



# Mental Health Association

*in Orange County, Inc.*

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **The Evie Klingner Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund**

Evie Klingner (1970 -2019) was a spirited woman with Down syndrome who lived her entire life in Orange County, New York. She attended pre-school at AHRC on Mount Hope Road in Middletown and spent her school years at Orange-Ulster BOCES in Goshen. For over 20 years, Evie went to Camp Sunrise at the Warwick Conference Center for two weeks of fun in the summer, and for a weekend every winter at Camp Snowball. At camp, Evie participated in all camp activities including swimming, bowling, dancing, arts and crafts, singing, drama and more. Each camper at Camp Sunrise and Camp Snowball had a one on one volunteer counselor who was very well trained and supervised.

Evie talked about camp all year because she loved her time there so much. It was an integrated setting for campers with special needs, each with a one on one counselor who might be a high school or college student, a teacher or a therapist.

It is the goal of the Evie Klingner Memorial Camp Scholarship to assist families of individuals with developmental disabilities living with their families in Orange County with the increasing costs of Camp Sunrise, Camp Snowball and other camps dedicated to providing a safe and exciting camp experience. There are many other camps with different programs to meet the needs of individuals with varying special abilities. **The fund has been established to supplement the camp fee with a one-time stipend of \$250. Individuals can apply for the stipend by filling out an application form through MHA, along with attaching information about the camp and camp fees. All applications must be for individuals and families residing in Orange County, but it is not limited to camps in Orange County. Funds will be distributed on a first come/first served basis until the fund is depleted.**

Contributions to the fund will be accepted by Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. and administered by the Developmental Disabilities Family Support (DDFS) department. For more information, please call DDFS staff at 845-342-2400 ext. 1253 or 1235, or fax applications to 845-343-9665. You can also email staff at [jmarkman@mhaorangeny.com](mailto:jmarkman@mhaorangeny.com) or [tlisa@mhaorangeny.com](mailto:tlisa@mhaorangeny.com) with questions or application submissions.

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