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**THE ST. JOE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS \$11,200  
TO PROVIDE AREA CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH  
NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES A CAMP EXPERIENCE**

**WATERSOUND, Fla. (March 10, 2014)** -- The St Joe Community Foundation has provided a \$11,200 grant to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) to enable 14 children diagnosed with neuromuscular diseases from Bay and Walton Counties to attend camp for a week this summer. Each year, the MDA provides a week-long camp experience for children diagnosed with neuromuscular diseases across the country; the children from Bay and Walton counties will attend Camp Suwanee in Dowling, Fla. The MDA camp program offers a wide range of activities specially designed for youngsters who have limited mobility or use wheelchairs.

“With The St. Joe Community Foundation’s contribution, we are able to send the children and their parents to Camp Suwanee for a week,” says Lisa Heil, MDA Executive Director. “We have found that the camp experience provides an opportunity for the kids to develop new friendships and helps build self-confidence.”

“The Foundation is pleased to enable 14 children to go to summer camp; however, we would like to provide funding for additional Bay and Walton County children diagnosed with neuromuscular diseases to attend,” says Janet Greeno, Executive Director for The St Joe Community Foundation. “We are trying to spread the word that the MDA offers this wonderful camp program for children in our area.”

To receive more information about the MDA camp for children in the Bay and Walton Counties, contact Lauren Donoho, 904-296-7434.

**About the St. Joe Community Foundation**

Since its inception, the St. Joe Community Foundation (STJCF) has provided more than \$17 million in grants to improve the quality of life in the communities it serves. STJCF provides charitable grants primarily in Bay and Walton Counties that embrace the arts, strengthen education, protect the environment and improve healthcare. These efforts help build healthy, caring, long-lived communities. For more information, visit [www.stjcf.com](http://www.stjcf.com).

**About the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)**

Since its founding in 1950, MDA has become one of the nation's largest and best-known nonprofit voluntary health agencies. MDA provides comprehensive medical services to people with muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases at 200 medical clinics across the country. The Association's worldwide research program, which funds more than 250 scientific investigations annually, represents the single-largest effort to advance knowledge of muscle diseases, and find cures and treatments.

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