



## Volunteer Engagement at Christie Lake Kids

It has never been more apparent what the phrase, *'the value of one and the power of many'* has meant to Christie Lake Kids until we had our normal, everyday lives disrupted throughout this past year; our vulnerable families, children and youth being among those most incredibly affected. Volunteer Appreciation Week was marked by organizations across the country including Christie Lake Kids, during the week of April 19-25 this year. Throughout this important week, we celebrated our volunteers who helped us in a multitude of ways during these unprecedented times.

Creativity, pivoting and resilience are just a few of the traits that volunteers brought to our organization during the pandemic. In the early days, our

volunteers stepped up in unique ways. They helped us by learning Zoom, editing videos so we could stay connected, researching and submitting fun at-home activities. In the summer months, so many volunteers stepped forward to support our virtual summer camp program, delivering program kits to hundreds of families. By fall; they helped us launch a highly successful, safe, session of in-person STAR programs and they helped us to create an amazing virtual program with activity kits so more kids could stay engaged. For our events, volunteers stepped up in new ways so we could continue to fundraise. Most importantly though, when restrictions were announced – they continued forward, providing the same level of commitment to our children and youth as before.



Thanks to our special supporters, our program volunteers had an opportunity to participate in some exciting training opportunities including PPE Training, COVID Protocol Training, Mental Health First Aid, Social and Emotional Learning, T-REC Leadership, and Virtual Engagement. From our experience, well trained volunteers continue to volunteer for longer than those without access to training. It is also imperative to the program experience of the children and youth we serve!

We hope that next year is different for Christie Lake Kids and we can have a better sense of “normalcy”. We know that when we go back to in-person programs, we will need to grow our volunteer engagement. If you have interest in volunteering in the CLK family, please contact Adam Janes at: [ajanes@christielakekids.com](mailto:ajanes@christielakekids.com). Alternatively, you can continue to support our volunteers with a donation. Donations support our robust training and recognition programs to ensure that our volunteers have a great and

rewarding experience while changing the lives of children and youth in our community.

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