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**Summer Camp Puts Focus on Siblings of Pediatric Cancer Patients**

*Any Baby Can Sends 55 Austin-area Children to Camp Grey Dove*

**AUSTIN, TX, June 5, 2017** – On Monday, June 5, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, Any Baby Can will host, at 6207 Sheridan Avenue, a sendoff for 55 campers ages 7 – 14 to Camp Grey Dove, a free week-long summer camp retreat in Killeen. These campers all have one thing in common: they have had a sibling diagnosed with cancer.

The Camp Grey Dove Sendoff Party will include registration, games for campers, and loading the bus for the trip to Killeen. Any Baby Can staff, composed of licensed social workers, will accompany the campers, along with counselors, on the week-long journey.

“When a child is diagnosed with cancer, it affects the entire family,” says Any Baby Can President and CEO Andy Miller. “Camp Grey Dove allows for a special, positive focus to be placed on the siblings of the child with cancer.”

Nearly 1,200 children and adolescents under age 20 are diagnosed with cancer in Texas each year. Battling this disease impacts not only the patient, but the entire family. Any Baby Can offers Camp Grey Dove to allow siblings the opportunity to process emotions and learn coping skills, while fostering fun and friendship in a summer camp setting.

Camp Grey Dove is specifically designed for siblings of children who have been enrolled in the Any Baby Can Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Program, and are ages 7 - 14. Their affected siblings may have cancer, be in remission, or have passed away.

Camp Grey Dove is provided free-of-charge for families, many of whom are coping with medical bills and financial needs that would otherwise make camp unattainable.

**About Any Baby Can**

Any Baby Can helps parents raise healthy and happy children by strengthening them through education, therapy and family support services. Services are provided through home-visitation programs, community classes and support groups.

Clients come to Any Baby Can from a variety of referral sources, including other social service agencies, Neonatal Intensive Care Units, pediatricians, hospitals, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Clinics, school nurses, teachers, family members and friends. For more information, please visit [www.anybabycan.org](http://www.anybabycan.org).

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