



Thank You Friendly's!

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Brothers **Adam and Josh** are campers at heart. They both love being active and participating in outdoor activities such as exploring nature trails, biking and swimming.

Adam, 17, is diagnosed with Apraxia, a motor speech disorder, and his younger brother, Josh, 13, lives with High Functioning Autism.

Easter Seals Camp Merry Heart in Hackettstown, NJ provides them with the opportunity to enjoy a broad range of recreational experiences in an environment that is safe and fully accessible to children and adults of all levels of ability - something that is not always readily available when you have a disability.

Their positive experiences enable them to look forward to the next summer at camp. "They always come back sporting an Easter Seals Camp Merry Heart t-shirt and big smiles!" says the boys' mother, Jeanne. "And I know they're safe and well-cared for by the wonderful staff."

In fact, Adam and Josh have been so positively impacted by Camp Merry Heart that they eagerly accepted our invitation to be Honorary Ambassadors at our 2013 Walk With Me event.

Thanks to Friendly's support, programs essential to building a sense of independence and accomplishment for thousands of children annually are available to kids just like Adam and Josh.



Camp Friendly's Makes a Difference!

The contributions of Easter Seals Camp Friendly's not only help to maintain and improve our high quality programs, services, and grounds but most importantly, they make it possible for children and young adults with developmental and/or physical disabilities to learn new skills, participate in activities that promote the value of physical exercise and recreation, while developing lasting friendships.

Friendly's also allows Easter Seals to keep fees affordable and provide relief to families so that their loved ones can enjoy a fun camping experience in a safe, secure, and supervised environment. Tough economic times have impacted many of our families and with their support, our campers can continue to enjoy all the benefits that Easter Seals' Camp Merry Heart provides.

We could not accomplish all of these things for hundreds of people each year who have disabilities or special needs just like Adam and Josh without the positive impact that Friendly's support has on Camp Merry Heart! ♥