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## Don't miss the Pearl!

I'm a BIG fan of oysters. Just give me lemon and hot sauce and I'm a happy



camper. Leah is not a big fan. She only tolerates sitting with me while I eat them because 13 years ago she vowed, "till death do us part!" Today, oysters are sought after for more than their tasty contents. They're collected for their unique ability to produce pearls.

Since my parents served at H\*VMI and we went to Handi\*Camp through my growing up years, I spent my childhood surrounded by people with disabilities. I grew up knowing that everyone was created by God, ON PURPOSE AND FOR HIS PURPOSE. By God's design Hannah, Saul and Simeon are growing up with that same knowledge. One of my biggest joys in ministry is serving alongside my family. Serving together at H\*VMI/ Handi\*Camp was what brought Leah and me together. And now our daughter Hannah LOVES coming to H\*C and H\*VMI events with me. Even if it's not, "her Bible club." She attends the Bible club that has clubbers in her age range and is a great friend to many of the clubbers. Hannah never misses an opportunity to make people feel special. She gives hugs and high fives and genuinely enjoys the friends she makes at H\*VMI's Bible clubs.

Pearl is a bright, bubbly and wonderful girl around Hannah's age that comes to Bible club. At Bible club she is one of the crew. She listens and engages well, she knows the answers and LOVES Jesus! At the first Bible club Pearl attended, her mom stayed and sat in view of the club, hoping Pearl would do well and enjoy herself. Pearl jumped right in with the club! Getting up and helping to hold the song posters and smiling and laughing with the other Bible clubbers and staff. Pearl and the other youth and adults with disabilities H\*VMI has the privilege to serve are seen and valued for who they are in Christ. In the world however, kids like Pearl, who have disabilities, sometimes get overlooked. People miss the amazing way they were created and that there is something truly special inside of them.

Hannah and Pearl became fast friends at Bible club. One day I got an email from Pearl's mother. She explained that Pearl was working on letter structure in school and needed to write a letter to somebody. After some thought, she decided to write to Hannah. The letter was to arrive at the H\*VMI office that week. The envelope was covered in flowers and the letter was covered in fun stickers. Hannah smiled as she read the letter and noted that Pearl had asked a question, "What is your favorite color?" Hannah and I talked about her writing back to Pearl. She was excited to do so and found what she deemed, "the

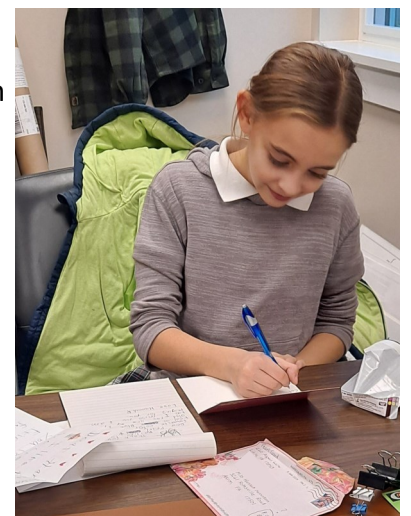


*Pearl Reading Hannah's Letter*

PERFECT card!" covered in pink flowers and bright colors. She knew Pearl would like it. She wrote and thanked Pearl for the letter and answered her question.

A few days after we sent the letter I got another email. It contained pictures of Pearl opening and reading the letter with joy in her eyes. Pearl's mom wrote something that made me smile, "I've witnessed Hannah's kindness to Pearl, and I'm so appreciative."

Many people in this world miss the fact that we are all created with a purpose from God and gifts from Him that we can use on this earth to bless others and bring glory to Him. By God's Grace, Hannah has a biblical perspective; when she sees someone who might be different from her, she doesn't miss the Pearl!



*Hannah Writing to Pearl*



Handi\*Camp is growing! Our re-launch in 2021 to H\*C Day Camp was what was needed for the moment. Although we are all eager to get back to overnight camping with our friends with disabilities, God is doing amazing things at H\*C Day Camp! We are seeing growth like almost never before. In 2021 we welcomed about 60 campers to five, day camp sessions. In 2022, it was 100+ campers in seven, day camp sessions. In 2023 we saw nearly 120 campers attend eight sessions of Day Camp. This coming summer in 2024 the H\*C schedule has a record NINE sessions planned. We fully expect our camper number to grow once more! We are very excited to be hosting Day Camp back on H\*VMI property, post construction. We have an office, basketball court and paved pathways to support H\*C Day Camp this year as well!

### Handi\*Camp Schedule

#### **Staff Orientation**

**March 1–3 or May 31–June 2** (*attendance at ONE of these weekends is required for ALL staff*)

**June 3–5:** Challenger Session 1

**June 6–8:** Challenger Session 2

**June 10–12:** Challenger Session 3

**June 17–19:** Explorer Gals

**June 20–22:** Explorer Guys

**June 24–26:** Voyagers

**July 1–3:** Adventurers

**July 4–6:** Seekers & Discoverers

**July 8–10:** Conquerors & YABC

## Property Project Progression

### **H\*VMI Office Complete!**

December  
2022



February  
2023

May  
2023



July  
2023

September  
2023



### PRAYER REQUESTS

- PRAY for Leah as Retreat/Camp approaches and her ministry workload increases.
- PRAY for the kiddos: Hannah is 10, Saul is 7 and Simeon is 6. Please pray for them to continue to build a good foundation of faith.
- PRAY for the property project fundraising. We are grateful for what God has done and also eager for the next step.