## the**power**of**camp**

Welcome to The Power of Camp,

At 17 I was a young man in desperate need of an attitude adjustment. My life was out of focus and ripe for some serious recalibrating. A woman in my hometown paid for me to go to camp -- and my life was changed in a dramatic way. In an environment where I felt free to ask questions of adults without feeling ashamed. In a place that was beautiful beyond words. In a temporary community where my usual pressures and emotional pains melted away, I felt accepted.

This young guy with a chip on his shoulder began to see that life could be different. I saw that I was created for a greater purpose and that I could change. I discovered I was loved by my Creator and the things that had been holding me back -- expectations of others and myself, a need maintain a reputation while also feeling inferior -- were challenges I didn't have to face alone.

At camp I began a new journey – one I have continued through my years in the corporate world and non-profit management, and now leading an organization committed to helping every kid get a chance to go to camp. The biggest change in my life – in me – began at camp. I can personally testify to The Power of Camp.

I hope you'll join us in providing a camp experience for kids who cannot afford to go and that you'll consider finding a camp for young people in your life.

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