

"Where HOPE outshines grief"

July 8, 9, 10 & 11th

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Camp Sunshine is dedicated to children who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives. It is a fun place for children from ages 7-12 to:

- explore their grief
- share their experiences with other kids who also have had losses
- learn tools to help them cope
- remember and honour their loved ones; and
- give them hope for the future .... along with all the "fun" camp activities.

It is our goal to provide an atmosphere of safety and trust, unconditional support, kindness and respect. This is a place where kids may come alone as strangers, and leave together as a "family". Our team of staff and volunteers is ready and waiting!

Along with a Camp Sunshine brochure, enclosed you will find:

- 1. A *Camper Application* to be filled out by **your child** it is important that we get her/his feelings and views on coming to a bereavement camp.
- 2. A *Camper Application Part 2* to be filled out **by you**, the Parent/Guardian. It is quite a long form, but will give us valuable information so that we can provide the best camp experience for your child.
- 3. A *Master Checklist*: items for your camper to bring; dates and times for drop-off and pick-up; dress code; etc.

The registration deadline is **Friday, May 31, 2024**, please **APPLY EARLY**, as registration is limited. You will be notified by phone if your child is accepted, or placed on a waiting list.

Thank you, and if you have questions or need help in completing the Application Forms, please contact St. Paul Regional FCSS at (780) 645–5311 or drop in to the FCSS office at 5002–51 Ave., St. Paul. We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Lynn Smid, Program Director