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Camp High Hopes Announces 2017 Volunteer of the Year Awards

Sioux City, IA – Camp High Hopes honored its many volunteers with a special Volunteer Recognition Celebration on Thursday, January 25th. Volunteers, board members, staff members, and guests gathered in the camp's Meadowlark Lodge for a brief program, awards presentation, and reception.

During 2017, 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 2017.

Camp High Hopes has four core values: fun, celebrate, relationships, and empower. Camp staff chose volunteers who best exemplify those standards. Kristy Tremayne received the *2017 Smiles Volunteer Award for Fun* for her amazing decorating work to create a special atmosphere for the Haunted Lodge Party, camp's biggest fundraiser. KMEG 14 & Fox 44 received the *2017 Smiles Volunteer Award for Celebrate* for its work in creating a special video to celebrate our campers, donors, and staff members. Brendan Love, a volunteer who worked directly with our campers, received the *2017 Smiles Volunteer Award for Relationships*. For its dedication to camp and its clients, Simple Life received the *2017 Smiles Volunteer Award for Empower*.

Volunteers play an integral part in the operations of Camp High Hopes. They work directly with campers, help with landscaping projects, and plan the camp's many special events.

"Camp High Hopes is extremely grateful and humbled by the volunteer support in 2017," 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.