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# Lions Camp Tatiyee

Lions Camp Tatiyee is the only organization in Arizona that provides individuals with special needs the opportunity to spend a week away from home in the White Mountains, enjoying activities and meeting new friends, all free-of-charge.

This camp provides an unique experience to special needs campers in Arizona to empower them to grow socially, physically and emotionally by trying new activities and challenging personal limits.

**Campers have the opportunity to participate in a wide array of programs including hiking, fishing, swimming, go-karting, art, archery, recreation, nature exploration, cooking, mud pit, talent show, dances, campfires and more!**

Since 1958, campers at Lions Camp Tatiyee in Pinetop-Lakeside have enjoyed 88 acres of beautiful Ponderosa Pine forest on the Mogollon Rim.

We will work tirelessly to always strengthen the relationships we have built with our supporters throughout the years and we will expand awareness to ensure that Lions Camp Tatiyee remains financially stable and true to its mission for generations to come.

**Our Mission** is to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs by providing a life improving experience promoting their emotional health, independence, self esteem and confidence, all free-of-charge.

We believe that everyone deserves to be accepted, loved and respected. Camp Tatiyee upholds the dignity of all individuals, at all times, by embracing their abilities by asking “how” rather than “if”.

## For More Than 50 Years,

Lions Camp Tatiyee has hosted special needs campers ages 7 and up. We typically have ten week-long sessions each summer between between May and August, and each session is divided by age so that children and adult campers can experience everything we have to offer in their same age range. Additionally, we set up each session so that campers are with peers who face similar challenges, such as physically challenged, developmentally challenged and multi-challenged, as well as sessions for deaf and blind campers.

Challenges that our campers live with include, but are not limited to, spinal injury, cerebral palsy, spina bifida,

muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, amputees, deafness, blindness and developmental challenges. Due to the nature of Lions Camp Tatiyee, we are unable to serve most individuals with psychiatric illness, mental illness or anyone exhibiting aggressive behaviors.

**World-class staff** who join us each summer from universities and colleges across the United States. Our screening process is intensive and we typically look for young individuals who are pursuing a career or are already in a field related to our clientele. Our counselors today are tomorrow’s leaders in the fields of education, special education, physical therapy, social work, counseling, medicine, recreational and physical therapy.

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Our Counselors-In-Training (CITs) are primarily well-directed high school students from Arizona whom we hope to develop into experienced staff members for following years.

**We’re a family** here at Lions Camp Tatiyee, from campers and their family, to our staff, counselors and CIT’s. We personally invite you to learn more about Lions Camp Tatiyee by calling any time!

# A message from our Executive Director

My name is Pam Swanson and Lions Camp Tatiyee stole my heart in 1984. The year the then Director walked into my classroom at Arizona State University and showed a video of Lions Camp Tatiyee, I knew I absolutely had to be a part of such an amazing place. I came every summer through college and actually met my husband there. After teaching special education for 10 years and receiving my Masters in Administration Supervision, I accepted the job as Executive Director. I spend 10 weeks every summer away from home, with our kids at camp. All three of our kids have grown up at camp. All the good things, the things that matter in my adult life, have begun with Tatiyee.



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**“Tatiyee is a safe place where people come to serve, grow and stretch outside of themselves. It’s a place we all, campers and staff, learn to truly trust, understand and lift each others spirits by accepting and validating each individual that passes through that glorious archway, that is Tatiyee.”**

## Accomplishments

Each off-season during our planning sessions, we **challenge** our programming team to push the envelope by developing new programs for our campers, while keeping it safe and adaptable for all. We like to coordinate our activities to introduce new themes and thus teach new subject matter to all of our campers.

This year we were able to offer a go-karting program to give our campers an experience that society and their personal challenges may never provide them with. Several of our campers are able to drive without a staff member as a passenger. It gives them a lot of confidence and a thrill to do something they aren't usually offered to do in the **'real world'**.

We also have a rock wall that one of our partnering companies donated for our use. We hired an experienced rock climber to adapt the wall and we were able to double belay campers with total-care needs so that their weight was only half their norm and coun-

selors trained in climbing assisted them to the top of the 24-foot rock wall.

Our Talent Night is **legendary.**

Each camper comes with an idea in mind and practices to perform on stage. In our science and nature programs everything is engaging and hands on so they can connect by touching, feeling, predicting and experiencing the events up close and personal.

Our team building and communication activities are created to encourage each camper to interact, ask for help, provide help and experience what it is like to be a part of a team. It is developed to improve their communication and confidence in asserting themselves to be included because they are to often left on the sidelines in the 'real world' as it is called at camp.

In 2015, the feedback we received was exceptional!

**80%** of our surveyed families said campers talk about and are impacted by camp on a year round basis.

The most exceptional things that stood out was that campers got to be with others who understood what they dealt with on a day-to-day basis. They felt that camp gave them an opportunity to

develop

## independence

and confidence to maintain that independence. Being in an environment that promoted friendships was huge.

**98%** of our

campers and their families felt the staff was helpful and knowledgeable about the care their campers needed.

We look forward to furthering our camp program to continually meet the current needs of our campers and future campers to come. Our focus is to provide them with an environment that makes each camper step outside of their comfort zone, to try to new things, make new friends and we cherish the lesson that is,

**they're just like us!**

“My daughter Aubrey is 8 years old and born with a rare genetic disorder that has affected every aspect of her life. She cannot walk, cannot talk and is developmentally delayed. From the day she was born all I have done is worry. Worry about her health, worry if she would live to see the next day and if she did what kind of life would she live? None of those worries and thoughts fade as she grows up and grows stronger because there are always new worries, ones you never quite thought of. Like, Will she have friends? Will she do things other kids do? Will she want her independence?”



*These questions were answered in one week at Camp Tatiyee and the answer is, yes!*

She has made many friends there and makes new ones each summer. She is able to attend camp where her medical needs are handled sufficiently, but become secondary and she is encouraged to be independent!! She loves Camp Tatiyee in her way, she "tells" me about her camp experiences, her smile says it all!" - **Lindsay and Aubrey**

“I want to tell you how amazing Lions Camp Tatiyee is. Without camp Tatiyee I wouldn't be as happy as I am today, even if I am there for only a short time. It means a lot to me going to camp being with other people who are like me and understand what I go through every day the troubles and turmoil's of being a paraplegic and knowing that at camp I can be my self with out the worry of being judged.

Back home I don't have many friends and none that are disabled. They don't understand what I go through on a day in day out basis. I'm sad and lonely a lot of the time. Always wondering what it's like to walk, and to not be limited or excluded in school activities. I have to take medication to not get depressed about it.

I used to be bullied a lot in school. People would cut in front of me in the lunch line and I wouldn't always have time to eat so I would just sit in the corner at lunch by myself trying to not cry, waiting for the bell to ring so I could go to class. Most days I'd come home from school and cry because I felt so alone.

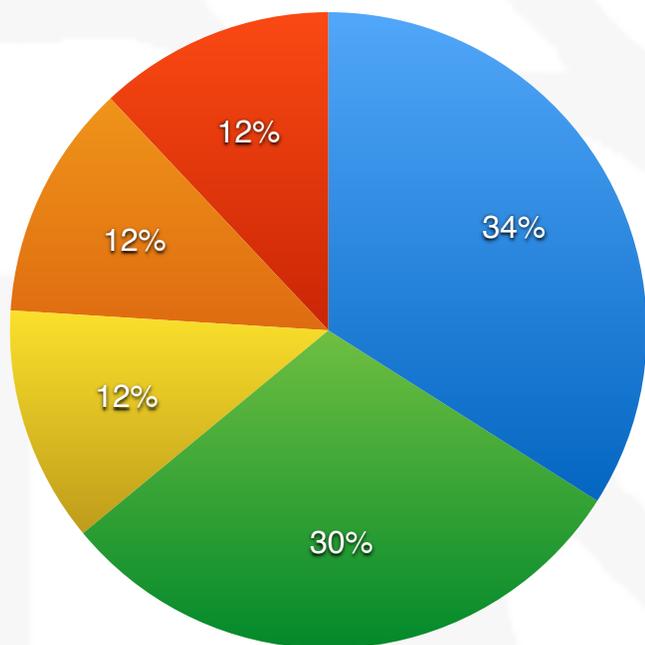


*But at camp people are nicer. I'm not worried about being judged or stressed out about anything. Going to camp is kind of like therapy and I love every minute of it!*

We do things like archery and go-carts, stuff I had never done before I went to camp. Everybody is happy and having a good time. We laugh a lot I can't think of one thing wrong with camp except that my time there is too short. I love going so much I always watch the calendar counting down the days till I can go back." - **Aaron**

● Lion/Lioness Clubs ● Individuals ● Rentals ● Business Partners ● Grants

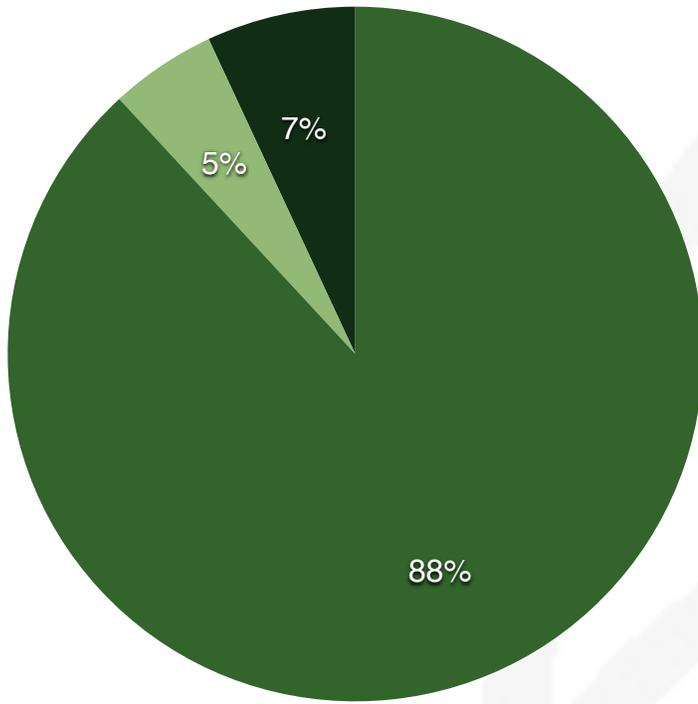
## 2016 Income



<b>INCOME:</b>	
Contributions - Individuals	\$37,459
Contributions - Businesses	\$56,284
Contributions - Non-Profit Organizations	\$3,347
Contributions - Qualifying Charity	\$82,685
Legacies & Bequests (Memorials)	\$23,847
Grants - Corporate/Foundations	\$66,232
Grants - Individual	\$5,000
Grants - Non-Profit Organizations	\$500
21A-Lions/Lioness Clubs	\$27,575
21B-Lions/Lioness Clubs	\$49,628
21C-Lions/Lioness Clubs	\$20,420
Memorial Bricks	\$1,820
Camperships - Individuals/Clubs	\$69,930
Campersips - Business	\$8,650
Rentals	\$70,623
Fundraising Events	\$28,745
Other Income	\$12,360
Store Income	\$5,212
Ring of Fire	\$6,700
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$577,017</b>

● Program Services   ● Administrative   ● Fundraising

## 2016 Expenses



<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>	
Fund Raising Expenses	\$46,008
Administrative	\$34,294
Supplies	\$32,730
Landscape	\$10,400
Insurance/Workman's Comp	\$77,350
Furniture/Fixtures	\$4,848
Pool Repairs	\$21,595
Rental and Maintenance	\$45,832
Camp Operations	\$286,461
Utilities	\$46,462
Depreciation	\$53,540
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$659,520</b>

**PLATINUM \$20,000 AND UP**

DESERT STATES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION  
ELIZABETH M. PARKMAN FOUNDATION  
PAPSDORF LIVING TRUST

**GOLD \$10,000 AND UP**

ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION-NADMI CRAIG FUND  
ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION-SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM FUND  
LEISURE WORLD LIONS  
SURPRISE SUN VILLAGE LIONS  
FISHER CHEVROLET BUICK  
HARRY MOORE ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



SCOTTSDALE  
20 / 80

**SILVER \$5,000 AND UP****VARIETY**

ULTRA CAMP FOUNDATION  
JOHN & JANET CAUFFMAN  
SCHWABB CHARITABLE FUND  
ARIZONA DAILY STAR SPORTSMAN FUND

**BETTY HUNTER**

LA SALIDA DEL SOL LIONS  
TUCSON BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB FOUNDATION  
GOLD CANYON LIONS  
LA SALIDA DEL SOL LIONS

PRESCOTT SUNRISE LIONS  
SUN LAKES LIONS  
TUCSON BREAKFAST LIONS  
JANE DOWLING

**BRONZE \$1,000 AND UP**

BROADWAY CARES  
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LIONS CLUB

EMMETT KELLY FOUNDATION  
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218 LIONS  
BILTMORE LIONS  
BUCKEYE LIONS  
CATALINA OROVALLEY LIONS  
CHANDLER LIONS  
CHANDLER-SUNBIRD LIONS  
CLARKDALE-JEROME LIONS  
DEER VALLEY LIONS  
218 LIONS  
FLAGSTAFF NOON LIONS  
FLAGSTAFF SUNRISE LIONS  
GILBERT LIONS  
GLOBE LIONS  
HOLBROOK LIONS  
LAKE HAVASU DAYBREAKERS LIONS  
PAT HAMMONS  
SANDRA KIRSOPP  
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NADIM PATEL

LONDON BRIDGE LIONS  
NORTH PHOENIX LIONS  
OAK CREEK CANYON LIONS  
MESA FOUNTAIN OF THE SUN LIONS  
PARADISE VILLAGE LIONS  
PIPPSON LIONS  
PHOENIX METRO LIONESSE  
PINE TOP LIONS  
PRESCOTT EVENING LIONS  
PRESCOTT NOON LIONS  
PRESCOTT NOON LIONESSE  
SHEFFER LIONS  
PRIDE OF SCOTTSDALE  
SUN CITY LIBBY VILLAGE LIONS  
SUN CITY MID-WEEK LIONS  
SHOULDER LIONS  
SUN CITY WEST SUNRISE LIONS  
SUN LAKES HILTIKI LIST LIONS  
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