

In the past 12 months,

35% of the Campers reported to have been taken to the **ER** for asthma.

73% of them have been taken to the **ER** *more than once* for asthma.

12% of the Campers have been admitted to the hospital **overnight** for their asthma.

45% of the Campers reported to have missed *more than 5 days of school* due to asthma.

65% of the Campers reported to show asthma induced **emotional distress**.

55% of the Campers struggle with *other medical conditions* in addition to asthma.

How Did Camp Not-A-Wheeze 2015 **Impact Lives?**

Camp Not-A-Wheeze 2015 had the honor of hosting a family of four siblings residing 15 miles south of Tucson in a town called Sahuarita with one thing in common other than their parents – severe Asthma. They are each 2 years apart and their mother works as a substitute teacher. They barely make above the poverty level. The oldest son is embarrassed of his disease, and according to their physician his asthma is not well controlled. The youngest daughter, 8 years old, has just one kidney and can't play any full body contact sports. She has to miss school and hates it. Asthma is not the only medical condition they regularly struggle with – severe food and seasonal allergies, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) and eczema add to the list of their monthly medical expenses. In a heartwarming letter, the mother expresses, “Our children could not have participated without receiving your generous camperships! You have truly blessed our family in a meaningful way. I can assure you, this camp experience will not be forgotten anytime soon! Thank you for a wonderful adventure, and genuine care for our four children!”

The mother of a 5th grader and a first time camper at Camp Not-A-Wheeze shared her concerns on his Campership application about how she is a single mother working 2 jobs and still struggles financially. This household of three makes way below the poverty level and in addition to severe asthma, the child also has ADHD. He takes supplements to help him sleep and his mother was petrified of sending him on his first trip away from home by himself. He returned a happy camper, thanks to our dedicated medical volunteers and generous donors without whose support we would not have been able to offer him 100% Campership!

A Registered Nurse by profession and a veteran Camp volunteer of eight years shares how we could improve Camp Not-A-Wheeze. She says, "Keep it going! And maybe more kids next year!" Due to very successful recruitment efforts and a budget limitation, Camp Not-A-Wheeze 2015 was full by the deadline and had 18 eligible applicants on a waiting list who sadly could not be accommodated. With 41% of our volunteers committing to come back next year, we are confident we have the capacity to expand our services to a greater population. In the words of another veteran volunteer, "We pulled off another amazing year! We are definitely a "Force to be Reckoned with!" I just want to throw this out there, but next year (2016) is CNAW's 30th anniversary... I say let's GO BIG!"