

Who We Are



OUR GLOBAL *Network*

Founded by actor and philanthropist Paul Newman, SeriousFun Children's Network is a global community of 30 independently operated camps and programs that provide life-changing experiences to children living with serious medical conditions and their families, always free of charge.

Through a wide range of programs ranging from medically safe residential camps to hospital-based outreach, family, sibling, and bereavement weekends and young adult retreats, SeriousFun camps empower children and families to experience joy, connect with others like them, and reimagine what's possible in the face of medical challenges.

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***It's not that the children say,
 'Thanks for a wonderful time.'
 It's that they say, 'Thank you for
 changing my life.'"***
 — SeriousFun founder, Paul Newman
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MAKING THE MISSION *Possible*




Support from corporations, foundations, and individuals makes camp possible while opening doors to more families, ensuring exceptional care, and driving a global movement for accessibility and inclusion.

BY THE *Numbers*

-  **30** | Camps and Programs Across 5 Continents
-  **2M+** | Camp Experiences since 1988
-  **50+** | Serving Children from 50+ Countries
-  **150+** | Medical Conditions
-  **FREE** | All Provided Totally Free of Charge

POSITIVE CHILDHOOD *Experiences*

Camp is more than just fun: it's transformative. A recent SeriousFun survey of more than 2,200 alumni* confirmed that even a short time at camp can have a profound, lasting impact.

-  **80%+** report improved confidence, identity, empathy, and perseverance that lasted into adulthood
-  **2/3** say SeriousFun helped shape their medical self-advocacy and quality of life
-  **The most commonly reported impacts include greater freedom, a sense of acceptance, and opportunities to try new things**

Feeling safe, supported, and free to be themselves are powerful examples of Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) that continue to shape campers' well-being and growth long after camp ends.

* Key findings are based on the responses from more than 2,200 camp alumni in the **Lasting Impacts of Camp Study** conducted by the American Institutes for Research and SeriousFun Children's Network.