

My legacy group chose to volunteer at Camp New Hope for our legacy project. Camp New Hope is located at 1364 County Road 100 East, Neoga, IL. Camp New Hope hosts summer camps and respite weekends for individuals eight and over with special needs. Camp New Hope provides respite care for the campers giving their families or caregivers a week or weekend break from care-giving responsibilities. Camp New Hope allows special needs campers to experience everyday activities adapted to each individual's needs.

Volunteers built Camp New Hope. There are many volunteer opportunities at Camp New Hope. Camp New Hope is always accepting applications for volunteer counselors for the summer camps and respite weekends. Camp New Hope is also in need of nurses to help assist with check-ins throughout the week/weekends.

While volunteering at Camp New Hope, our group performed various activities. My legacy group and I provided respite care by helping the campers get dressed in the mornings and evenings, toileting, and feedings. We cooked scrambled eggs and cinnamon rolls for the campers in the morning. We spent the rest of the time playing or participating in activities with the campers. We watched movies, played card and board games, basketball, table hockey, and played with play-doh. It was a wonderful experience to volunteer at Camp New Hope. They have a fantastic facility. It made my day to see the campers smiling and having fun.