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**Affinity Plus Foundation Funds Summer Camp for Child Burn Survivors**

*$25,000 donation to Firefighters for Healing brings together childhood burn survivors through building friendships and confidence*

**ST. PAUL, MINN. (July 13, 2021)** – The Affinity Plus Foundation is proud to announce a recent $25,000 donation to Firefighters for Healing and their Camp RED Program. Camp RED, which stands for **R**ealize **E**very **D**ream, is a camp program for children who have survived burn trauma.

This year’s event included 21 campers from across the state. Campers were surrounded by other families who have shared experiences and similar injuries, feelings, fears and concerns. This was an opportunity to connect, create positive memories, and turn strangers into friends. The cost was about $1,000 per person to send each child to camp.

“Our sincere appreciation to Affinity Plus for their support of this impactful program that provides healing and support,” said Jake LaFerriere, Founder and Executive Director of Firefighters for Healing. “I am so proud of our Camp Director who stays in contact with families throughout the year. We want to ensure families know they are never alone in their struggles to overcome the obstacles after burn trauma. We look forward to expanding this program.”

“At Affinity Plus, we believe in giving back to the communities we serve and doing our part to build kinder, more inclusive communities where everyone can thrive. Firefighters for Healing, and Camp Red, perfectly align with our mission and core values,” said Adam Layne, Senior Community Engagement Specialist, Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union. “We know that this donation will help make a big difference in the lives of children and families that have experienced burn trauma.”

Camp RED traditionally takes place in Cross Lake, Minnesota, but due to uncertainty regarding the pandemic, it moved to St. Paul this year. LaFerriere says through Affinity Plus’s generous donation, it’s given campers an opportunity to heal and embrace the changes and challenges that come with recovery.

To learn more about Camp RED, please visit: [www.firefightersforhealing.org](http://www.firefightersforhealing.org)

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**About Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union**

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**About Firefighters For Healing**

*Firefighters For Healing supports burn survivors and helps firefighters and first responders pivot after a line of duty injury by providing their families with meals, no cost emergency housing, support and resources while they are receiving medical care in the Twin Cities. We meet and serve families 24/7 and 365 days a year from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. This non-profit 501(C)(3) charitable organization thrives on community partnerships, volunteer support and fundraising events. Visit firefightersforhealing.org to learn more.*