



We Are Responsible

We are responsible for the small child with big dreams; helping those who fear disappointment, believe in the impossible; the discovery that our own purpose is found in serving others. We are responsible for providing a few days of fun, joy and peace in lives often defined by chaos!

We are responsible for keeping people engaged and aware of the importance of this ministry to our campers. We are responsible for creating the MAGIC OF CAMP for our amazing campers and their families while making it all look easy no matter what it really might require behind the scenes at any given moment and no matter what obstacles we had to overcome to create the MAGIC.

We are responsible for facilitating fun. We are responsible in the best of ways. We are responsible for memories, past and future. We are responsible for hi-fives and good jobs. We are responsible for spaghetti covered faces. We are responsible for provoking contagious laughter for campers who can't remember the last time they smiled. We are responsible for campers who require more courage than most adults, who live as if each day is their last, who feel accepted by their new friend that shares their same scar, who find safety and comfort in being surrounded by those with a similar journey, who call Roundup River Ranch "home."

We are responsible for inspiring confidence in campers who have had it stripped from them by their reality. We are Responsible for feeding campers no matter what dietary restriction or feeding tube they may have. We are responsible for ensuring that our kids get to take a break from being a patient and just enjoy the simple joys of childhood. We are responsible for creating tears of laughter and sore cheeks from smiling versus tears of pain and soreness from needle pokes. We are responsible for doctors dressed in tutus and superhero capes who do silly dances with their patients and offer a knowing look about the magic of camp as they pass each other in the halls of the hospitals. We are responsible for assuring that this special and unique camp experience is available until we cure all childhood diseases.

We Are Responsible for tucking in twelve little Buckaroos; saying, "goodnight, sleep well and get ready for another fun day tomorrow!" We are responsible for making goodness happen when it is hard for someone to see that possibility. We are responsible for making the everyday MAGICAL, from brushing our teeth, to dancing at dinner, to trying new things, we are responsible for making every moment magic for our campers!

We are Responsible for giving time and respite for families to reconnect with each other. We are Responsible for creating moments to share common stories among campers and families as a reminder that they are never alone. We are Responsible for wrists full of friendship bracelets that remind campers that their camp family is always with them. We are Responsible for giving hugs, high fives and fist bumps at bedtime so each camper goes to sleep feeling loved. We are Responsible for reminding each camper that they are the light and true stars of camp.

We are responsible for children who want to be carried, and for those who must be lifted into the arms of a caring friend ...For those we never give up on, and for those who don't get a second chance. For those we smother with love...and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it.

We are Responsible. We hold sticky little hands and we braid tangled hair. We rejoice over goals accomplished shown to us through smiling faces. We patch up scraped knees and mend broken hearts. We mend injuries both seen and unseen. We offer a different kind of healing . . . we help heal the soul. We are Responsible.