



## **"CHANGE" THE LIFE OF A HERO**

### **DONATE YOUR LOOSE CHANGE TO HELP SUPPORT JCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

GIBORIM, meaning "Heroes," is a special needs camp serving over 100 children and young adults between the ages of 3 to 21. The word "hero" can mean many things to many people, but to the staff and families of Giborim, the word hero means to have the courage and strength to try new things without giving up.

On March 30, 1999 my wife Heidi and I met two heroes of our own when our identical twin sons were brought into the world over two months prematurely. Shawn and Evan showed us the meaning of courage as we watched each fight for life and beat all of the medical odds to survive. Tragically, when he was only nine months old, Evan's life was cut short during an afternoon nap on January 4, 2000. Evan passed away due to unknown causes referred to as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Evan was and is our hero.

During this difficult time, we were touched by the tremendous support shown to us by family, friends and the Jewish community. Shortly after Evan's death, the David Posnack Jewish Community Center created the *Evan Reed Dermer Scholarship Fund* in honor of Evan's memory. The monies raised by the fund are used to provide assistance to families by helping offset the financial cost of programs including camp. During the last two years over \$1,000 was raised.

This year, we are hopeful that together we can beat our record from last year so we may make an even greater difference in the lives of others. I am asking families to donate their loose change for the *Evan Reed Dermer Scholarship Fund*. The staff and I will collect your change during morning and afternoon carpool during the fourth week of camp. My goal is to join together in a worthwhile project that will take only moments of your time, but will allow you the opportunity to benefit some of our heroes.

Thank you,  
Scott Dermer, Giborim Director

If you prefer to donate by writing a check, please make it payable to: DPJCC