



*The* **MOYER** *Foundation*  
Giving Hope to Children  
Experiencing Grief and Family Addiction

**MARCH**  
**2016**

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF HELPING CHILDREN

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

As I write this, March Madness is in full swing. The players' energy and enthusiasm reminds me of the teamwork I saw during The Moyer Foundation's first staff retreat last month. Under the umbrella of *Connecting the Pieces: Building a Strong Foundation and a Bold Vision*, 16 Moyer Foundation professionals shared their drive for our mission. They explored individual work styles, shared best practices around programs and development, received accounting and reporting refreshers, saw the prototypes for the Resource Center and the new website launching this spring and listened as a Camp Erin parent brought the message home. For the first time in one place, the entire group put their individual pieces together to build our future.



The Moyer Foundation team is remarkable and they work seamlessly from opposite sides of the country serving families and children with professionalism and passion. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank them for helping change lives every day. Like the toughest of those NCAA squads, The Moyer Foundation team knows now more than ever, that together they are stronger when it comes to our mission of helping children affected by grief and family addiction.

Thank you,

Ellen Barry  
*President, Moyer Foundation Board of Trustees*

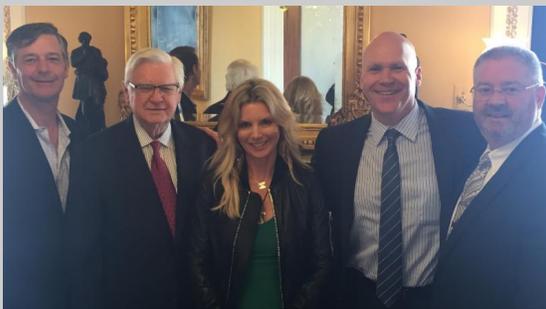
# FOUNDATION NEWS

Below you will find updates and recent developments as The Moyer Foundation gets 2016 underway.

## ***Capitol Hill Day***

On March 17th, our founders, staff and camp partners from Kentucky, Indiana, California, Florida, Arizona, and Washington had over 25 meetings with congressional representatives on Capitol Hill advocating for support for children affected by grief and family addiction, and particularly military-affiliated children. Highlights from the day include:

- Meeting with **Representative Hal Rogers** and **Senator Mitch McConnell** to discuss the launch of new programs in Eastern Kentucky in 2016.
- Words of inspiration from **Representative Martha McSally**, the first American woman to fly in combat following the 1991 lifting of the prohibition of women in combat, and who lost her own father when she was 12. "I wish this had been there for me," said McSally, who is very interested in supporting Camp Erin and wants to visit camp this summer - with her fighter pilot gear in tow!



From left: Jamie Moyer, Representative Hal Rogers, Karen Moyer, Brian Maus, and Ricky Creech (Camp Mariposa, Eastern Kentucky).



From left: Jean Heflin Kane, Representative Martha McSally, and Karla Velasquez (Camp Erin Tucson/Phoenix).

## **Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016**

In early March, the Senate passed the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (CARA). CARA is the most expansive federal, bipartisan legislation to date for addiction support services, designating between \$40 million and \$80 million toward advancing treatment and recovery support services in state and local communities across the country, which will help save the lives of countless people.

A step in the right direction to break the cycle of addiction in the next generation and the families we support through Camp Mariposa

nationwide. For the latest updates on the legislation or to learn how you can take action, visit [www.addictionpolicy.org](http://www.addictionpolicy.org).

## Aegis Living

In February, Aegis Living, a leader in the senior living industry headquartered in Seattle and founded by CEO Dwayne Clark, named The Moyer Foundation as its 2016 Charitable Partner at its annual EPIC Conference attended by employees from WA, CA and NV. The Moyer Foundation is honored to partner with Aegis and looks forward to engaging Aegis employees in its events and camps as well as create new opportunities for campers to help Aegis residents at the Seattle locations.



Jamie Moyer was in attendance at February's EPIC Conference to announce the partnership and share The Moyer Foundation's mission with Aegis employees.

## EVENT UPDATE



Join The Moyer Foundation on Wednesday, May 18th!

The Champions for Children Luncheon is the Foundation's largest event in Seattle raising vital funds to support youth affected by grief and family addiction through Camp Erin, Camp Mariposa, and The Center for Resources and Support. The Luncheon will be held at the Washington State Convention Center with the program beginning promptly at 12 p.m.

**RSVP via email to [rachelamato@moyerfoundation.org](mailto:rachelamato@moyerfoundation.org).**

With event questions or for more information on becoming a table captain, sponsor, or to make a donation, please contact Rachel Amato, Events and Fundraising Manager at [rachelamato@moyerfoundation.org](mailto:rachelamato@moyerfoundation.org) or 267.563.7463.

## ***PARTNER EVENT HIGHLIGHTS***



A Seattle-based scooter club, the Soldiers of Destiny, will ride 3,700 miles across the country this summer to raise funds and awareness for The Moyer Foundation. Learn more at [www.highwaytohealride.com](http://www.highwaytohealride.com)

KOMO News in Seattle recently sat down with lead organizer Justin Barnes - **read more here.**

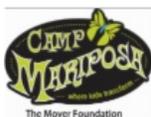


The Moyer Foundation is a proud charity partner for the 2016 TCS New York City Marathon on Sunday, November 6, 2016. We have a limited number of spots available on our team - contact **Rachel Amato** to learn more today!

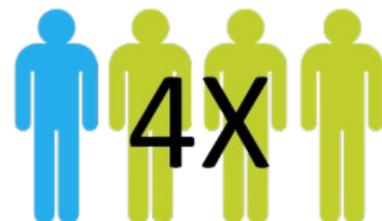
If you are interested in hosting a fundraiser in support of The Moyer Foundation, helping children affected by grief and family addiction, contact Rachel Amato, Events and Fundraising Manager at [rachelamato@moyerfoundation.org](mailto:rachelamato@moyerfoundation.org) or 267.563.7463.

## **PROGRAM INSIDER**

This is an exciting time of year at The Moyer Foundation as camp season is officially under way! Below are powerful statistics that demonstrate the importance of Camp Mariposa and Camp Erin.



Children living with an addicted family member are four times more likely than their peers to become drug or alcohol dependent themselves.<sup>2</sup>



It is estimated that 73,000 children die every year in the United States.



Of those children, approximately 8 of 10 (83%) have surviving siblings.

More than 3,500 children and teens will attend over 100 Camp Mariposa and Camp Erin sessions in 2016. Both programs provide youth a safe, caring environment to learn necessary coping skills to face the difficult life circumstances impacting their lives at home whether a family member's addiction or the death of someone close to them. The generosity of our supporters make it all possible - **THANK YOU!**

To support children impacted by grief or family addiction in your community, make a gift **HERE**.

*1 Torbic, H. "Children and Grief: But what about the children?" Home Healthcare Nurse. 2011;29(2):67-79*

*2 SAMHSA*

## IN THE NEWS

Read. Watch. Listen. Take a look at recent media coverage showcasing the work of The Moyer Foundation in communities around the country as well as our Founders, Karen and Jamie Moyer.

- **CLICK TO LISTEN: Kids in shadow of addiction are helping one another**
  - Philadelphia's WHYY Radio covers the community-based pilot program based on TMF's Camp Mariposa in partnership with 11th Street Family Health Services supported by Independence Blue Cross Foundation.
- **CLICK TO WATCH: Harris' Heroes featuring Camp Forget-Me-Not/Camp Erin D.C.**
  - ABC7 in Washington, D.C. features the Wendt Center for Healing and Loss, TMF's Camp Erin partner
- **CLICK TO READ: Jamie Moyer joins the Seattle Mariners as Guest Instructor at 2016 Spring Training**

To view additional Moyer Foundation news, **CLICK HERE**.

## PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

The Moyer Foundation is fortunate to partner with many incredible organizations in the U.S. and Canada to facilitate over 50 Camp Erin and Camp Mariposa locations each year. We look forward to highlighting their important work throughout the year.



**Camp Erin South Florida is the first Camp Erin partner to expand services to include 3 sessions per year!**

Having served over 450 youth since it was established, and with nearly 120 expected to attend Camp Erin this year, Catholic Hospice, Inc. sets the bar high for extending geographic reach and making camp more accessible for more grieving children and teens each year.

Catholic Hospice, Inc., is a community-based not-for-profit that has provided compassionate support for over 28 years to families experiencing terminal illness or grief. A huge thank you to the team at Catholic Hospice for their dedication to helping children in need in their communities!

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## MISSION MOMENT

"Camp Mariposa has made me realize that even though someone is smiling and seems happy, they are going through things that a lot of people couldn't even imagine. At this camp, I have met friends and formed bonds with the counselors because knowing that they have had similar problems as me makes me feel better about opening up and telling people about what happened. It's a really fun camp and I am thinking about becoming a junior counselor."

- Sara, age 13\*



*\*Name and photo changed for privacy*

# GET INVOLVED



Volunteer at a Camp Erin or Camp Mariposa this summer and make more than memories - make a difference!

## FIND A CAMP!

### *STAY CONNECTED*



Forward to a Friend