

Resilience: the ability to recover from setbacks, adapt well to change, and keep going in the face of adversity

2020 is a year that has tested everyone. If we have learned anything from the challenges we have all faced, it is that **resilience** is a word to remember. Adversity can build resilience and resilience is within us.

Resilience is a key word used at Hometown Heroes. We focus on children who have faced, and are facing, trauma in their lives. Through trauma-informed care and relationships with others who have also faced the same demanding life situations, we help to re-map futures. We know we make a difference:

“In so many ways it has become more than simply ‘a week of camp.’ The gift of this one week has become a year-round blessing. It has been the catalyst for breakthroughs and bonding and healing and health.” – Camp mother

The challenges of 2020 have only intensified the emotional toll our children face. The world as kids know it has been thoroughly upended and they are justifiably anxious. Enforced isolation has meant that they have not been able to connect in person with their peers. Our response has been to adapt and change to ensure we are still making a difference. This year, Hometown Heroes virtual camps served hundreds of children from across the country, both at Camp Hometown Heroes for children who have lost a parent or sibling who served in the military, and at Camp Reunite for children who have an incarcerated parent in the Wisconsin Correctional System. To see how we virtually honored and remembered the lost loved ones of Camp Hometown Heroes, [▶ click here](#).

Perhaps we do not have power over circumstances, but we do have power in how we respond to those circumstances. You can make a difference and have an impact. There are many ways:

- **A donation of any amount is much appreciated**
- **Volunteer with us**
- **Become a fundraiser**
- **Share our mission**
- **Use the power you do have**

We look forward to the coming year with optimism that we will be able to bring children back to our camp home, Turning Rivers. This beautiful Wisconsin DNR facility which hosts our camps is located adjacent to the Milwaukee River.

We all have a common purpose, we want to make a healing impact. We invite you to join our mission, to help our children think hopefully not hopelessly.

RESILIENCE is our word for 2020. Our children need us (and you) more than ever going forward.

Please help us support our mission by contributing using the form on the back of this letter or by going to hometownheroes.org.

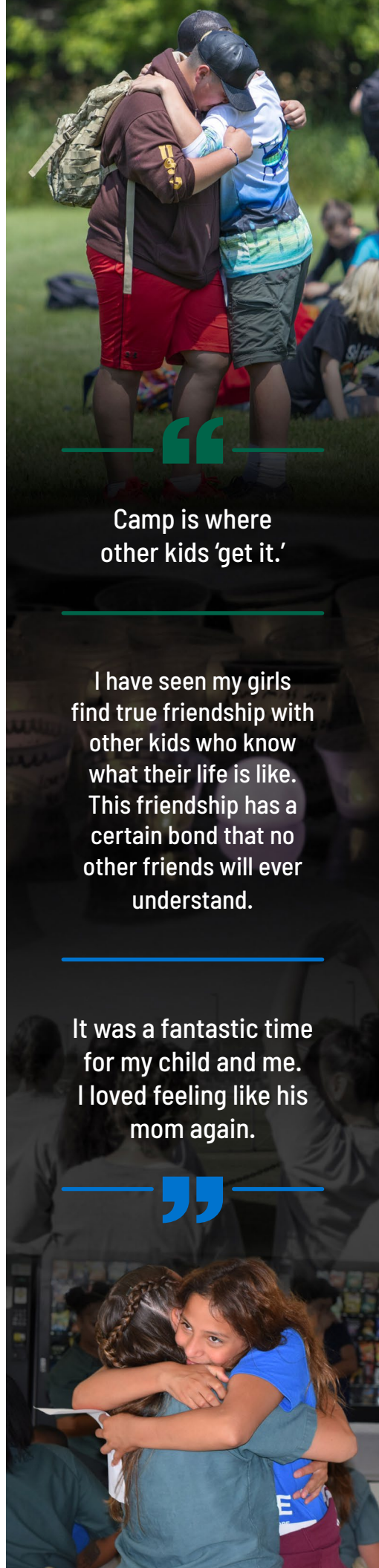
Thank you for your consideration. Our camps are a turning point in healing and hope for hundreds of children.



Jim Kacmarcik,
Founder – Hometown Heroes



P.S. Continued generosity of valued supporters like you changes lives. One person can make a difference and everyone should try. Help us continue to make an impact.



Camp is where other kids ‘get it.’

I have seen my girls find true friendship with other kids who know what their life is like. This friendship has a certain bond that no other friends will ever understand.

It was a fantastic time for my child and me. I loved feeling like his mom again.



This Camp means the world to me...
I think every kid deserves to go
to such an amazing place!

Yes, I will help you heal hearts and make an impact—please use my tax deductible donation for:

- Camp Hometown Heroes Camp Reunite Area of greatest need
- \$2,500 - Camp Hometown Heroes for Campers from Alaska or Hawaii
- \$1,500 - Camp Hometown Heroes for campers requiring flights in lower 48 states
- \$1,000 - Full week of Camp Hometown Heroes for campers in Wisconsin or others
- \$750 - Full week for campers at Camp Reunite or room & board for Camp Hometown Heroes
- \$200 - Grief support for Camp Hometown Heroes
- \$100 - Program supplies for Camp Hometown Heroes or Camp Reunite
- \$50 - Art therapy supplies for Camp Hometown Heroes or Camp Reunite prison visits
- Generous life-changing donation of any amount: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to **Hometown Heroes, Inc.**

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