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A yearly publication highlighting the work of the Sydney Craven Memorial Fund



## Spreading the Sparkle: Our Scholarship Fund

The Sydney Craven Memorial Fund has worked extensively over the past year to bring awareness to, increase applicant pools, and distribute

scholarship funding to children from birth-12 years old in the Bridgewater Communities. This year, the Fund raised more than \$30,000 towards that effort and has given scholarships to children for activities that enhance their self-esteem. Over the next year, the Fund will continue it's efforts to disperse scholarships that support the mission to fund activities that promote individuality, growth and self-discovery.

The event will include a 5K run through the town of East Bridgewater, as well as a family fun event called 'SparkleFest' to be held in the East Bridgewater Town Common.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**3rd Annual Tutu Run & SparkleFest  
June 16, 2018**

### ABOUT US!

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*she leaves a little sparkle wherever she goes*

## ABOUT THE SYDNEY CRAVEN MEMORIAL FUND

The Sydney Craven Memorial Fund is a non-profit organization that helps provide financial support to children and families in Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater for activities that promote individuality, growth, and self-discovery. The annual scholarships given through this fund help children enhance their self-esteem and embrace their "inner-sparkle".



The Sydney Craven Memorial Fund was established in memory of Sydney Craven. Sydney passed away suddenly, nine days before her second birthday. Her parents, Heather and Shane, and her twin brother Logan, set up this memorial fund as a way to honor the memory of their daughter who was a vibrant, outgoing, spunky little girl. Sydney's personality "sparkled" and this fund is a way to keep that "sparkle" alive.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Scholarship funds are raised through general donors along with sponsorships through our major annual fundraising event, the 5k Tutu Run and Sparklefest held each June in East Bridgewater.

The money raised through this memorial fund goes directly to a scholarship program which financially assists children and families who want to participate in organized activities that support our mission statement, who without this funding would not be able to participate.

### WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Children, birth-twelve years old, who are current residents of the towns of either Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, or West Bridgewater.

### HOW DOES THE RECIPIENT RECEIVE THE FUNDS

A scholarship committee consisting of members of the Sydney Craven Memorial Fund advisory board will review all applications and select recipients.

Funds are dispersed by the treasurer of the Sydney Craven Memorial Fund by check, directly to the program or organization running the activity for which funding was requested for.



To download the full application please visit : [www.sydneycraven.com/scholarship-program](http://www.sydneycraven.com/scholarship-program)

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

COMBINED FAMILY INCOME (PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX):

- UNDER \$50,000       \$50,000 - \$100,000  
 \$100,000 - \$150,000       OVER \$150,000

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE ACTIVITY YOU ARE REQUESTING FUNDING FOR:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/ACTIVITY: \_\_\_\_\_

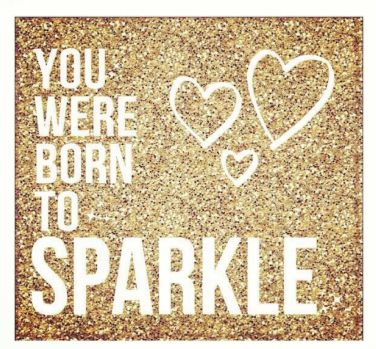
CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FEE TO PARTICIPATE: \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH OF ACTIVITY: \_\_\_\_\_



# Scholarship Recipient Profile:

*A Letter from Heather Persson who's son, Jacob, was able to attend a Summer Camp by receiving a 2017 Scholarship.*

Dear Sydney Craven Memorial Fund,

My family and I cannot thank you enough for the gracious financial gift you have provided in supporting Jacob in attending The Chapman Farm Summer "Van Camp" program. Jacob will tell you that that The Chapman Farm Summer "Van Camp" program is the "the best summer camp program in the world" and he can't wait to return next summer.

The Chapman Farm Summer Camp program is a traveling camp which provided Jacob with a summer of learning history, math, science, technology, aquatic life, grounded in learning and developing of social skills, problem solving and emotional regulation.

There were opportunities to learn about history at the Sachem Rock in East Bridgewater, JFK Museum, view and participate in a civil war re-enactment; learn about animals and care through Chapman Farm and Blue Hills Trailside; visit art museums like the DE Cordova and Elizabeth Stuart Gardner Museum, Boston Science Museum, Salem Witch Museums, or a trip to the Newport Mansions in RI, visit a variety of beaches up and down the east coast Massachusetts, World's End, Nantasket Beach, Castle Island, Oldham Pond, Houghton's Pond, Walden Pond and so many others; developing assessing and interviewing skills while visiting many playgrounds of the south shore in order to participate in a blog that posts reviews of south shore play areas, please check out the blog here <http://www.chapmanfarmschool.org/playgrounds-of-the-south-shore/>; enjoying a little thrill by trying some amusement rides at a Canobie Lake Park or enjoying a ride on the lazy river at Water Whiz and so much more.



On the outside, these 5 weeks look like kids just having fun sharing experiences, but for Jacob and so many other children, it was so much more than that. It was learning to be flexible when the schedule had to change unexpectedly due to weather, it was learning how to participate in an activity that he would not normally participate in, manage emotions when he felt uncomfortable (too hot, too cold, wet, sandy, anxious or just plain old tired), following a group plan – majority rules!, following directions, and working on developing and maintaining conversations and friendships.

For so many children, these everyday adjustments are fairly easy, but for children like Jacob, something as simple as a change of schedule, jumping in a wave, participating in a small group activity, saying hello and making a new friend present enormous life challenges.

When I asked Katy to describe Jacob's camp experience, here is what she shared:

When Van Camp began, Jacob, while always polite, was hesitant to try anything new.

He preferred to stick with familiar people, foods, and activities. He even (politely) requested to listen to music that he knew the words to. When we went to a local pond, he sat on a beach towel and told staff that "he just didn't feel comfortable in water unless it was a pool."

After about a week, we noticed him talking to less familiar students.

After two weeks, we saw him trying new foods and activities.

In our third week, when he whipped his shirt off and splashed in the waves at Nantasket Beach, we knew he had busted outside the limits of his self-imposed safety zone. He yelled to three of his friends, "You are so right! The ocean is so fun, and I am so proud of myself!"

Jacob learned to take risks this summer... and that there is so much joy in the unexplored parts of life. We are so proud of him for challenging himself.

Jacob has grown so much over the summer months and carries these summer experiences and lessons with him every day. I look at him now – a mere 2 months later and see him a little more flexible, a little more able to work through challenging encounters and yes... still taking risks...he overcame a long time fear and learned how to ride a bike – something he has wanted to do for a very long time. I know that if it were not for The Chapman Farm Van Camp – Jacob would not have been able to progress in learning to love what is unique and wonderful about him, learn the necessary skills to help him rise to meet the challenges and develop the courage to face those challenges head on and rise above them. It is because of the love, support and encouragement of the incredible instructors and camp peers that he now calls friend - Jacob's star shine's a little bit brighter.

None of this would be possible without the generous and gracious gift of the Sydney Craven Memorial Foundation.

Thank you. Thank you for the immense grace, generosity, and love you provide for the families and children of our community - we are so very grateful.

With gratitude,  
The Persson Family



## LOGAN'S CORNER

Hi Everyone!!

I've been busy learning all about my letters in school and will be on my way to reading in no time! I've been telling all my new school friends about my sister Ne-Ne and they help me to not be sad when I miss her. We're kind to everyone we meet and that helps us to 'spread the sparkle' everywhere we go. I love wearing PINK shirts to support my sister and hope that you will all do the same. When you do, snap a selfie and share it to the Sydney Craven Memorial Fund facebook page with the hashtag #spreadthesparkle and I'll be sure to check it out! I hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. My brother Maddox and I were both on Santa's "Nice" list this year! I hope you enjoy my word search below!

Love,  
Lo-Lo

## Winter Word Search

F S N O W M A N Y P V W R U E  
 X I U E I L I G O F I A R H Y  
 U C R C T U O L D N G K L I A  
 C S E E G I A Z T S O R F B R  
 C N O N P R H E O M H Q C E G  
 H M E P B L R W C Y P K M R Y  
 I P D E E K A L F W O N S N M  
 L O A G T O Q C I Z U C P A U  
 L R Z A K O C P E I J J D T Z  
 Y T H O T C H O C O L A T E J

chilly  
 fireplace  
 frost  
 hibernate  
 hot chocolate  
 migrate



penguin  
 polar bear  
 snowflake  
 snowman  
 white  
 winter

Save the Date

5K Tutu Run & SparkleFest

June 16, 2018

Race Information

Registration opens March 1st at 9:00am

Registration fees:

Adult early bird special till March 31st – \$25

Adults after March 31st – \$30

Race Day Registration \$35

Kids Registration Age 6-12- \$12

\*All children under age 12 may run with a registered adult for FREE but they will not receive a race bib or tshirt\*

SparkleFest Includes:

Fun for the whole family with Bounce Houses, Pony Rides, Music and Dancing, Raffle, Arts & Crafts, Inflatable Basketball Game, Food and Beverages, and more!

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