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Hello Friends & Family!

As some of you may know, last summer I was involved in an internship at the happiest place on Earth, Camp Daniel. Thank you to everyone who supported me, as I couldn't have done it without you! During those seven weeks, I experienced many things that helped me grow as a person. I learned to trust those I was working with and to delegate tasks to create a team. Together we made the 5 weeks of summer camp fun for the campers while helping the volunteers to serve God and their camper(s). There's no better feeling than knowing you're making a difference in people's lives. In addition to Camp Daniel's summer internship program, they offer, by invitation, a year-long internship for dedicated people who want to be more involved. I was invited to participate, and after long talks with God and a few family and friends, I'm excited to say that I've decided to become a year-long intern at Camp Daniel!

For those of you who aren't familiar with Camp Daniel, it's an amazing place. Camp is a place where you might come in not knowing many people but leave knowing everyone. It focuses on providing people with disabilities opportunities for personal, social and spiritual growth. They believe that everyone has a value and has been given gifts to offer to others. Everyone at camp is different and we all value those differences, but together we are a family of Christ. Camp Daniel is a family of Christians who all trust in God and work together toward a common goal. I feel closest to Him when I am here. His presence is closer, His light is brighter and His love is stronger.



I stepped out in faith, and started the internship and moved to Camp Daniel before sending out support letters. As the year-long missionary intern, I will live and care for the residents who I live within the Hartley House. I will also be assisting with Camp's marketing efforts, Special Olympics, The Hub Student Ministry and The Able Church. With my recent Marketing and Business Administration degree from Fox Valley Technical College, I hope to bring the skills I've learned to this non-profit organization. I'm very excited to learn more about Camp Daniel as an organization, as well as the people who put in countless hours to make this all a success. It will be a new experience because I haven't been on the mechanics side of camp very much. In addition to gaining a better understanding of how camp runs and all that encompasses getting ready for summer camp 2019, I will be gaining experience via the many graphic design, marketing and administration projects that I will be involved in over the next 12 months.

The missionary aspect of being a year-long intern will be a large part of my experience and growth this year. All the staff at Camp Daniel are full time missionaries to people with disabilities, and like most missionaries, I will need to raise \$700 in monthly financial support to pay rent, food, transportation, and other living expenses. I ask for your financial support, whether it be \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100 a month. And whether or not you can support me financially, I still ask for your prayers and encouragement throughout my year at Camp Daniel. Although the process of asking for money is uncomfortable to me, I'm learning to trust that God has put the people in my life to help make this happen.

Will you consider becoming one of my monthly supporters?

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With Lots of Love,
Erin Schmitting

P.S. I will be writing a newsletter at the end of each month to send to my supporters. If you are unable to support me financially and still would like a newsletter, please let me know as I would be happy to send them to you. Thanks again!