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**JEWISH FEDERATION OF DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL
GIVES FREE WEEKS OF CAMP TO KIDS OF VETERANS**

DURHAM, NC (September 17, 2015) – This year for the third year, the Jewish Federation supported Camp Shelanu’s veteran scholarship program that gives a free week of camp for children of veterans in our community.

Nine campers attended, two of them for two weeks, with their scholarships totaling \$3340. A big thank you to one special family who donated \$1500 to this program, and another big thank you to the Durham Veterans Administration, who partners with us to help promote this program to veteran families.

In this third year we served the most diverse group campers yet. Two campers were returning from 2014 and 7 were new to Camp Shelanu. Campers were in kindergarten through 9th grade, 3 girls and 6 boys, one camper with two veteran parents, and one who was also in our special needs inclusion program.

Ronni Miller, the Voluntary Services Coordinator at the VA said, “Thank you just doesn’t sound enough, but it’s from the bottom of my heart. When I get to see these kids they come hug me so I know the impact the JCC has made on these incredible kids!”

One parent said, “It meant a great deal to us that Camp Shelanu showed it’s appreciation for our military service by providing scholarships for our son. The scholarships gave our child the opportunity to interact with children of diverse backgrounds. He was excited to learn about and participate in Jewish traditions. His experience at camp helped to build his confidence and improve his social skills. We are truly grateful!”

About the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill:

The Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill is the umbrella organization representing the Jewish community of Durham, Orange, Chatham, Person, and Alamance counties.

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill is to connect Jews in the local community, to help those in need both here and abroad, and to provide and support programs and services that enable current and future generations to lead more meaningful lives inspired by Jewish values. The Jewish Federation of Durham-Chapel Hill is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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