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**Charisma Fund/Lucy R. Sprague Memorial**  
**SUMMER CAMP SPONSOR**

This will be the 22nd year Children's Place Association has provided a safe, fun and hopeful experience for youth affected by HIV/AIDS through our summer day camp. And the Charisma Fund/Lucy R. Sprague Memorial has been the camp's major financial supporter for most of that history.

The Fund has contributed more than \$225,000 over the years, enabling hundreds of vulnerable children to overcome challenges so they can build healthy, productive lives.

The program is named the Lucy R. Sprague Summer Camp in honor of this enduring commitment and in memory of a young woman who was focused on helping those in need.

A student at Chicago's John Marshall School of Law in 1996, Lucy Sprague was passionate about public service and championing the rights of women, minorities and the indigent. She wanted to be a public defender or work in a similar field serving impoverished people.

But Lucy's plans to help make the world a better place were cut tragically short when she was murdered in her Chicago apartment. A janitor from the building was arrested. In 1998, her family created a charitable fund from a settlement with the owners of the apartment building.

"The Fund has allowed us to do a lot of the things Lucy was interested in," says Lucy's mother, Lee Sprague. Lucy actively supported many causes including the arts, conservation and programs helping children. "It's mitigated her loss, carrying on what she wanted to do," Lee adds.

Children's Place is proud to carry that legacy forward. Our unique program is Chicago's only summer day camp for youth affected by HIV. Camp provides a nurturing environment where kids get support from peers and staff while they learn and have fun in a safe, nurturing environment.

Our thanks to the Charisma Fund and the Sprague Family for this continuing investment in the future of young people.

Photo: Our summer camp is named in memory of Lucy R. Sprague, a law student murdered in Chicago in 1996. Lucy's parents, Lee and George Sprague, created the Charisma Fund to support charitable causes that were important to her.

