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Dear Circle Family:

I am certain you will all agree we find ourselves in uncharted waters this year, having to make difficult decisions due to the current coronavirus pandemic. Now more than ever local organizations like Circle Program need to be proactive, as well as a source of strength, positivity, and hope within the community.

The health and safety of our Circle Girls, their families, our dedicated staff and stalwart supporters will always be our first priority. To that end, Circle Program has made the decision to not hold our traditional camp this summer.

Fortunately, *camp* is not a physical location. It is so much more than s'mores, cabins and friendship bracelets. Camp is a mindset. Camp is a culture. It is diversity, inclusivity and a sense of belonging. It is where staff and campers form unbreakable bonds through support, trust, and a shared experience. Camp, is family.

With that said, we have the pleasure of announcing the very first Circle Camp At Home!

Our staff has gone above and beyond putting together an innovative camp experience for this summer, running the same duration as traditional camp. It will be virtual and interactive, with our counselors and volunteers continuing to play a major role in supplying the girls with tools and resources to explore our world from their own homes and yards. We will continue to keep Circle Girls engaged and connected, as well as active and outside. As it becomes safe and permissible to do so, we will plan and coordinate day activities. We will also continue to work with our dedicated and invaluable mentors, ensuring that they have the guidance they need to ensure we are addressing the needs of the girls, full circle. Never has our resolve been stronger to do what is necessary to foster growth, confidence, and unconditional acceptance among our Circle Girls.

So please, come explore with us.

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