



## Supporting Hope: Create a Horizon Club to Help Kids with Cancer and Their Siblings

Are you a high school or college student looking to make a real impact in your community? Create a school club and stand up for a cause that truly matters! The Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (the J) invites you to be a part of our efforts to bring joy, hope, and support to children diagnosed with pediatric cancer and their siblings through our incredible Horizon Day Camp—Metro DC program.

**What is Horizon Day Camp-Metro DC?** Horizon Day Camp includes year-round programming through a six-week day camp, in-hospital programs, and monthly family activities that provide a ray of sunshine in the lives of children aged 3 1/2 to 16 who are facing the challenges of pediatric cancer. Unique to Horizon Day Camp, siblings are also encouraged to attend. Of course, the six-week day camp is filled with fun indoor and outdoor activities, but it's so much more than that. It's a place where kids can be kids, even in the midst of their health battles, and it's available to families around the DC Metro Area free of charge.

**Why Start a School Club?** By starting a school club to support Horizon Day Camp, you can make a lasting impact on the lives of these brave children. Here's why you should get involved:

- 1. Community Connection:** Joining our club connects you with a community of like-minded individuals who are passionate about making a difference. You'll have the opportunity to create lifelong friendships and a network of support while making a tangible impact.
- 2. Service Opportunities:** The Horizon Day Camp program offers various service opportunities. You can volunteer your time, skills, and creativity to bring smiles to the faces of these children. Your involvement can make a significant difference in their lives.
- 3. Fundraising Initiatives:** As a club, you can organize fundraising events, bake sales, or donation drives to support Horizon Day Camp! Your contributions will directly impact children and their families.
- 4. Leadership Development:** Being part of a school club is not just about giving back; it's also an opportunity for personal growth. You'll develop leadership, communication, and organizational skills that will benefit you in college and beyond.



## Getting Involved: How to Start the School Club

1. **Recruit Like-Minded Peers:** Gather a group of passionate individuals who share your commitment to making a difference. You can find allies in your school or college who are eager to get involved.
2. **Contact Us:** Reach out and express your interest in starting a school club. We can provide guidance, resources, and collaboration opportunities.
3. **Plan Your Club Activities:** Brainstorm the activities and events you want to organize to support Horizon Day Camp. These could include volunteering, fundraising, awareness campaigns, and more.
4. **Spread the Word:** Promote your club within your school or college community. Utilize social media, posters, and word-of-mouth to attract members and supporters.
5. **Stay Committed:** The key to making a lasting impact is dedication. Stay committed to your cause, and don't be discouraged by challenges. The families you're supporting will be grateful for your unwavering commitment.

Starting a school club to support Horizon Day Camp is a powerful way to make a difference and bring hope, happiness, and support to those who need it most. Your actions can help raise funds and bring awareness and hope to your community. By taking these steps, you and your fellow students can truly create a lasting impact.

**Unable or Prefer Not to Start a Club?** You can still make a significant impact as individuals or as an informal group. Additionally, many schools often have existing service clubs that are dedicated to making a positive difference in their communities. If this is the case, we encourage you to explore the possibility of collaborating with or joining such clubs within your school. You might find that Horizon Day Camp could become one of their projects.

We believe that there are various avenues for involvement, and we appreciate every effort, big or small, to support Horizon Day Camp and the children we serve. Let's make the world a brighter place together!

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