



# CAMP DREAMCATCHER NEWS

Summer 2014

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

**G**reetings:

Camp Dreamcatcher has moved!! Our new office is located in the heart of Kennett Square in The Market at Liberty Place. I want to thank the fabulous volunteers from The Longwood Rotary for moving our office and camp supplies and Larry and Geoff Bosley for building a wonderful home for us. This spring and summer, we've had interns from West Chester University, Immaculata University, Penn State University and University of Maryland. They are fantastic.

Our Spring Event was held in our new space in May, as was our new counselor training in June. Thanks to our sponsors and guests, the Spring Event raised over \$42,000 to support our programs. We are grateful for the delicious food provided by The Market at Liberty Place vendors. The list of financial and in-kind donors increases each year and my heart is full of gratitude for each and every person, business, group/organization and foundation for choosing to support Camp Dreamcatcher. We are gearing up for our camp session and already have 110 children registered for an action packed week of camp. New programs will include a magic show, Zumba classes, a visit from the Hedgerow Theatre, and Quest Therapeutic Services. MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance) will offer programs on healthy nutrition and Kacie's Cause will provide an educational program on heroin and substance abuse prevention. Students from La Salle University will facilitate groups on HIV/AIDS, stigma and secrecy and will conduct an evaluation of our progressive leadership programs.

Immaculata University has invited our "Leaders in Training" (16 & 17 year-olds) to visit the university and learn more about the college admission process. In addition, their soccer and cross country teams will be volunteering during the camp session. West Chester University continues to have the largest representation of students and alumni at camp, but the number of volunteers from other schools increases every year!

The camp session is August 17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> and I invite you to come out and meet the children benefiting from your support. We hope to welcome 130 campers this summer and we can only reach this goal by securing the necessary financial, in-kind and volunteer support. We will have a waiting list for this year's camp session and I hope you will consider making a financial or in-kind donation to help us move children from the waiting list into cabins for the camp session. Visit our website [www.campdreamcatcher.org](http://www.campdreamcatcher.org) for information on donating and volunteering.

With deep appreciation,

*Patty Hillkirk*  
Founder/Director

It has been one year since we launched the Mentoring Program and Alice Stumpf, our Camp Assistant, recently interviewed two mentees (Tia & Tiffany) and their mentor (Jeanmarie) about the program:

***What do you like to do with your mentor?***

Tia: We go out to different places like to the movies, the mall, the beach and ice-skating. In July we are going to go to a carnival in Harford County. We talk about how we feel like if we are having a bad day we can talk to them. They also give good advice on what to do.

Tiffany: We do a lot of things like go to the mall, go out to eat. We are going to a Phillies game and to the beach. We talk about things. Sometimes we go to the park.

***What impact has the program had on your life?***

Tia: It's really awesome! It gets me out of the house. I learned that I can have someone to talk to. It makes me happy that someone wants to spend time with me.

Tiffany: It's really good. It gives me someone to talk to when I need to talk.

***What have you learned from being a mentor?***

Jeanmarie: I have been a mentor for almost a year now, I enjoy being a mentor because it makes me step out of my normal daily routine and build a relationship that I need and I know my mentee needs. Learning from this experience is a two way street. I learn just as much from the girls as they hopefully learn from me. They remind me how to smile, laugh, and enjoy the simple things, and what life is truly about.

# Spring 2014 Fundraising Events

*The following groups and individuals held fundraising events to support Camp Dreamcatcher in 2013-2014. Thank you for your efforts!*

Camp Dreamcatcher Counselor Challenge  
The GSA at Jefferson Graduate School of Biomedical Science Halloween Charity Raffle  
Groupon Grassroots Campaign  
John Flynn Holiday Concert  
KDR Charity Golf Tournament  
Kennett Lions Club *Fright Feast*  
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine's Winter Gala Event  
The AIDS Walk  
West Chester University Greek Events  
West Chester University "Pitch Perfect Benefit Concert"



**Camp Dreamcatcher's Spring Fundraising event was a huge success and raised over \$42,000 to support our programs.**

We would like to thank our generous event sponsors and the wonderful vendors from the Market at Liberty Place for supporting our event.

#### **Catching the Dream Sponsor**

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#### **The number of volunteer hours offered during the 2013 Camp Session:**

- Counselors: 8,800
- Health Center: 1,300
- Therapeutic Programs: 300
- Educational Programs: 180
- Recreational Programs: 250
- General Volunteers: 800
- Student Volunteers Pre-Camp: 90
- Pre-Camp Preparation & Programming: 280

**Total Volunteer Hours for the Camp Program: 12,000**

If we had to put a value on the love, compassion and hard work provided by the camp session volunteers, we would say "priceless". There is a formula that gives the "Fair Market Value" per hour rate for Pennsylvania volunteers. That number is \$21.25, which means that our extraordinary volunteers donated \$255,000 of service during the camp session.

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## **The Camp Dreamcatcher® Mission**

- To provide safe, therapeutic and educational services to HIV/AIDS impacted youth and their families
- To foster an atmosphere of tolerance, compassion, respect and understanding through volunteer opportunities, services and expanded community outreach.

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- June 21<sup>st</sup>: New Counselor Training at the Camp Dreamcatcher office
- August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>: Counselor Training at Camp Saginaw
- AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: CAMP SESSION AT CAMP SAGINAW
- Fall: Teen Leadership Retreat
- October 25<sup>th</sup>: Kennett Lions Club **Fright Feast** at Northbrook Marketplace
- November & December: Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program
- September-December: HIV/AIDS Education and Outreach

### 2014 COUNSELOR CHALLENGE

Each summer, we require our counselors to raise at least \$100 to support our camp session. You can help a counselor reach this goal by making a donation in their name using paypal at [www.campdreamcatcher.org](http://www.campdreamcatcher.org) or by mailing a donation to 148 West State Street, Suite 104, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Please note the counselor's name when making a donation in either the "name of counselor donation support" box on paypal or by writing his/her name in the memo portion of your check.

This year, we have partnered with Crowdrise and have created an online fundraising option for the 2014 Counselor Challenge Campaign. You can join our team and start raising funds for Camp Dreamcatcher by visiting [www.crowdrise.com/campdreamcatcher](http://www.crowdrise.com/campdreamcatcher).

### CAMP DREAMCATCHER INTERNS

We have been able to significantly cut personnel expenses by incorporating college interns into our programs. This past spring we welcomed Alice Stumpf, a social work senior from Immaculata, and Janell Baliles, a junior social work major from West Chester University. Alice will stay on with us as our Camp Assistant through the camp session in August. Abby Schwartz, a senior from Penn State in the College of Health and Human Development, started in May and will be with us full-time through the camp session. In addition, Callie Fraser-Walker, a psychology/criminology student from the University of Maryland will be with us part-time this summer. The interns bring new ideas, energy and enthusiasm to their work at Camp Dreamcatcher.



Our interns from left to right: Callie Fraser-Walker, Janell Baliles, Alice Stumpf and Abby Schwartz

## 2013 Financial Information

### Income:

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Individuals/Businesses:      | \$70,561         |
| PA State Food Reimbursement: | \$4,282          |
| Foundations/Grants:          | \$123,239        |
| United Ways:                 | \$15,904         |
| Fundraising Events:          | \$67,368         |
| In-Kind Donations:           | 14,000           |
| <b>Total:</b>                | <b>\$295,354</b> |

### Expense:

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Program Services:           | \$229,472        |
| General and Administrative: | \$37,069         |
| Fundraising:                | \$16,587         |
| <b>Total:</b>               | <b>\$283,128</b> |



Ten-year-old Ohnmar in a teepee in Camp Dreamcatcher's Spring Fundraiser



New Counselor Training 2014

*Started by United Way of Southern Chester County, Unionville High School launched a new club in 2013/14 – the UHS Philanthropy Club. Headed by seniors Andrew Nichols and Steven Daniels, the club first raised money through a car wash and bake sales. They then learned about area non-profits and decided on where they wished to donate their funds. United Way agreed to match the funds the high schoolers raised. Camp Dreamcatcher was chosen as one of the recipients of the new club.*



(L to R) Carrie Freeman (CEO, UWSCC), Steven Daniels, Patty, and Andrew Nicols



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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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