



2016 IMPACT REPORT
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The Vanisha Foundation



THE DIFFERENCE YOUR SUPPORT MAKES



Each year, BC Children's Hospital sends patients to craniofacial week at Zajac Ranch camp. The hospital relies on the generosity of our donors to be able to give children this opportunity each year. Thanks to your support of \$10,000 14 children were able to attend the camp in August 2015. Your donation afforded delight and wonderful life-changing experiences to 14 of our patients who got to go to camp with other children with facial difference. Most of these children would not otherwise be able to afford camp.

Located on the shores of Stave Lake in beautiful Mission, BC, Zajac Ranch for Children is situated on over 40 acres of pristine forested land. In the summer months, Zajac Ranch provides camps for children with chronic, life-threatening and/or debilitating conditions. These experiences give participants the opportunity to explore the great outdoors and to enjoy the diversity and beauty of our wilderness surroundings.





A THANK YOU FROM THE CHILDREN & FAMILIES



My daughter Hailey has been blessed 5 times by the generous funders of the cleft palate clinic to attend Zajac. She started going in grade 6 and is graduating this year. I have watched my little girl who was shy, quiet and unsure of herself blossom into a strong, outspoken, leader.

Hailey loved going to camp and getting to meet kids who were like her, who had medical challenges, scars and a list of doctors longer than her arm. She met boys and girls who had some of the same doctors, some of the same surgeries and some of the same scars and for the first time in her life she felt like someone truly understood her in a way that no one else quite could no matter how hard we tried. As a parent I cannot describe the joy this brought my heart. As parents we want our kids to be liked accepted and at camp she truly was!! The first time I dropped this shy girl off at camp it was all I could do to get her out of the car, now I am lucky if I get the car parked before she is off running and squealing to see her friends from near and far!

Hailey has made some of her best friends at Zajac, these kids have a bond that formed in 5 days once a year that lasts and strengthens each year! Friends who she can call, chat with on Facebook, or who come to visit her when she's in the hospital, or who have come to our house for a week visit. Friendships that are stronger than kids she sees every day at school year after year. Because they are like her and they all have something in common.

This year Hailey was a leader in training so she got to meet some kids who were coming to Zajac for their first camp and she got to share in that amazing experience with them! Next summer after graduation Hailey is hoping to work at Zajac ranch as a camp counsellor to give back to kids who were just like her.

We want to thank all the generous donors who made this life changing experience possible for my daughter. There is no way that I would have been able to cover the expenses myself and I can't imagine my daughter's life without camp Zajac. From the bottom of our hearts. Thank you!



Thank You

Thank you for supporting BC Children's Hospital and giving 14 children the opportunity to attend Zajac Ranch last year. Thanks to your generosity these children have had an experience they will cherish for life and have made lifelong friends along the way.

We are honored to have Vanisha Foundation as a partner and value your commitment to the health and well-being of BC's children and their families.

