

RAINBOWS

bringing potential to life

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To the Members of the Outreach Board of University Congregational Church:

Thank you for your ministry outreach and scholarship funding for Rainbows' Camp Woodchuck, given in memory of Mr. Robert Gutru. We are pleased to report that your scholarship funding benefited nine children and youth who attended Camp Woodchuck in 2016. Scholarship awards for these children ranged from 2 – 160 hours.

Below are staff members' descriptions of the scholarship recipients and a longer story for one girl that shows the impact of the scholarship on the family. We have not used the children's real names. The nine children and youth range in age from seven to nineteen. We have included a photograph of Brayden, in the red shirt. All four children in the photograph have a media release.

Blaine- enjoyed Camp and really enjoyed his name badge that was given to each child in his room. He wore it proudly and showed it off every day! Much improvement from last year behavior-wise and truly enjoyed every activity and field trip!

Addy - loves choir and singing. She enjoys music and hanging out with her friends.

Sean- loves field trips and good helper. He is so funny and cracked staff and kids up every day.

Wells- is a humorous a kid and kept us laughing and is very good big brother. His two brothers also attended Camp and he was always ready to give them instruction or comfort when they needed it.

Julie- Is a sweet girl who really enjoyed Camp. She is always on the move and keeps staff hopping! She enjoys walking around and doesn't like to stay in one place for long.

Jonah- Really liked Camp and making new friends. He liked to play outside and really enjoyed field trips.

Ozzie- Loves to ride the bus and enjoyed any field trip especially choir. He also loves to give hugs!

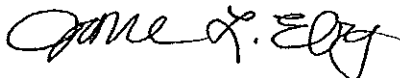
Brayden- enjoyed choir trips the most and was a great helper with our speaker at each choir trip. He told us there was no way we could do choir trips without him!

Antonio - sweet boy who loved being with other children.

Julie is a charming 8 ½ -year-old with blonde hair and bright blue eyes. She has attended Rainbows' Family Support Services center-based program at Kids' Cove since June 2015. This was her second summer to attend Camp Woodchuck. During the school year Julie attends the weekend center, after-school Latch-Key and all day School Inservice programs when school is not in session. Julie's parents pay privately for these services. Scholarship funding from University Congregational Church was offered to Julie's parents to help them pay for Camp Woodchuck. Her Dad said, "I didn't expect the scholarship. It was certainly a welcome surprise and it was definitely a help financially." Julie's Dad said she is always happy to go to Camp because as soon as she comes in the door she hears the announcement, "Oh, Julie is here!" The family loves the friendliness of the staff. Dad said, "Everybody takes good care of her and just seems to love her." Julie has autism, is nonverbal, and gets frustrated easily. Julie loves to run and play outside, and her favorite place at Rainbows is the gym. Josh is her favorite staff person. He is willing to try different things to help Julie have a better experience at Rainbows. The center-based programs have helped to improve Julie's self-esteem and interpersonal skills. Dad said, "She is more independent, and more able to tell me what she wants. If she wants a sandwich, she will show me what she wants on her sandwich."

Thank you for providing scholarships for all of these children and youth. Rainbows United will acknowledge University Congregational Church in our Annual Report.

Yours sincerely,



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