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Testimonials From Camp Erin NYC

“Camp Erin NYC made me a stronger person and helped me get my anger out. I felt safe. They all brought my spirit back and made me a different person. They made me who I am today.”
Camp Erin NYC Camper

“Camp Erin helped me handle my grief and put me in situations where I dealt with others who are grieving...AND I managed to have TONS of fun!”
Camp Erin NYC Camper

“Camp Erin gives me a sense of purpose - being able to help kids who are dealing with all of the things I dealt with as a grieving kid. It reminds me of who I am because I am able to be completely myself for an entire weekend without any other care in the world except the kids and people around me.”
Camp Erin NYC Volunteer

“I am still processing all of the emotions that are bouncing around inside of me, but I can say without hesitation that I am forever changed from this experience.”
Camp Erin NYC Volunteer

“Camp Erin is a wonderful place! The staff was able to get my son to do things that were outside of his comfort zone, which is a major accomplishment. Thank you!”
Camp Erin NYC Parent

“With an abundance of warm, caring adult supervision, kids who have suffered the loss of a family member enjoy the camaraderie of other kids who can relate to their unique perspective. All of this, in a little slice of summer heaven...what a gift! My son had a super positive experience that continues to resonate for him, months after camp ended. Thank you so much!”
Camp Erin NYC Parent
WHAT IS CAMP ERIN NYC?
Camp Erin® NYC is a free, weekend bereavement camp for youth who are grieving the death of a significant person in their lives. Children and teens ages 7 to 17 attend a weekend camp experience that combines grief education and emotional support with fun, traditional camp activities. Led by bereavement professionals and trained, compassionate volunteers, campers are provided a safe environment to explore their grief, learn essential coping skills, and make friends with peers who are grieving.

COPE FOUNDATION, INC.
The vision of Lillian Julien, the COPE Foundation, founded in 1999, is a non-profit grief and healing organization dedicated to helping parents and families living with the loss of a child. In 2011, the COPE Foundation partnered with Eluna to establish Camp Erin NYC. Eluna is a public 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to support children and families impacted by grief or addiction. Founded in 2000 in Seattle by former MLB pitcher Jamie Moyer and child advocate Karen Phelps Moyer, Eluna was originally called The Moyer Foundation and launched a series of programs supporting thousands of children and families annually at no cost to them. Camp Erin is the largest national network of grief programs for bereaved children and teens grieving the death of someone significant in their lives.

ABOUT ERIN
Camp Erin is named in memory of the Moyer’s friend, Erin Metcalf, a remarkable young woman who died of cancer at the age of 17. Erin had a compassionate heart and often expressed concern for how children would cope after the death of a loved one. Karen and Jamie honored Erin’s memory and caring spirit by establishing the first Camp Erin in Everett, Washington in 2002. Camp Erin has grown to become the largest network of bereavement camps in the country, including a camp in every Major League Baseball city.

THE CRITICAL NEED
- Due to the death of one parent, 1.5 million children are living in a single-family household.
- One out of every 20 children age 15 and younger will suffer the loss of one or both parents.
- Grieving children are at a much greater risk than their peers for depression, suicide, poverty and substance abuse.

THE IMPACT
Camp Erin NYC makes a profound difference in the lives of grieving children by increasing levels of hope, enhancing their self-esteem and providing positive coping skills.

CAMP ERIN NYC ALLOWS YOUTH TO...
- Tell their story in a safe environment
- Process grief in healthy ways
- Remember, honor and memorialize those who have died
- Meet friends facing similar circumstances
- Learn they are not alone
- Build a toolbox of coping skills and resources
- Have fun!

* U.S. Census Bureau: These statistics do not account for the number of children who lose a “parental figure” such as a grandparent or other relative that provides care.

WHERE IS CAMP ERIN NYC LOCATED?
Camp Erin NYC is held at Camp Wayne in the Pocono Mountains located 2.5 hours from New York City.

GET INVOLVED!
The generosity of local communities ensures that Camp Erin NYC is FREE to all campers. Please consider volunteering and/or donating:
- To VOLUNTEER and be part of an incredible weekend as a Big Buddy for a camper or serve as support staff for activities, please call Ann at 914.552.6919 or email afuchs@copefoundation.org
- To DONATE money needed for supplies and services, please go to www.copefoundation.org and click on Camp Erin or make checks payable to Camp Erin NYC and send to the COPE Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1251, Melville, NY 11747

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