

A LOVING MEMORIAL

The Ann Kuhn Endowed Campership Fund

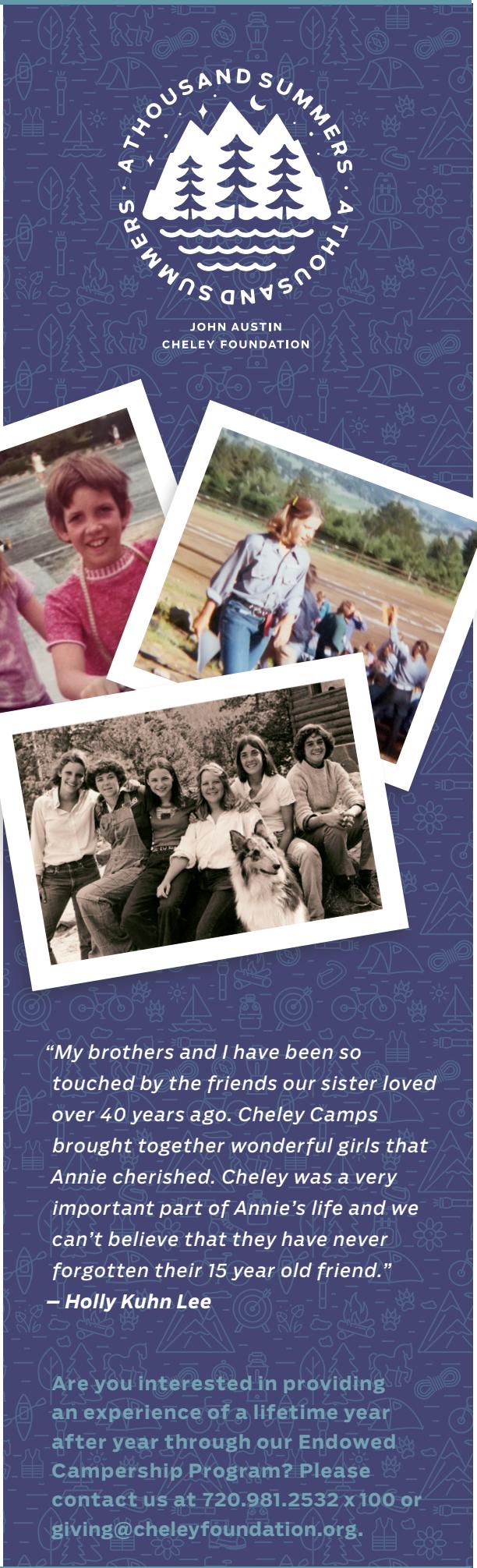
When my sister Annie Kuhn and I were young, I remember one day playing together in our backyard, as we often did. We were lying on the grass looking at the clouds and wondering what we would do once we got to heaven. In our youthful wisdom we determined we would be watching the movies of our lives with everyone else. We talked about all the wonderful things that we hoped would be in our movies, but wanted to be on the safe side and decided to start dancing and doing cartwheels across the yard to “spice things up.”

I think of that moment from time-to-time, probably because of how much it reflects Annie. Her love of the outdoors. Her thoughtfulness. Her sense of humor. Her deep friendship. Sometimes I wonder what Annie would be like as a 57-year old sister and always reach the same conclusion... she would be the same smart, funny, athletic and kind person today as she was then!

We grew up with two brothers in our household and had parents that firmly believed in exposing us to more than just what was outside our own back yard. They encouraged each of us to choose a summer camp in another state where we would attend for multiple summers. I went to Wisconsin, Annie to Cheley in Colorado. She loved it there. She met new friends, learned to do new things and tried new sports. Annie developed a wonderful group of close friends at Cheley that she talked about through the entire year and always looked forward to reuniting with summer after summer.

I still miss my sister and have had countless things I've wanted to share with Annie over the years; like that my daughter has her eyes, her name and her love of horses. Annie would love that. I also know Annie would love that Cheley Camps continue to this day and that her friends from Cheley still remember her fondly. She would be so honored to learn that her camp buddies came together after all these years to fund a campership in her name.

The day I see Annie in heaven will be amazing. I will have so many things to tell her, and I think we'll get a good laugh that life didn't turn out to be as boring after all. I also can't wait to tell her about all her friends at Cheley Camps and the Ann Kuhn Endowed Campership and how the relationships she made there were with everlasting, true friends. - Holly Kuhn Lee



“My brothers and I have been so touched by the friends our sister loved over 40 years ago. Cheley Camps brought together wonderful girls that Annie cherished. Cheley was a very important part of Annie’s life and we can’t believe that they have never forgotten their 15 year old friend.”

— Holly Kuhn Lee

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