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Dear families who have experienced a loss on September 11th;

Having successfully completed four week-long summer camps and two weekend family camps designed to foster post 9/11 healing, we wish to extend an invitation to you to be a part of our upcoming events.

The Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), in cooperation with Friendship Ambassadors Foundation (FAF), has created a series of arts based camps for families that have lost a loved one, a job or face other difficulties due to the September 11th tragedy. These programs are free of charge. Some are specifically designed for children, while others are geared towards all family members.

These get-a-ways are a wonderful healing and asset-building experiences for your children and yourself. All are fun and supportive camp adventures where everybody can have a relaxing and enjoyable time.

Our weekend programs for families include participatory performing and visual arts sessions led by professional artists with extensive experience in art therapy. Anyone who has lost a parent, child, spouse, sibling or job, or has been directly affected, is invited to apply.

The children's summer sessions running from Monday to Friday have three special program components:

- 1) Art therapy; a way to express feeling in a fun, creative, healthy manner.
- 2) Adventure based counseling; where your children may enjoy fun challenges that build confidence and team spirit.
- 3) Animal assisted therapy; where kids get to care for farm animals and plants and in turn relax, open up and feel the value of caring and nurturance themselves.

Additionally, there will be sports, swimming and nature programs to deepen the camp experience. Your children will be joining other campers who were not directly affected by the events of 9/11. Staff will be chosen for their caring nature and trained to provide a safe, positive program, both physically and emotionally.

The dates and locations are as follows:

Weekend Family Camps – Finding New Hope

May 9-11 – Camp Mara, Putnam Valley, New York
September 19-21 – Camp Merrick, Nanjemoy, Maryland
December 26-30 – Camp Hemlock, Hebron, Connecticut

Summer Children Camps – Little Heroes

@ Camp Mara, Putnam Valley, New York
July 28-August 1 August 4-8
August 11-15 August 18-22

We hope you will choose to join us and look forward to seeing you there!

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