

Jill's House Lake Arrowhead Launches in Southern California Jill's House grows to serve children across the country.

As part of our mission to serve as many families as possible, Jill's House Lake Arrowhead, located in Southern California, launched the weekend of June 21-22 with volunteer support from interns at Joni and Friends.

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"We were blessed to serve children with intellectual disabilities, as well as some of their typical siblings," said Ashlyn Gruss, local program supervisor for Jill's House Lake Arrowhead. "All of the children did low ropes courses, had a campfire, and enjoyed water activities, and some of them even climbed a rock wall. But the coolest thing was how the kids and their siblings encouraged each

other to succeed. Two little boys with autism were playing the piano, and one thought he messed up. The other encouraged him on, saying 'Don't give up! You can do anything you put your mind to.'"



We always love hearing feedback from the families we serve, and the following email message says it best:

"It meant so much to our kids to be able to go to camp and feel like ordinary kids. They both LOVED every minute! Our son said he didn't miss us at all (we knew he wouldn't). To know that they were unconditionally loved and accepted, in spite of all their needs, and to know that everyone there knew how to care for them, was amazing for us, as parents."

"Because we don't have Christian family members, it was so nice to be able to entrust them to you, knowing that they were being spiritually and physically cared for by strong believers. Thank you so much for the chapel time and for the unparalleled love and patience. It was as if God, Himself, wrapped His arms around our children for a weekend. You are all so amazing."

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