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Mr. Rod Shaigec, Mayor
Parkland County
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Dear Rod:

On a very personal note Rod, I always am very grateful for your participation in Camp's Open House and the very supportive and encouraging message that you deliver. It is so meaningful to the donors, volunteers, Board of Directors and Camp staff...**THANK YOU!** Thanks for caring enough to attend this function annually.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Camp Health, Hope & Happiness, I would personally like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Parkland County for its support and encouragement of Camp He Ho Ha and our special children and adults with special needs. Considering that there are over 19,000 charities in Alberta competing for the same donation, Camp is very privileged to be a recipient of your generosity. Through your benevolence, the community is a stronger and more vibrant place. Take pride in the difference you make!

It's hard to believe that we are on the brink of another camping season, and the campers will once again experience a time of their life! They will thrive in our loving and supportive environment totally immersed in the many activities that they would not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in. The Camp will be alive with laughter, campers beaming with pride celebrating their accomplishments and many bonding friendships will blossom.

I ask, "**What is a gift?**" According to the New World Dictionary, a gift is *something given to show friendship, affection, support, etc.* Through your generosity, you have shown that you are a Friend of Camp, that you care and that you have a desire to support a cause close to your heart. **Thanks for the gift of YOU!**

Have you thought about the gifts that the Council Members of Parkland County have given to the hundreds of children and adults with every type and degree of disability who will have an opportunity to participate in our adapted recreational summer camps? For some campers, it's just being outdoors to enjoy the rays of sun on their faces, or having that independence and freedom that is taken from them in care residences or institutions. For others, it's that feeling



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of accomplishment when they ring that bell at the top of the 40 foot climbing wall and sail through the air on the exhilarating zip line. Still for others, it's the excitement of dressing up in their favourite costume and entertaining on stage in the spotlight during skit night. For others, it's the pride they feel having completed a beautiful bird house that they will proudly take home for family and friends to see. For many, it's that feeling of belonging, of being free of the nasty bullying they face at school, and just being loved for who they are in a very safe and supportive environment. Still for others, it's the friendships they make and the precious memories they cherish and hold tight to their hearts until they can return the next year. You have given them these beautiful gifts! They may seem insignificant to you, but to these special people, it's like winning a lottery! Feel very proud that you make all this happen!

I would like to share a saying with you that in my humble opinion is both very touching and profound ~

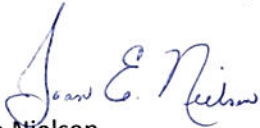
"A man never stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child"

How true this is of the Council Members of Parkland County! How tall you all stand! Your very generous donation of **\$4,500.00** has made a huge difference by helping children to live to their full potential and to realize their dreams.

Your generosity is a big part of our success, and I hope that you will experience great personal satisfaction in knowing that through your gift, you are enhancing their quality of life, you are providing a world of opportunities for those facing numerous challenges each day,, and you are giving them the PEACE, HOPE and HAPPINESS they so deserve!

Once again, our gratitude is boundless, and we are humbled by your generous spirit!

With Heartfelt Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan E. Nielsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joan" and last name "Nielsen" clearly legible.

Joan Nielsen
Executive Director