

## PERTHES BRIEF August 2019

Here is the latest news from Perthes Kids Foundation ...

THANKS to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim: On Sunday, July 14th, a number of Camp Perthes USA campers and their families got together and spent a beautiful afternoon at the ballpark. It was a great game- the Angels beat the Mariners and we spread a little #perthesawareness wearing our favorite Camp Perthes & PKF gear!



We wrapped up our 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive **Camp Perthes USA** on Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>- our biggest camp yet! Attended by 70 kids and 18 volunteers, it was an amazing week filled with so many activities- from zip lining and a high ropes course, to swimming, the Survivor Challenge, art projects, drone building, movies, carnival bingo, California Adventure, and more! We closed the week with our first ever Perthes Doctors Q & A. We would like to thank Dr. Harry Kim, Dr. Rachel Goldstein, Dr. V. Salil Upasani, and Chrissy Paik for attending our Panel Discussion and sharing your time and expertise with our Camp Perthes Families! Thanks for the memories, everyone~ See you next time!



- After our first ever Perthes Kids Fly Free Program, which helped many families attending Camp Perthes USA, we are proud to announce we have just renewed our partnership with **Miracle Flights** for 2020! We will be expanding the program internationally to help even more kids with Perthes disease! You can check out some of the fun we had at Camp MIRACLE FLIGHTS Perthes here: https://www.facebook.com/MiracleFlights/videos/1076564099204692/
  - Special thanks to Lori Kennedy, who coordinated and facilitated our Parent Programs at Camp Perthes USA 2019! Parents enjoyed bonding with other families during a Parent Mixer after camper drop-off & orientation. Parents also had the opportunity to learn about and discuss Emotional Support Systems as parents of children with Perthes. We truly value the connections we make as part of this Perthes family!
  - We are looking forward to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Camp Perthes UK** starting on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>! Get ready for a fantastic week filled with fun and friends- bigger and better every year! Also, parents, we hope you will join us for the Camp Perthes UK Doctor Q & A with Dr. Alexander Aarvold on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We can't wait to see you all soon!
- **MEET THE BOARD MEMBER**: We are pleased to introduce **Lori Kennedy**, member of the PKF Advisory



Board. Lori is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), National Certified Counselor (NCC), a Registered Play Therapist (RPT), and has a master's degree in clinical mental health from the #1 Play Therapy University in the world. Lori is also the mother of a child with Perthes and has been a Camp Perthes Counselor and Volunteer since 2014. To learn more about Lori, please visit <u>https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapists/lori-michele-kennedy-</u> frisco-tx/200326

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