The Center for Courageous Kids Receives Grant from Kosair for Kids to Enhance Camper Experiences

New Dining Hall sound system improves accessibility, safety and opportunities for campers to shine on stage

SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (Nov. 16, 2026) – The Center for Courageous Kids (CCK), a nonprofit medical camp dedicated to empowering children with disabilities and lifelong illnesses, has received a $57,000 grant from Kosair for Kids, a nonprofit organization based in Louisville, Kentucky that supports children's health and well-being through funding for healthcare, research, education and child advocacy. The grant will fund a new sound system in its main Dining Hall, enhancing accessibility, safety and engagement for campers and their families. The Dining Hall serves as a central gathering place at CCK, hosting daily meals, announcements, special events and the beloved weekly Stage Night, where campers have the opportunity to showcase their talents in front of their peers. The newly installed sound system replaces equipment that was more than 20 years old and provides clearer, more consistent audio throughout the large, high-ceilinged space.

"Stage Night is one of the most special experiences we offer at camp because it gives every camper the opportunity to step into the spotlight and be celebrated for exactly who they are," said Brittany Ransom-Doss, camp director at The Center for Courageous Kids. "Whether a camper is singing, telling a joke, dancing or simply finding the courage to speak into a microphone, those moments can have a lasting impact on their confidence. Thanks to Kosair for Kids, we can make sure their voices are heard and that every camper has the opportunity to fully participate in these unforgettable experiences."

The $57,000 investment funded new speakers, microphones, audio mixing equipment, professional installation and staff training. Designed to accommodate the unique acoustics of the Dining Hall, the upgraded system supports campers with a wide range of physical, cognitive and sensory needs, including those who use adaptive communication devices or require additional accommodations to participate in group activities. Beyond Stage Night, the new system improves daily camp operations by providing clearer announcements, instructions and emergency communications. It also enhances inclusive programming during meals, movie nights, talent shows and other activities that bring the camp community together.

Through the generosity of Kosair for Kids, CCK has strengthened one of its most frequently used gathering spaces, creating more opportunities for campers to build confidence, gain independence and connect with their peers. The project reflects CCK's ongoing commitment to providing fun, safe and accessible camp experiences where every camper has a place to belong.

About The Center for Courageous Kids

Opened in 2008, The Center for Courageous Kids (CCK) is a not-for-profit medical camp located in Scottsville, Kentucky, offering specialized recreational programs for children with disabilities and lifelong illnesses at no cost to their families. The 168-acre camp hosts nine weeklong summer camp sessions, as well as family weekend retreats in the spring and fall. Through fun, safe and accessible experiences, CCK creates a place of belonging where campers build confidence, gain independence and make lasting friendships. Since opening, CCK has served more than 46,000 campers from 46 states and 13 countries, representing more than 100 medical diagnoses. For more information, visit www.courageouskids.org.