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Agency Name: Jewish Community Center of Binghamton, Inc.

Program Name: Summer Day Camp

Program Success Story:

Two children, brother Kiki, age 12, and sister Valentina, age 7, who lost both of their parents in the American Civic Association tragedy were contacted by the Jewish Community Center and invited to attend our Summer Day Camp for the six week session, free of charge. We also invited their older cousin Robertson, age 13, (also at no charge) to attend our camp to help aid Kiki and Valentine in this transition to a new place during such a difficult time in their young lives. This year we look forward to all three returning to our camp, the cousin now working for us as a junior counselor.

Leah L's family was devastated by flooding in 2006 (when she was 6 years old) and came to the Jewish Community Center with only the shirt on her back. The JCC gathered clothing and toys from our families within and offered her a safe haven to enjoy her summer and continue to come to Kids Connection School Age Child Care throughout the school year. Because Leah's mom is single and has a major responsibility to her son who has several disabilities, Leah often does not receive as much time and attention from her mother. The family is also affected by the long-term financial devastation caused by the flooding so we have provided financial aid to Leah as she continues to attend our Summer Camp and Kids Connection at a reduced fee.