

**Legacy Project: Camp New Hope**

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Camp New Hope is a non-profit organization in Neoga, Illinois, that provides a summer camp experience for children and young adults with developmental disabilities. The camp offers various activities, including swimming, fishing, arts and crafts, and music. Volunteers can assist with multiple tasks, such as helping with meals, leading activities, and providing companionship to campers. As a volunteer at Camp New Hope during the Hearts of Hope Valentine's Day Party, we worked with the residents and staff to help create a fun and safe environment for everyone.

During the Hearts of Hope Valentine's Day Party, we assisted campers with food distribution, arts and crafts, and various indoor games. We also helped set up and clean up for the event and ensured that each resident felt supported and cared for throughout their visit to the party. Working with the residents at Camp New Hope was an enriching experience. We could see firsthand the camp's impact on the residents' lives as they formed genuine friendships and developed essential life skills. It was also inspiring to work alongside the dedicated staff members committed to making a positive difference in the lives of the campers.

Overall, our volunteer experience at Camp New Hope was an unforgettable experience that taught us the importance of empathy, compassion, and patience. We are grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of such a wonderful organization and look forward to continuing to support its mission in the future.