

# NEWS RELEASE

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### **CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK AT GEISINGER FUNDS HELP PROVIDE SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR PATIENTS**

MILLVILLE -- Each year Children's Miracle Network at Geisinger provides funds to help offer specialty summer camps to our pediatric patients. Children being treated for chronic health problems, illnesses or disabilities are encouraged to attend one of the sponsored summer camps at Camp Victory in Millville.

The camps are designed to allow children to enjoy a week of activities and to share their stories and triumphs with kids going through similar experiences.

Camps are staffed with medical personnel from Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital, as well as families of past campers and other experienced caregivers. More than 1,600 children attend camps at Camp Victory each year.

Children's Miracle Network at Geisinger routinely provides funds for a dozen of these camps. Some of the camps include: Camp Energy, a camp focused on activity and eating habits; Camp Horizon, a camp for kids with skin disorders; Camp Dost, a program of the Ronald McDonald House of Danville Inc. for kids with cancer; Camp Setebaid, for diabetic children; Camp Courage, for kids dealing with loss and Camp Ability, for children with physical disabilities.

"By participating in camps, children have an opportunity to become more independent and realize that they are capable of not just helping themselves but also helping others," said Paul Bellino, MD, director of central region hospitalist programs, chair of Children's Miracle Network at Geisinger and longtime camp volunteer.

#### **Schedule of upcoming camps funded by Children's Miracle Network:**

**July 22-28:** Camp Spifida (Spina Bifida)  
**Aug. 5-11:** Camp ENERGY (Healthy habits)  
**Oct. 6-8:** Camp Courage II (Bereavement)

#### **About Children's Miracle Network at Geisinger**

Children's Miracle Network at Geisinger helps make miracles happen every day at Janet Weis Children's Hospital, Geisinger Wyoming Valley, and more than 40 medical groups and pediatric

specialty outreach clinics. A nonprofit organization, it has raised more than \$61 million for pediatric services, equipment and programs throughout Geisinger Health System since 1984. For more information on Children's Miracle Network at Geisinger, call 1-800-322-5437 or (570) 271-6188, or visit [www.geisinger.org/cmn](http://www.geisinger.org/cmn).

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