



*A Residential adventure-based camp supporting families affected by chronic illness.*

## THE NEED

Living in a family that has been impacted by a chronic illness can influence a child in many ways. Often there is uncertainty about the future, financial burdens, and other stresses that necessitate making the ill family member the priority. This can make it more difficult for the healthy members of the family to get the attention and opportunities they deserve. They often have added responsibilities, stress and an array of competing emotions.

## THE SOLUTION

Camp Triumph ([www.camptriumph.ca](http://www.camptriumph.ca)) is a camp designed for these children and youth. Camp Triumph is a registered charity and non-profit society whose mandate is to meet the complex needs of Atlantic Canadian children who are living with the impact of chronic illness. It provides a comprehensive program for siblings and children of the chronically ill or disabled. The program acknowledges the stresses caused by chronic illness and its impact on all family members, assisting children by helping them develop coping strategies. Camp Triumph provides an opportunity to take a break from the demands of challenging life situations by participating in an adventure-based summer residential camp where self-esteem and confidence are nurtured and friendships are forged with those who can truly understand through a shared circumstance. Guidance counselors, doctors, nurses, social workers and most importantly, our campers and families, have endorsed Camp Triumph and are excited with finally having something to offer these families.

## THE OPPORTUNITY

With the help of government and corporate sponsors, Camp Triumph has been building our permanent facility in Malpeque, PEI. This facility will ensure we are able to continue to offer this opportunity to the many of Atlantic Canadian families in need. With continued support, we will be able to offer this camp experience to over 500 children every summer for free.

