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The Joey DiPaolo AIDS Foundation, Inc. (JDAF) is a non-profit organization established in 1996. **Camp TLC- Teens Living a Challenge** is a residential summer camp program for teens living with HIV and AIDS that is offered by JDAF. Camp TLC was created to address the many challenges of being a teenager and living with HIV/AIDS. We target adolescents between the ages of 13 - 19. ALL staff is on a volunteer basis with professionals in medical, psychological, health education, film, theater, art and entertainment industry. Food, lodging and transportation are provided at no cost to the campers.

Joey DiPaolo had undergone open-heart surgery on May 23, 1984, at the age of four. During the surgery he was transfused with HIV contaminated blood and become infected with the virus. He was diagnosed with AIDS in 1988. At that time, the doctor told DiPaolo that he had one year to live, and suggested that the family to not tell anyone. DiPaolo has been involved in AIDS education since he went public with his disease in September 1990, and plans to continue to bring his message to students of all ages, for as long as needed. His goal is to empower other teens with HIV/AIDS to do the same.

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