

# The Camp Circle

The Laurel  
Foundation

Empowering At-risk  
Children, Youth & Families



## NEWSLETTER

YOUR IMPACT

WHAT'S NEW

NEWS

GRATITUDE

A circle is an unbroken line that has no beginning or end. It is a symbol of unity and equality. Each day at camp we begin with our camp circle. It is a time of unity, for which we share, encourage, support, and bring gratitude. Thank you for being a part of our camp circle.



NOVEMBER-DECEMBER IMPACT REPORT

## Every Month You Are Empowering Youth

Because of you, every month we are able to positively impact the lives of transgender/gender diverse youth and youth affected by HIV/AIDS. Thank you for transforming lives each and every month.



209

Youth  
were reached in  
December

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## HOLIDAY PARTY

### Lifting Spirits

The Laurel Foundation knew we had to create something really special and out of the box for our Holiday Party this year. We wanted more than just a "pick up" gift event ... so the team planned a COVID safe "drive-through" interactive Holiday Party!

Families arrived in their cars, and drove through activities where the kids played mind games and earned points. At the end of the drive-through, they were treated to lunch by King Taco and then entered into the 'Prize" table, where they could pick out a toy with the points they earned. Last stop was Santa who had individual toys picked out for each camper! There is no doubt, this was one of our BEST Holiday Parties ever! Thank you to Sam and Ashan Leslie, Mattel, and Brian Stark for providing all the toys for the youth, and to our volunteers who made magic happen.

## PLANNING FOR 2021

### Beyond the Pandemic

Over the past month and through December, we have been working on our 2021 programs. We know that our Family Winter Camp in February of 2021 will not be able to be a physical camp as we know it, but are working on some exciting options to bring families together (safely and with social distancing). We have decided to do a scavenger hunt through the local area of Pasadena, where families will drive from activity to activity and meet volunteer teams who will facilitate camp activities, just as we do at our physical Family Camp.

Our goal for the program is the same, to build a strong family unit, build self-esteem, educate the youth and their parents on HIV and gender identity, build problem solving and communication skills and so much more.

We will continue with our online mental health programs, making them more impactful and continue reaching out to youth across the nation.

The Laurel Foundation is hopeful that for the summer of 2021, we will be able to have our physical camp programs. We have booked our campsites and are busy building the summer activities now. Our goal is to get every child to camp that wants to come next summer!



**WE LOVE YOU ALL SO MUCH! THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT MADE THE DAY FUN AND SPECIAL! YOU ALL ARE JUST AMAZING!**

**JANET (PARENT)**

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## Thank You

From all of us at The Laurel Foundation, we thank you for your monthly donation to help keep our programs running. We truly believe that in 2021 it will be possible to host our summer programs at a physical camp site, and are dedicated to creating the most impactful programs for our youth in 2021.

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe and happy Holiday Season.