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Camp High Hopes Announces 2018 Volunteer of the Year Awards

Sioux City, IA – Camp High Hopes honored its many volunteers with a special Volunteer Recognition Celebration on Thursday, January 24th. Volunteers, board members, staff members, and guests gathered in the camp's Yorkshire Welcome Center for a brief program, awards presentation, and reception.

During 2018, Camp High Hopes welcomed nearly 200 volunteers to the camp. Those volunteers donated about 2,000 hours of their time. Camp High Hopes would like to thank every one of the volunteers who so generously gave their time in 2018.

Briar Cliff University was honored during the ceremony as the 2018 Group Volunteer of the Year. Students and faculty helped to transform the look of Camp by painting, staining, and moving camp equipment. Multiple groups put in dozens of hours to help Camp High Hopes last year. In addition, local artist, Luke Schroder was named the 2018 Volunteer of the Year for Camp High Hopes after his time spent drawing caricatures of campers. Luke has also carved dozens of pumpkins for the Camp's annual Haunted Lodge Party for three straight years. This year, his work helped raise roughly \$50,000 for the Camp's programs.

"Camp High Hopes is extremely grateful and humbled by the volunteer support in 2018," says Chris Liberto, the Executive Director of Camp High Hopes. "Without the hard work and long hours of dedicated volunteers, Camp High Hopes would not be able to provide recreational experiences to kids, teens, and adults with disabilities."

The camp offers year-round volunteer opportunities for individuals or groups who wish to make a difference in the lives of people with special needs in the Siouxland area.

Camp High Hopes offers barrier-free recreational experiences that are fun, safe, and adaptive for children, teens, and adults with disabilities, special needs, and chronic illnesses in the Siouxland area. For more information on Camp High Hopes, visit www.camphighhopes.com or call the camp at 712-224-2267.