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Greetings Camp Accomplish Families, Caregivers, and Campers,

These are very uncertain times for all of us, but nothing is more important to me than the health, safety and stability of the Melwood family: participants, employees, volunteers, and supporters.

Over the past few weeks, we have grappled with how we balance the demands of social distancing with our unwavering commitment to empower people of differing abilities through unique opportunities to work and play in their community.

Regrettably, it has become clear that Melwood will not be able to offer a day camp experience during the Summer of 2020. Information on refund options is laid out in the attached FAQs.

If you are interested in receiving a refund, using your payment for future registrations, or converting your payment into a tax-deductible donation towards Camp Accomplish/Melwood, please contact me at jusmith@melwood.org.

We make this decision out of concern for the health and safety of our campers and staff. This is not a decision we make lightly, because we know that many of our campers and their parents have been looking forward to summer camp for months. Beyond offering fresh air, a connection to nature and a chance to play, a week at Camp Accomplish fosters the interactions that builds a more inclusive world by normalizing the interaction of typically abled children and children of differing abilities.

These uncertain times have challenged all of us to reconsider how we do things. We are exploring new and innovative ways to offer the Melwood family quality programming for children during the summer months. Please follow the Melwood Recreation Center's social media for more details and see the attached FAQs which detail your options moving forward.

In the meantime, please stay safe, stay healthy, and practice good physical distancing and hand washing. Thank you for being part of the Melwood family. I look forward to welcoming you and your family back to the Melwood Recreation Center soon.

Sincerely,

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