

After the Saturday night pajama dinner, the campers participated in a tea lighting ceremony. Paper tea lights were passed out and lit under the stars. The idea was to send messages of light



out into the universe to those they love and have loved. “It was really a moment of coming together and sharing love and light,” Ikovic added. “It took on a life of its own and was a beautiful moment. Everyone came together and formed a heart without prompting. It was like a giant Light Brite.” The tea lighting ceremony was followed by a campfire with s’mores, dancing and playing games. The magical evening ended with the

campers gazing up into the night sky watching shooting stars under the Milky Way.

“I am so grateful to have worked with a dedicated team of ‘Glamp Counselors’ who committed their time and who believed in it,” Ikovic shared. “There was a lot of coordination that went into making this happen and making it successful. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated their time and funds. This would not have been a success without them. The Common Thread for the Cure helped me at a dark time. To be able to pay it forward while also bringing a community together to share in the outdoors and wellness practices while fundraising and spreading awareness was an incredible experience. We look forward to doing it again next year.”

Ikovic and her team would like to recognize the sponsors who made the weekend’s success possible: [Bentley](#), [Clune Construction](#), [Crossville, Inc<sup>®</sup>](#), [Haworth](#), [Interface/Nora<sup>®</sup>](#), [Light Build Design](#), [Matter Surfaces](#), [Patcraft<sup>®</sup>](#), [SitOnIt Seating<sup>®</sup>](#), [SCI Lighting](#), and [Unisource Solutions](#). Plus, a big shout out to our chef Chuck Romanus at The Angry Vegan, [Erva Matte Brew Co](#), [Duck Hunter from 1849 Wine Co](#).

The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation, founded in 2000, supports individuals fighting breast cancer who are affiliated with the furnishings and design industries by offering financial assistance through confidential Grants. The grants aid breast cancer patients and their families in areas where insurance does not apply. For example, a grant can be used to meet financial obligations, household needs and transportation to medical appointments. The intent of the grants is to enhance the quality of life for those who have breast cancer enabling them to maintain as normal a lifestyle as possible while they are confronting the disease. To date, the foundation has raised over \$1 million to provide grants to individuals throughout North America.

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**About The Common Thread for the Cure:**

A 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, The Common Thread for the Cure Foundation was established in 2000 by Suzann Burkhead-Bray and Scott Burkhead in memory of their sister, Sandra Burkhead Campbell, who lost her long-term battle with breast cancer in February 1999. The organization has awarded more than 300 Grants to recipients in 30 states, Canada, and Mexico—and the number is increasing each year. Raise your hand and join us.

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