

Name of Charity: Youth Rally Committee, Incorporated

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The New England Region of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses (WOCN) is looking to **YOU** to help us to support a silent auction held at our conference in the fall each year for the Youth Rally Camp. This year the auction is being held October 20-21, 2023.

The slogan for Youth Rally is "You are not alone." Youth Rally is an organization that runs a camp specifically for children 11-17 years old who suffer from bowel and bladder dysfunction. As we have all experienced, being a teenager is challenging. Being a teenager with an ostomy, inflammatory bowel diseases like Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis or fecal and urinary incontinence presents a different kind of challenge.

For 40+ years, the New England WOCN have sponsored/supported adolescents to attend this 5-night, one-of-a-kind experience.



Youth Rally allows teens to be in a safe structured environment where they are free to share their fears and feelings without the worry of embarrassment or criticism from their peers. Campers are provided with education, socialization, emotional support and a great life changing experience. The cost for camp is around \$1000 per camper including transportation.

Medical conditions such as these can cause not only physical but emotional and financial hardship to families. We ask you to *please* consider our request for financial support in the form of gift cards, merchandise, and/or monetary donations for the silent auction. All funds go *directly* to support Youth Rally

WE APPRECIATE YOU! The New England Region and OUR adolescents THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

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