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THE PAINTED TURTLE'S *CAMP-A-THON* FUNDRAISER HIGHLIGHTS THE POWER OF CAMP

THE 2nd ANNUAL VIRTUAL CHARITY EVENT WAS HOSTED BY GEORGE LOPEZ AND FEATURED APPEARANCES BY NEIL YOUNG, REEVE CARNEY, MICHAEL COOPER, BRETT DENNEN, DANNY DEVITO, DARYL HANNAH, JAIME JARRIN, CHEECH MARIN, EVA NOBLEZADA, ROB PELINKA, AND FERNANDO VALENZUELA



Los Angeles, California— On Thursday, October 28th, The Painted Turtle, a camp for children with serious medical conditions and their families, held *CAMP-A-THON*, a virtual event hosted by longtime supporter George Lopez. *CAMP-A-THON*, themed “We are Family, Somos Familia” was a celebration of another successful year of Camp and the safe return to in person programming, all made possible by their family of campers, volunteers and donors.

Special guests Reeve Carney, Micheal Cooper, Daryl Hannah, Jaime Jarrín, Eva Noblezada, Rob Pelinka, and Fernando Valenzuela helped showcase The Painted Turtle’s innovative efforts to deliver life changing camp experiences to children with chronic illnesses during the pandemic. Programs such as Camp

at Home and Camp on the Move Parking Lot Parties gave viewers a glimpse of both the power and reach of the programs.

Throughout the event, stories from former campers and dedicated volunteers illustrated the impact that The Painted Turtle has, not only on those they serve, but the people who make it possible. The evening culminated in a virtual Campfire where Cheech Marin picked up a guitar and lead campers, volunteers, and supporters in a cherished Camp song, “Stars in the Sky”. Danny DeVito lead a comical Cabin Chat with campers answering a variety of questions, such as, “If you could be any part of a smore what would you be?”

A variety of incredible music performances by Brett Dennen, Los Lobos, and Neil Young capped off the night with a remarkable set, making viewers truly feel the spirit of kindness of The Painted Turtle camp family.

“I LOVED it. It captured who The Painted Turtle is and what The Painted Turtle does!” – Painted Turtle supporter

To watch the event, donate, or learn more, visit <https://thepaintedturtle.brand.live/c/camp-a-thon-2021> or contact Jessica Santos at jessicas@thepaintedturtle.org

ABOUT PAINTED TURTLE

The Painted Turtle’s mission is to provide a life-changing and authentic camp experience for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses. The Painted Turtle supports children’s medical needs, inspires them to reach beyond their illness, and provides care, education, and respite for their families. All campers and families attend free of charge. A member of the SeriousFun Children’s Network, an international family of camps founded by Paul Newman, The Painted Turtle is the only medical camp of its kind in California.

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