



Summer 2012

CAMP DREAMCATCHER NEWS

YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WHOSE
LIVES HAVE BEEN TOUCHED BY HIV/AIDS

Greetings:

Time flies when we are gearing up for the camp session!! As I write this, our week is full with 130 children and adolescents registered for our program and 14 counselors in our young adult program. The young adult program is comprised of HIV/AIDS impacted counselors between the ages of 18-24. One of our goals this year was to increase the number of “new” campers and we have accomplished that goal, more than doubling the number of children attending the session for the first time to a total of 46. New programs this year will include a mindfulness meditation program, a domestic violence prevention program and a visit from our animal friends from the “Paws and Claws Pet Store” in Kennett Square. Our “Leaders in Training” will provide an HIV/AIDS outreach program to the Garage Youth Center during the camp week.

We recently conducted our training for new counselors and included in the training were a couple of campers who will transition into the counselor role this year. One of the young women talked about the impact that Camp Dreamcatcher has had on her life thus far and stated “There is no judgment at Camp Dreamcatcher. I can be myself and I don’t have to keep HIV/AIDS a secret. I am accepted and loved for who I am”. She described all of the years that she had been coming to camp, starting as a little girl, and now attending the camp as a counselor and she is looking forward to having the opportunity to give back to the campers. One of the most rewarding experiences for me is to see the campers move up into the roles of Leaders in Training, Counselors in Training, Junior Counselors and Counselors. They can relate to the campers in ways that I cannot, as they have been in their shoes, and they know what it is like to come to camp for the first time and to experience the nervousness of the first day and the relief of letting go of their secrets. I am proud of each of them and also grateful that we continue to surround them with support as they move into adulthood. I am looking forward to seeing them at our upcoming “Catching the Dream” retreat for young adults.

2011 was an amazing year for us. Thanks to all of you, we were able to eliminate our deficit and transition into 2012 with confidence. The list of names in this newsletter increases every year and I am touched by the support that you have given to the children served by Camp Dreamcatcher. Unfortunately, the number of children in need of our programs continues to increase and we already have a waiting list for the camp week. I would love to be able to serve all of the children on our waiting list, but I cannot accomplish this goal without your help. The cost to sponsor a camper for the 2012 session is \$480 and I hope you will consider making a donation this year in support of Camp Dreamcatcher.

I say this every year and I hope this year you will accept my invitation to visit us during the camp session. The week is August 12th – 18th at the Westtown School in West Chester, PA. Give me a call at the office at 610-925-2998 or email me at campdreamcatcher@kennett.net to set up a time to visit us at camp.

With deep appreciation,

Patty Hillkirk

Spring 2012 Fundraising Events



Immaculata Empty Bowls Dinner: This event, along with the Shoot for the Dream event raised \$1,145 to support Camp Dreamcatcher.



Ginny Fineberg, Camp Dreamcatcher Board President, and Brealey, our canine therapist, accepting the \$10,000 Gildan Stewardship Award. An additional \$4,650 was raised through the Gildan Good Card (Network for Good) Campaign.



Left - KDR Charity Golf Tournament: Pictured in the photo from left to right are: Erin Quinn, Nikki Demech, Chantal Whitehead and Rick Lisacki. The event raised \$1,800 for Camp Dreamcatcher.

Would you like to make a donation in honor of one of our wonderful counselors? The 2012 COUNSELOR CHALLENGE HAS STARTED! Last year, the counselors raised \$20,400, which sponsored 48 campers for the camp session. We hope to beat that record this year and you can make a donation using paypal at www.campdreamcatcher.org or mail a donation to 617 West South Street, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Please note the counselor's name when making a donation in either the paypal "purpose" section or the memo portion of your check.

The following groups and individuals held fundraising events to support Camp Dreamcatcher in 2011/2012 – Thank you for your efforts!

- Camp Dreamcatcher Counselor Challenge
- Gildan Stewardship "I Support...." Contest (Network for Good)
- Groupon G-Team Campaign
- John Flynn Holiday Concert
- John Flynn House Concert
- Kennett Lions Club Fright Feast
- Immaculata University's Empty Bowls Dinner
- Immaculata University's Shoot for the Dreams Event
- KDR Charity Golf Tournament
- The AIDS Walk
- "Tiny Tears" screenings for World AIDS Day were held at Eastern Nazarene College, Fontbonne University, New York Independent Film Festival and West Chester University
- West Chester University Greek Events



Right - West Chester University Greek Week Games: The WCU greek community raised \$15,000 to support Camp Dreamcatcher.

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This photo is of Bronwyn Martin and Patty Hillkirk at the West Chester University's Women in Leadership and Service Event. Patty was the first recipient of the Woman of the Year Award and she was nominated by Bronwyn Martin.

The West Chester University Woman of the Year honor is awarded for distinguished and exceptional achievements in professional and/or volunteer activities that have positively impacted girls and women. The event raised over \$8,000 to support the WCU's Women in Leadership and Service Endowment for Student Scholarships.

Upcoming Events

August 11th & 12th: Counselor Training at the Westtown School

August 12th – 18th: CAMP SESSION AT THE WESTTOWN SCHOOL

Fall: Teen Leadership Retreat

October 20th: Kennett Lions Club Fright Feast at Northbrook Marketplace

November & December: Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program

September-December: HIV/AIDS Education and Outreach

2011 Financial Information

Income:

Individuals/Businesses:	\$63,092
PA State Food Reimbursement:	\$4,813
Foundations/Grants:	\$162,230
United Ways:	\$11,042
Fundraising Events:	\$87,006
Total:	\$328,183

Expense:

Program Services:	\$205,388
General and Administrative:	\$32,437
Fundraising:	\$38,660
Total:	\$276,485
Change in Net Assets:	\$51,698

New Faces at Camp Dreamcatcher

My name is Emmalee Bierly, I am the camp intern from Penn State University. I started my internship at Camp Dreamcatcher on May 14th and my responsibilities include preparing for the camp week, assisting in the Counselor Training, co-facilitating group sessions, planning the “Catching the Dream” young adult retreat and coordinating the general volunteers for the camp session. I will begin my graduate degree in September at Thomas Jefferson and I am so excited to be spending my summer with Camp Dreamcatcher!

My name is Chantal Whitehead and I am the new Program Director. I started with Camp Dreamcatcher last December! I am originally from Pittsburgh and received my undergraduate degree from West Chester University of Pennsylvania in psychology and then my graduate degree in developmental psychology from the University of Pittsburgh.

One of my goals has been increasing the number of HIV/AIDS outreach and education events in an effort to identify new campers and foster new relationships between Camp Dreamcatcher and collaborating agencies. Thus far, in 2012, we have quadrupled the number of HIV/AIDS outreach programs to agencies and have identified 46 new campers for the session in August. I am so excited to have the opportunity to move back to the area and to join the Camp Dreamcatcher family!

Camp Dreamcatcher would also like to welcome Seth Birch and Erin Quinn as new members of the Camp Dreamcatcher Board of Directors.



The photo has our Penn State Intern, Emmalee Bierly (left) and Chantal Whitehead, our Program Director (right).



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Wish List

- Transportation service for camp week, flashlights and batteries, backpacks, toiletries, first-aid supplies, towels, and washcloths, sheets, pillows and pillowcases.
- Summer clothing for children ages 5-15, especially sneakers, flip-flops, socks, underwear, bathing suits, shorts and pajamas.
- Children's crafts, games, puzzles, chalk.

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