



CAMP DREAMCATCHER NEWS

Winter 2011

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

Dear Friends,

I've spent a lot of time reflecting on what we've accomplished over the past 15 years. Camp Dreamcatcher has served **3,229** HIV/AIDS impacted youth and **3,920** volunteers have offered their hard work, love, time and energy to make a positive impact in the lives of children coping with this devastating disease.

The following is a list of what we have accomplished over the past 15 years:

- We have provided 16 camp sessions and 19 weekend retreats to children and families coping with HIV/AIDS
- We have provided 30 Reunion Events and Support Groups for HIV/AIDS impacted children and their families
- 1,825 children have attended our therapeutic and educational camp sessions
- 1,060 children have attended our weekend retreats, support groups and reunion events
- 360 children have been served through our holiday Adopt-a-Family Program
- 820 counselors have attended our HIV/AIDS & Diversity Training
- HIV/AIDS education and outreach has been provided to 300 schools and community groups, reaching over 10,000 people
- **Total volunteer hours just for the camp sessions since 1996: 127,440**
- **Total volunteer hours for other programs since 1996: 2,245**
- **TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS SINCE INCEPTION: 133,361**

Our accomplishments are a reflection of the commitment of our volunteers. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the love and compassion you provide to the children throughout the year. I also want to thank our counselors for raising \$22,400 through the Counselor Challenge this year, which sponsored 47 children to our camp session in August! We welcomed 127 campers and 253 counselors, medical personnel, professionals and community members volunteered during the camp session. This summer, each camper completed psychological questionnaires and the results illustrate the positive impact of our programs. I want to thank Dr. Dahra Jackson Williams, and the students from La Salle University, for facilitating this important study. Some of the results are included in this newsletter.

The following quote is by Lao Tzu "Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love". I thank you for the unconditional kindness and love you have given to the children served by Camp Dreamcatcher.

Patty Hill Kirk

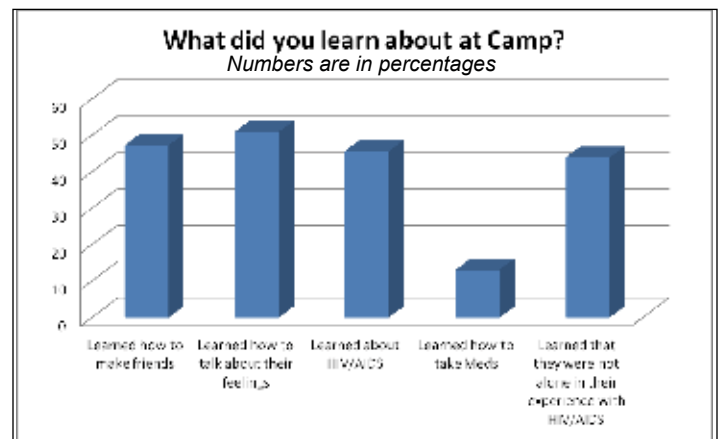
Founder/Executive Director

One Camper's Story

Being seventeen and HIV positive has affected me in so many ways. One way I've learned to deal with being HIV positive was through my friends and family. While growing up, I had a lot of support from a camp called Camp Dreamcatcher. This organization has helped me in many ways on a daily basis with many problems.

Being at camp, I felt safe not only because I knew I was understood there, but also because camp was a place of fun while facing hard times. There were a lot of tears rolling down faces, but at the same time there were a lot of smiles, it helped me to feel at home. Funding camp is very important because I want other campers to be able to have the same experience that I have had there because it is a wonderful one. It's a safe place where you can express yourself and we need funding to continue what good things have happen at camp.

The best part of having Camp Dreamcatcher in my life is that I know that I am always surrounded with loving, caring people. I know that if I need them, they are right there no matter what. Even though being HIV positive is a challenge on a daily basis, Camp Dreamcatcher helps me get through my challenges.



- 88% of the campers said that they find it easier to talk at camp
- 74.5% said there are things they can only talk about at camp
- 99.2% said they made friends at camp
- Is Camp Dreamcatcher Important – **YES – 100%**

Thank You Camp Dreamcatcher® 2011 Volunteers



A camper hangs out with Brealey, our "therapeutic dog"

Village Chiefs

Ali Alstott
Debbie Durham
John Farley
Ginny Fineberg
Jay Garvey
Liz Gower
Scott Hillkirk
Kevin Nolan
Eric Sanborn
Holly Sanborn

Counselor in Training Village Chiefs

Tiffer Burns
Jenny Freeman

Leader in Training Village Chiefs

Aries McGinnis
Cora Welsh

Leader in Training Counselors

Ben Abo
Leila Hanzel
Mark Klucharich
Joanna McGinnis
Jean Marie Pinto
Colleen Throne

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Eli Green
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Georgette Jackson
John Joynar
Tiffani Kinard
Derek Kissinger
Chris Kline
Aubrey Kluyber
Mallory Kohn
Devin Leahy
KJ Lookingbill
Michelle Lozowski
Megan Lyons
Carol Matthews-Nicoli
Justina McEntee
Melissa McShane
Matt McStorvag
Gil Medina

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Susie Narak
Jon Nazareth
Chelsea O'Rourke
Tyler Pahigian
Stephen Pietrzykowski
Ali Redding
Tyty Rochester
Lauren Sacs
Kori Saunders
Dan Schwartz
Erin Secker
Megan Soring
Victoria Spera
Kristin Spirk
Kevin Strickland
Jessica Todd-Marrone
Allen Torres
Flear Vaknin
Marissa Valentine
Jamil Van
Steve Zuccarini

Arts & Crafts

Erica Buckley - Coordinator
Jessica Brown
Christine Brozena
Keelyn Griffin
Leslie Hurley
Susan Myers
Melody Peterson
Stacey Sheftz
Debra Swayne
Towanda Turner
Jacie & Brian Wagner

Health Center Volunteers

Jen Brady
Alysia Bruno, RN
Paula Castrovilla, RN
Dawn Ferry, RN
Nancy Gauthier
Judi Gawlikowski, CRNP
Ted Hewson
Jody Hill, CRNP
Colette Keeney
Marie Kelly-Trailes
Mary Ann Knott-Grasso, CRNP

Joan Lajoie, CRNP
Barbara LaVerghetta, CRNP
Nellie Lazar CRNP
Amy Mahoney
Kathleen Mahoney
Sharon Mallon, RN
Karey McAllister
Lisa Orloff
Marlana Orloff, MD
Natalia Orloff
Sue Poppock
Erin Quinn, CRNP
Dr. Rabah, MD
Sylvia Ryland, RN
Jack Schwartz
Wanda Serdich, RN
Katie Thompson, CRNP
Victoria Trailes
Mike Trio
Adriane Tuttle SN
Mary Vederame, CRNP
Jonathan Zuk
Sue Zuk, CRNP



Robert Corna surprised Bow in Thailand on her 17th birthday

Medical Director

Dr. Raida Rabah, MD

Thank you to Dr. Raida Rabah and "Brandywine Valley Infectious Diseases" for providing medical supplies, volunteers and medical consultations.

Yoga Instructor

Charo Cavello Evangelista

Massage Therapists

Peg Kerr - Program Coordinator
Holly Altomare
Cortiva Institute, King of Prussia
Hope Damanskis
Yolanda Erwin
Joanne Fisher
Lisa Hibbard
Jackie Lamont
Cadence Misiaszek
Fawn Ostriak
Joyce Samango
Kathe Schad

John Seigle
Jake Wasserman
Jim Williams

Special Events & Program Volunteers

Basketball Program
Doug Bland
Shane Rutherford
Jamil Van
Bully Prevention Program
Jay Garvey
Jon Nazareth
Canoe & Fishing Program
Scott Hillkirk
"Celebrate Girls" & "Keepin' it Real"
Lisa Fraser
Michele Krech
John Farley
Scott Hillkirk
Dansko Horse Program
Kim Blevins
Peter Kjellerup

Senior Art Project

Jon Nazareth
Carol Matthews-Nicoli

Therapeutic Staff and Professional Volunteers

Brealey, Canine Therapist
Aileen Bunch, Music Therapist
Jessica Collins
Kirsten Eby
Cindy Fineberg
Natalie Hall, Movement Therapy
Patty Hillkirk, Gestalt Psychotherapist
Lauren Howerdd, Therapist
Brittany Lyman
Christina Marrero, Art Therapist
Megan Perigo, MSW
Kimberly Wesley
Dahra Jackson Williams, Ph.D.

Camp Dreamcatcher's Easy Button

Fred Weiner

Acupuncture & Qigong

Margaret Sheehan

General Volunteers

Suma Biju
Aaron Blythe
Rick Braun
Rebecca Brown-Wojick
Keith Burress
Michael Cangi
David Chopko
Harrison Darman
Jeff Darman
Dawn Doherty & Steve Kohl
Bob Fineberg
Jimmy Frezzo
Thomas Gehrt
Al George
Kim Goodman
Terry Harris
Ron Hollenbeck
Bonnie Korengel
Ralph Lawrence
Robert Listerman
Barrie Litzky
Stephen Lozowski
Amy Mahoney
Robert Merkle
Tyler Mummery
Matthew Munson
Nick, Barb & Frankie Perigo
Katie Perigo
Nancy Pratt
Chris Riviello
Tyty Rochester
Jack Schwartz
Scott Schwartz
Dave Scott
Stacey Sheftz
Dave Thompson
Lee Vannicola
Donna Wells
Scott Wheeler
Andy & Peggy White
Shauna Yeldell



Members of the Kennett Lions Club Morning Branch at the Fright Feast Event. The event raised over \$10,000 for Camp Dreamcatcher and Canine Partners for Life

Camp Dreamcatcher Staff

Executive Director
Patty Hillkirk
Program Director
Valerie Contrisciano
Health Center Director
Patty Hewson, CRNP
Camp Assistant
Megan Perigo
Bookkeeper
Myra Miller

Major In-Kind Donation

Brothers International
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Sandpiper Embroidery

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Tiffer Burns
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MSS/LSW
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Raida Rabah, MD
Susan Smith

It is with a sad heart that we say goodbye to two of our board members, Ken Pienkos and John Farley. We thank them for their years of service on the board and we welcome Erin Quinn and Seth Birch as new board members.

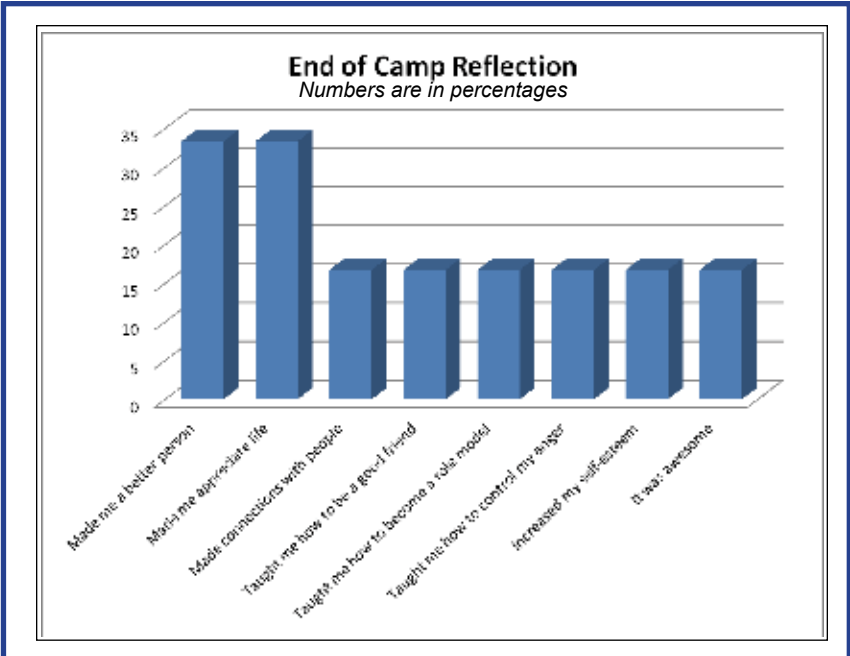
West Chester University Liaisons

Lauren Bolden
Mazal Kuba



Chelsea, the recipient of the "Counselor Spirit Award" and one of the campers

Camp Dreamcatcher welcomes Chantal Whitehead as our new Program Director





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Yes, I would love to help make a child's dream come true!

Enclosed is my donation: \$20 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ \$500 ___
other ___

The amount to sponsor a camper or full-time volunteer for
the camp session is \$471. Enclosed is my gift of ___ to spon-
sor ___ campers/volunteers.

**Please print you name how you would like to be recognized
in our newsletter.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

**Help Camp Dreamcatcher® in our efforts to "go green" by
providing your email address for future mailings.**

Would you like to be listed in our donor newsletter? Yes or No

Please make checks payable to: Camp Dreamcatcher® (or
donate on our website!)

Send to Camp Dreamcatcher® at:
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2011 Fall/Winter Events:

- October 14th: Philadelphia AIDS Walk
- October 22nd: Kennett Lions Fright Feast
- November 19th & 20th: Teen Leadership Retreat
- November 25th: John Flynn's annual Holiday Concert for Camp Dreamcatcher at The PSALM Salon in Philadelphia
- December 1st-5th: "Tiny Tears" Screenings and HIV/AIDS Outreach Events held at 12 venues in honor of World AIDS Day

2012 Spring/Summer Events:

- February 23rd: Immaculata University's Empty Bowl Dinner
- Immaculata University's Shoot for Dreams Event
- West Chester University Greek Fundraising Events
- KDR Charity Golf Tournament
- HIV/AIDS Outreach & Education to schools and community groups
- August 11th & 12th: Counselor Training
- August 12th - 18th: Camp Week at the Westtown School