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# Children with Autism benefit from the iMatter Surf Camp

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Four years ago, Community Options, a national nonprofit organization that has been developing supports for people with developmental disabilities since 1989, started the iMatter Surf Camp for Children with Autism. The first one-day, free camp was held at Cupsogue Beach in Westhampton, New York. The first camp had 22 children participate. The camp was so successful that each subsequent year the camp has been held, it has significantly grown. In 2009, the camp had over 300 people participate from all over the country.

On Saturday, August 14, 2010 over 400 children, families and friends came out to support the iMatter Surf Camp that took place at Cupsogue Beach in Westhampton.

"Without a doubt, this year's camp was our most well attended and most successful," says, Jessica Guberman, Executive Director of Community Options and founder of the iMatter Surf Camp.

This year's camp was dedicated to Kristen Bednar, the lead female volunteer of the camp who passed away in January 2010.

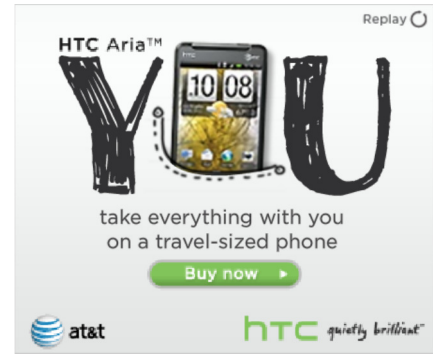
"Everything we did on Saturday and continue to do for the camp will always be in Kristen's honor and memory," says Guberman. "Kristen was with all of us on Saturday and it is because of her that the kids had such a great time."

The camp has become so popular that businesses all across the country have jumped on board to become sponsors. This year, the camp has received support from thirteen businesses. Sponsors were:

- Cancos Tile
- O'Brien Drywall Unlimited, Inc.
- Birch Lane Elementary School
- Global Surf Industries
- LIParentSource.com
- Carolina Pad
- Boogie Wipes
- Episencial
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- Dynamic Drape and Decor

"We are so proud of the iMatter Surf Camp and what it has become," says, Robert Stack, President and CEO of Community Options. Stack indicates that the camp has taken on a life of its own and that people are incredibly pleased with the day they are offered to have their children positively included in their community and with their peers.

"Global Surf Industries is very proud to be able to support iMatter



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