

I AM A KODA...

...KODA MEANS KIDS OF DEAF ADULTS...MY PARENTS ARE DEAF.

"She told me that I was a KODA, and that was all I needed to hear. I had a name for my 'in between'. I had an identity. I was born to a Deaf couple, and my ears could hear--I was born again at the age of 15--'KODA'". Vanessa M., Camp Counselor

Dear _____,

As you know my parent/s are deaf and I am hearing. There is a name for kids like me – we are considered KODAs – Kids of Deaf Adults. I am so excited to know that there is a very unique summer camp for people like me! KODAWest is hosting their *10th Annual KODAWest Camp* from July 21-27, 2016, at *The Catalina Experience™* facilities on Catalina Island. This camp will help children like me understand our bi-cultural identities and help us to embrace both of our worlds, the hearing and the deaf, as well as teach us a great deal about aquatics, marine biology, oceanography and astronomy. If you would like to donate towards my camp tuition to help send me to Catalina Island this summer, I would forever be grateful. Your gift of giving in any amount would know no bounds!

Yours truly, _____

K O D A W E S T ' S M I S S I O N S T A T E M E N T

KODAWest is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization which serves hearing children with parent/s who are deaf. Their mission is to bring these KODAs (Kids Of Deaf Adults) together in a support/peer group type of environment, such as camps and cultural enrichment programs. With this unique fellowship, these children will gain confidence and wisdom which will help them develop a better understanding of, and ability to embrace their two worlds: the hearing and the deaf. This organization also aims to provide resources and support workshops to deaf parents who face common issues while raising their KODAs.

Yes!! We would be *honored* to help you go to camp!

Donor Name: _____ Name of Child: _____
Address: _____ Amount of Donation: \$ _____
City/State/Zip: _____ E-mail Address (optional): _____

All donations (checks or money orders only) need to be paid directly to KODAWest. Please complete and mail the bottom portion of this letter to the address below. KODAWest will inform the camper's parent/guardian of all contributions toward their fees. All donations are tax-deductible.