma. Our program helps improve self-esteem & social skills, reduces fear and anxiety, many times resulting in higher grades in school and provides tools to become a productive part of our community.

Our goal is to help these special kids get past what they'll never get over.

# Spotlight On: Brieyana (Brie) Lee (Champ and former camper)

#### Brie's Story in her own words:

I was seven when I first came to camp. I had an abusive father who abandoned us, and I had been sexually assaulted by my older cousin. I've been a champ for seven of the seventeen years since I've been attending camp. I graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology and early childhood education. I plan to go to grad school and eventually get my doctorate in child psychology. My dream is to open my own practice as a child psychologist. Champions Kids Camp is one of the main reasons I chose this career path; I always knew I wanted to help kids in some way and CKC showed me that I had a passion for children who have been through trauma. I want to start a non-profit for low-income, minority youth after I have my own practice because of how CKC helped me and other kids growing up.

On the left Brie at 7 vears old. on the right Brie as a Champ this year.

Working with Champions Kids Camp for the past 20 years I feel confident in saying this is an experience for children like no other. As a mental health professional the environment is one that enables growth and healing, allowing kids to be kids. This camp provides an opportunity that is free from worry, focusing on positive influence and FUN.

- Holly Pryor, LMSW

"Having worked with children for the past 40 years in a professional capacity, Champions Kids Camp is one of the best mental health environments I have been involved with, where the young campers can just be a 'kid' for a week, without worrying about doing or saying the wrong thing . . . they are free to just be themselves without fear."

-Dr. William R. Adams, Ph.D



## Ring in 2021 with us and say so long to 2020!

Save the date **Nash New** Year's Eve





"Bears that Care" can be purchased at a minimum donation of \$50. Your contribution will go towards sending a child to camp AND the bear will be put in the arms of a child who is fighting to survive in the hospital.

**Please consider supporting our** program "Adopt-a-Camper" for Christmas beginning in October. \$50 per camper provides a "want" item (toy/game) and a "need" item (clothes/shoes)



**Our party** will be held December 5. 2020.

## UPCOMING FUN-RAISERS:

- Golf Tournament 10/26
- Nash New Year's Eve Bash 12/31

Save the Dates!

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