

A Real Testament

To the Editor:

I am writing to acknowledge the generous support of the Glastonbury Elks Club to the special needs families in this community. Their support of Camp Sunrise has been numerous over the years.

Camp Sunrise is a special needs camp that serves children ages 3-21 years old from Glastonbury, Rocky Hill, Cromwell, Wethersfield and Newington. The camp, held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Smith Middle School in the summer, provides day camp programming for children with a very wide variety of disabilities. The program includes field trips, arts and crafts, special events, sports activities, swimming and several evening activities.

Elks members have organized and planned a pre-camp fishing derby and BBQ for Camp Sunrise families. They continue to host an end of the summer banquet for over 200 people with support from local farms like Draghi and Sons who provide the corn each year.

The Camp Sunrise Holiday Party is a tradition that has grown to include Santa's arrival on a fire truck and gifts to all the campers in attendance. Additionally, they have provided funds to support campers through scholarships each summer. All of these efforts are a real testament to their dedication and commitment to the special needs families in this community and beyond.

On behalf of Camp Sunrise, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Elks Club for their extremely generous support. We appreciate all they have done and continue to do for us.

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