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## **Camp High Hopes Celebrates its 2019 Volunteers of the Year**

**Sioux City, IA** – Camp High Hopes honored its many volunteers with a special Volunteer Recognition Celebration on Thursday, January 23rd. Volunteers, board members, staff members, and guests gathered in the camp's Welcome Center for a brief program, awards presentation, and reception.

During 2019, Camp High Hopes welcomed nearly 400 volunteers to the camp. Those volunteers donated about 2,050 hours of their time. Camp High Hopes would like to thank every one of the volunteers who so generously gave their time in 2019.

Tyler Hanson was honored during the ceremony as the 2019 Health Care Volunteer of the Year. Tyler put in more than 120 hours last summer to help with campers' medical needs and medication distribution. In addition, Hinton student, Nicole Sondergaard was named the 2019 Program Volunteer of the Year. Nicole volunteered more than 140 hours last summer. She served meals in the kitchen, cleaned, and worked directly with our campers during activities. Camp High Hopes would like to honor Randy Stabe and Clint Vos with Stabe Auction and Realty as the 2019 Special Events Volunteers of the Year for their dedication to camp's fundraising events. They have provided their auctioneering services to the Haunted Lodge Party and the Miles for Smiles Poker Run free of charge. They have helped to raise nearly \$300,000 for camp over the last four years. Finally, camp would like to thank Bass Advertising and name them 2019 Business Volunteer of the Year. Austin and Will Bass have donated their marketing and graphic design expertise every year for the past four years on various projects and marketing materials the camp needs. Their creativity and dedication to camp's mission shows in the many fantastic pieces they have produced for camp. Camp would like to thank these special volunteers and all volunteers who have given their time and talent to camp in 2019.

"Camp High Hopes is extremely grateful and humbled by the volunteer support in 2019," 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](http://www.camphighhopes.com) or call the camp at 712-224-2267.

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