



## **UUMAC Announces Zoë Falkenberg Memorial Fund**

A program of subsidies to encourage grandparent-grandchild participation in UUMAC has been announced by UUMAC Board. The subsidies will come from the Zoë Falkenberg Memorial Fund, contributions made in memory of a child who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Here is a description of the program in the words of Benjamin Barrows, 12 when he wrote these words, a contemporary of Zoë's and a UUMAC regular:

“Zoë Falkenberg loved her grandparents, and her grandparents loved her. So in 2001, when she was 9, they brought her with them to UUMAC, the Unitarian Universalist Mid-Atlantic Community. Zoë had an extremely good time at UUMAC. She made friends, went rafting – she just really enjoyed her time at UUMAC, as most people do. Zoë loved UUMAC.

“Sadly, Zoë did not get the chance to return. The following month, on September 11, she, her little sister and her parents were on one of the planes hijacked and crashed by terrorists. In her name, the people of UUMAC developed a memorial fund, and now we are using it to honor the love that Zoë and her grandparents shared, and that so many other grandparents and grandchildren share in our annual weeklong community.

“To encourage grandparents to bring their grandchildren to UUMAC, or grandchildren to bring their grandparents, subsidies are available from the Zoë Falkenberg Memorial Fund. UUMAC is a great opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren to be together. Many have discovered that. We hope to see a lot more, thanks to this fund.

“UUMAC, held near Allentown, PA, is a chance for Unitarian Universalists to meet and share beliefs. After more than 20 years, UUMAC has held strong as an event that welcomes all. For some, it's a chance to make friends and become part of a nurturing community. For others, it's an escape from life's stresses. It's a chance to do what you normally don't do, like rafting or biking with other UUs, or learning Yoga. And it offers intellectual as well spiritual stimulation.

“So if you know grandparents and grandchildren who would enjoy UUMAC, tell them about the Zoë Falkenberg Memorial Fund.”

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