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JCYS Sells Camp Henry Horner to Nageela Midwest Camp Red Leaf Program to Continue to Operate On Site

CHICAGO (April 8, 2019) – Jewish Council for Youth Services (JCYS) has announced that it sold Camp Henry Horner to Camp Nageela Midwest.

For over 100 years, JCYS has operated day and overnight camping programs on the site of Camp Henry Horner in Ingleside, Illinois. On April 5, ownership of Camp Henry Horner was conveyed to Camp Nageela, which will relocate its summer programming from Marshall, Indiana. Camp Red Leaf, a year-round camping program for children and adults with disabilities, will continue under ownership of Camp Nageela.

“We are confident that Camp Nageela will create a lively and vibrant camp on the site which will thrive for decades to come” said Barbara Haworth, CEO of JCYS. “This is not only the best outcome for our agency but also for the Jewish community of Chicago. Although JCYS will no longer be operating programs at Camp Henry Horner, the rich history of camp and its staff, campers, supporters, and donors will be honored by Camp Nageela.”

Rabbi Ari Strulowitz, Director of Camp Nageela, reports major excitement about the move to Camp Henry Horner. “Our inclusive camp group will now have its own site which we can operate for the whole summer. The proximity of this facility to Chicago makes it an outstanding opportunity for our entire community to partake of Camp Nageela year-round. We envision all kinds of programming on this site for the generations to come.”

According to Haworth and Strulowitz, the two organizations have created a very special working relationship and plan to engage in mutually supportive endeavors in the future. “The combination of our two organizations could not have been handled better. We are solid partners committed to the success of Jewish youth in Chicago” said Rabbi Strulowitz.

Founded in Chicago in 1907, JCYS offers educational and recreational experiences throughout the year at multiple family centers, summer camps, and specialty programs. JCYS’s innovative,

play-based programs are designed to deliver a dynamic curriculum that incorporates Jewish tradition and fosters each child's developmental growth and individual spirit.

Camp Nageela Midwest is a Jewish summer camp committed to providing campers with an extraordinary summer experience in a wholesome Jewish environment. Founded in 2007, Camp Nageela opens its doors to all families regardless of their background or religious affiliation.

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