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On behalf of the Board of Directors of Champions for Life, we would like to thank you for your generous, tax-deductible contribution of \$500.00. It is because of contributions from people and organizations like you that we are able to offer excellent programming that enhances the lives of so many in our community.

What a year for Champions for Life, Inc! With your generous support, and that of our participants, volunteers, sponsors, donors, and community in 2018 Champions for Life, Inc. has served thousands of families and children in Central New York. Over the course of this year, our memberships and participation has increased across the board. We again hosted the Finger Lakes Sports Tournaments in lacrosse, soccer, and field hockey, as well as the Upstate Lacrosse Association opening weekend at Everest Park. The tournaments have brought thousands of children and families to Everest from around the Northeast and Canada to experience a unique setting filled with peace and tranquility. Three lacrosse clinics and a field hockey clinic were held, with world-class coaches and athletes working with local players on technique and game skills. The 7th Annual Finger Lakes Mud Run was held on September 15, with around 950 participants on what was a gorgeous September day. Planning has started for the 8th Annual FLMR as well as all of our other events scheduled at Everest Park for 2019.

At the Champions for Life Sports Center, we have had an incredible start to the program year, with thirty-nine gymnastics and ninja warrior classes weekly, multiple tennis lessons and clinics for children, high school students, and adults, many new fitness members, and three soccer leagues for children aged 6-12. We have a vibrant and strong gymnastics team, and are home to the Crane School of Irish Dance, whose members perform all over Central New York, and even abroad, as well as our Family Support Service Recreation Program for people with disabilities, which serves over 100 participants each year.

All of our programming supports the mission of Champions for Life, as well as the ongoing development and maintenance of the Champions for Life Sports Center and Everest Park, including the Brian Bisgrove Home of Courage. The BBHC is a home that provides respite for families with children suffering significant, life-altering illnesses, where nearly 200 families enjoyed rest and relaxation in the last three years.

Your faith in our vision, and belief that our mission is making a difference in the lives of others has helped us grow, helped us learn, and helped us serve many families throughout our community. As we look ahead, we will continue to be good stewards with your investment in the community and focus on our mission of promoting the development of virtue and character in our youth through programming at Champions for Life Sports Center and at Everest Park. We will continue to develop Everest Park as the premier location in CNY for field sports. It is an exciting time for Champions for Life, and we remain so grateful for your past and ongoing support.

With best regards,

Melissa Carbonaro Gravius
Executive Director

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Director of Development

Mission Statement:

The mission of Champions for Life and Everest Park is to promote Christian character and virtue through sports, recreational programs and activities that foster a love of God, the dignity of the human person, family unity, and respect for others.