

# 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 **KODA** – 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 *15<sup>th</sup> Annual KODAWest Camp* from July 2 - 8, 2023, at the YMCA *Camp Oakes* in Big Bear, California. 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 nature, the outdoors, and team building skills. If you would like to donate towards my camp tuition to help send me to KODAWest Camp this summer, I would be forever 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Donations (checks or money orders) need to be paid directly to KODAWest. Please complete and mail the bottom portion of this letter to the address below. PayPal donations accepted (a 2.89% service fee plus a .49 cent transaction fee will be added to your donation.) [www.kodawest.org/yes-we-want-to-help](http://www.kodawest.org/yes-we-want-to-help)  
KODAWest will inform the camper's parent/guardian of all contributions toward their fees. All donations are tax-deductible.