2018

### **ASSOCIAZIONE CAMPO BASE ONLUS ANNUAL REPORT**

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## MISSION

Campo Base creates and supports empowering experiences for youth and adults affected by illness or psychosocial challenges.

### CAMPO BASE Adventure Therapy



### Ciao from our co-founder

The word that best defines our 2018 season for me is "family".

By the end of the September, I felt as though our partners, their staff, our volunteers, the kitchen team, and every single person that supported our camps and retreats had weaved a largely visible web of experiences that draw people close. Even though ours is a truly family run enterprise- my mother has taken on the enormous task of caring for the castle, my stepfather is in the kitchen, my grandmother bakes deserts and my sisters are the organization's cofounders- in a few months our tree grew roots that it did not have before and we gained sisters, cousins and imaginary grandmothers that will forever know something that only families understand.

Our organization realized early on that there is strength in small numbers, and that with "less" wonderful things can happen. Though we can house up to 50 people at Castel Campo, most of our projects tend to be much smaller. Small numbers allow room for intimacy, for conversation and to get close to others. Oftentimes our programs house families of children with serious illnesses, and they have told us that the atmosphere that is created makes them feel at home. This may just be one of our greatest achievements as an organization. So in a sense, I hope we never grow up.

This summer was also my first as a mom. Navigating the wilderness of keeping a tiny human alive whilst organizing camps has been an incredible adventure, made possible by the village of help provided by my extended family. To know that Lia may grow up around the resilience of our guests, and the example that closeness can be forged through open hearts and play makes me ever more grateful that we are here, looking inwards and outwards and our clan and kind. – Sofia Rasini

# FOSTERING RESILIENCE

Therapeutic recreation is the driving force behind every move we make. We strive to create programming which will give each individual the opportunity to try something new, to wander outside of their comfort zone, and to connect with others who share their experience, all in an environment which promotes emotional and physical safety. Where required, our programs are medically supervised and professionally staffed.

Creativity, community, fun, challenge and choice are our key words: all these superpowers combined help our participants to awaken the resilience and power within themselves.



## THE DOCTOR IS IN

After spending her third summer as part of the medical team of Camp Ray of Hope: Italian Adventure, Dr. Ecaterina "Love Lady" Pavel explains what the program means to her.

"It is an incredible adventure that helps you discover what you are truly made of; a life that seems unreal, a dream that one would like to never end...magic moments and incredibly loving people are just a few words that describe Camp Ray of Hope: Italian Adventure. It is a place where you spend one week but it seems like you have been there forever. The moment I became a part of this incredible world, I instantly felt like home. As for my being a doctor, it is of great joy for me to be able to help these children but I actually get to learn a lot from them too- about overcoming pain and illness. It is incredible to see how courageous these children are and to realize that everything they went through made then even stronger. and more able to offer strength and love.

You cannot really understand what camp means unless you actually take part in it. It is so filled with love, magic, energy, incredible people that become best friends and timeless moments that stick to your heart forever."

# NUTRITIONAL VALUES

Being based on a farm sure has its perks. It's no secret that a major component of our programs seem to rotate around delicious meals. At Campo Base we eat organic, local and homegrown products that are prepared with love by our fantabulous kitchen team.

## PARTNERSHIPS

Past and current partnerships

Associazione HOLI (Italy) S.T.A.R. Children's Relief (ROMANIA) First Descents (USA) AISICC (Italy) Padova Pediatric Hospice Cooperativa La Vela (Italy) CRescere Educare Agire (Italy) Associazione Le Ali (Italy

## 2018 NUMBERS

### 6 summer programs

### **2 new** partnerships

106 Participants from 5 different countries 13 staff members and 28 volunteers worked with us in 2018

## TRAVELING ON

#### 2019 OBJECTIVES

#### NEW COLLABORATIONS

Campo Base is committed to continue to serve children and adults affect by illness in the surrounding community.

#### GROW OUR VOLUNTEER BASE

Volunteers are the force behind every program- each volunteer brings specific skills and magic to our days.

WORK WITH MORE LOCAL OUTFITTERS Trentino is a hub of incredible outdoor activities and experienced guides, educators and artisans. There is endless exploring to carry out!

# SUPPORTERS

With gratitude to our donors who make each day of every adventure possible THE KLEH FAMILY FOUNDATION **DEUTSCHE POST FOUNDATION** LORENZO AND MARTINA CECCONELLO LUISA GAIONI **PAOLO CLERICI GREGOIRE CLERICI CLAUS FISTILL** +Our generous fundraiser attendees

## ORGANIZATION

#### BOARD MEMBERS

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