

# Camp Jake Richard

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## INTRODUCING CAMP JAKE

**RICHARD**, the first summer camp for St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. For the precious orphans of St. Vincent's, Camp Jake Richard will turn a long, hot summer with no family, no school, and no respite from cultural ridicule into a summer to remember.

## ABOUT THE CAMP

Camp Jake Richard is an annual summer camp especially for the disabled children of St. Vincent's. Located at a former monastery on the beach in Montrois, on the northern coast of Haiti, the camp will be held for two, 10-day sessions each summer.

The children of St. Vincent's will travel just 2.5 hours north by bus to reach the camp that is worlds away from their everyday lives in the city.

There they will be greeted by a volunteer staff of counselors with varying backgrounds, chosen for their ability to provide both a fresh and cohesive camp experience.



## ABOUT JAKE RICHARD

Jake Richard is a vibrant teenager with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a rare and progressive disease that involves rapidly worsening muscle weakness. His life expectancy is in his mid teens. The dream of Jake and his family is to provide a fun summer experience for children with handicaps in honor of Jake and his life.



Staff will include interpreters for the deaf, musicians, artists, cooks, crafts-people and mentors to help with the children's physical limitations.

While at camp, the children will be encouraged to express themselves creatively, to let loose physically and emotionally, and to explore life in ways that will broaden their horizons and deepen their self confidence.

Camp Jake Richard is designed to remove physical, mental and emotional barriers, giving the kids the opportunity to engage in:

- Creative arts therapy, such as sculpting, painting, music, sewing and jewelry making, which will be both fun and therapeutic, as well as teach valuable skills to enable career opportunities after graduation.
- Physical, life and social activities, including sports, aquatics, baking, cooking and a special Olympics designed to free them of any physical affliction, impediment or fear.



## Contribute to the Camp

When you send a donation in support of Camp Jake Richard, you do more than send money—you *send hope* to a Haitian child with a disability.

To make a contribution of any amount, please contact:

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## ABOUT THE RED THREAD PROMISE AND ST. VINCENT'S CENTER

The Red Thread Promise works to bring hope and healing to needy and orphaned children by meeting more than just their physical needs.

St. Vincent's Center is a safe haven for children with special needs where they can learn, connect, and grow into happy, healthy, productive adults.

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