Foundation Supporters

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H. E. Butt Foundation — A multiphase strategic grant to support the development of resources for fostering mental, emotional, and social well-being among campers and staff. The first phase of the project includes a needs assessment of camp directors, which will be designed and analyzed by an all-volunteer committee of

camp practitioners and mental health professionals.



Foundation for Jewish Camp — Generous support for ACA's ongoing strategic initiatives in the field of camp including education, research, and advocacy.



The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust – A grant to support a three-year professional development initiative. ACA provides an online customized learning management site; annual, in-person, half-day trainings; digital and print resources; as well as support for camps seeking ACA accreditation to a cohort of

medical camps. Camp professionals participating in the cohort specifically serve campers and families experiencing type 1 diabetes.



Lilly Endowment Inc. A Private Philanthropic Foundation

Lilly Endowment — A two-year grant-funded initiative to develop systems of support for improving program quality in summer programs and camps throughout the country. Camps will gain access to a two-tiered system of trained coaches and observers, a program quality tool kit, and communications tools to engage with

parents and stakeholders about the value of program quality. This project builds on earlier work to develop a camp program quality assessment tool (CPQA).

Additionally, a one-year grant to reinforce ACA's capacity to provide support to summer camps in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and, by extension, other out-of-school time youth programming. Support efforts include an extensive COVID-19 online resource center, a Field Operations Guide, topical webinars, surveys, an online fundraising tool kit, and other digital resources.



Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies — A three-year grant to support ACA's strategic initiatives related to expanding equitable access and inclusion in summer camp experiences. Twenty-two day and overnight camps were selected to receive funds from this grant to design and expand counselor-in-training programs, with the goal of increasing access to camp staff opportunities for young people from diverse backgrounds.



The Redwoods Group Foundation — A grant to support the development of a Field Guide for Operating Day and Overnight Camps during the COVID-19 pandemic. Educational resources designed to provide camp and other out-of-school time professionals with a practical guide and tool kit to implement

guidance and recommendations provided by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State Public Health officials.