



# CAMP DREAMCATCHER NEWS

Winter 2016

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

Dear Friends:

Camp Dreamcatcher provides a positive and supportive home for HIV/AIDS impacted youth AND for the volunteers that offer unconditional love to the children and families. I am honored to witness the healing power of love and connection that happens each summer during our camp session. Each loving gesture and word creates a ripple of hope which soon becomes a wave of positive change.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Therapeutic and Educational Camp Session was held August 21-27 at Camp Saginaw and was a huge success. The following goals were accomplished during the session:

- The program served a total of 132 HIV/AIDS impacted youth.
- We provided 66 therapeutic, 40 educational and 120 recreational programs during the session.
- 236 counselors, medical personnel, professionals and community members volunteered during the camp session.
- 100% of the youth served are from low-income households and only 15% have access to therapeutic and educational programs in their communities.
- 83% of the youth served are African American, 11% Latino, 4% Caucasian, 1% Asian American and 1% Native American.

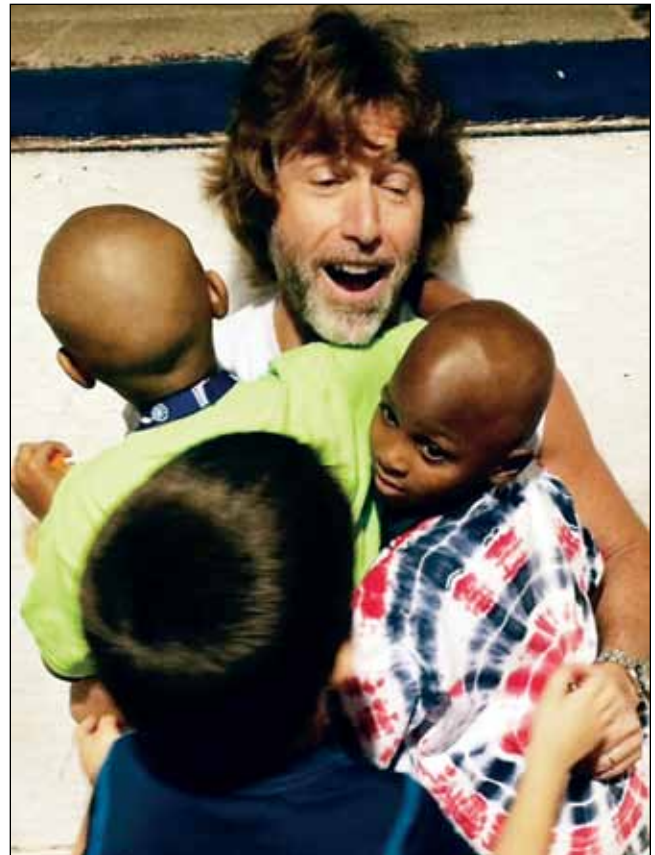
The hope and determination generated by the volunteers listed in this newsletter allow us to fight the stigma and shame associated with HIV/AIDS. The number of children in need of our programs increases each year. Sadly, there are 50,000 new HIV infections each year in the United States and that number has remained steady for almost two decades. The Philadelphia Department of Health estimates that there are 30,000 people living with HIV in the greater Philadelphia region.

These kinds of challenges can inspire hope, or create a feeling of hopelessness. Sometimes the thread of hope is almost worn thin. I often turn to this quote from Emily Dickinson for inspiration during these times. ***“Hope is the thing with Feathers, That Perches in the Soul, and Sings the Tune – without the words, And Never Stops at all.”*** Our volunteers and staff are the wind beneath my wings and my heart is full of gratitude for each person or company listed in this newsletter.

As we enter the holiday season of giving, I hope you will consider making a year-end gift to support our programs. There is a card and envelope enclosed to make this process easier, or you can make a donation online at [www.campdreamcatcher.org](http://www.campdreamcatcher.org).

I wish you a holiday season full of hope and love.

*Patty Hillkirk*  
Founder/Director



John Flynn greets some of his fans after his annual concert at camp.

These quotes are from the camper evaluations:

*“I am the same as my friends at camp because we like to have fun and know someone who is sick with HIV/AIDS. I love the counselors at camp because they help me to play and they give me HOPE. I feel so loved and safe at camp.”*

*“I learned that I am a very beautiful person at camp. I feel supported on my decisions at camp. I love camp because we all need a place to be ourselves.”*

*“Camp Dreamcatcher is my safe haven. I have a hard time making friends. Camp Dreamcatcher is important for kids because kids with HIV get to talk to other kids with HIV.”*

*“I love camp because I am able to cry.”*

*“It is easier to talk about your feelings at camp because I feel more comfortable and I feel closer to the people here. I love to have a place to have fun.”*



# Thank You Camp Dreamcatcher® 2016 Volunteers



**Making Friends**

Karey McAllister  
 Jessica McPoland, PharmD  
 Lisa Orloff  
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*Thank you to Dr. Raida Rabah and "Brandywine Valley Infectious Diseases" for providing medical supplies, volunteers and medical consultations.*

Kae McEachin  
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**Cooking**  
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 Grayton Downing

**Fishing Program**  
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 Nathan Wantoch

**Guest Speakers for Teen Program**

**Karate Program**  
 "Big Al" Torres

**LIT Drum Program**  
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**Special Events & Program Volunteers**

**Basketball**

Coach Donofrio  
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**"Celebrate Girls" & "Keepin' it Real"**  
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 Emmalee Bierly, MFT  
 Taj Brown  
 Mara Pliskin  
**Comhar, Inc.**  
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 Barbara Manire  
 Tyeshia Maxey



**New Friends**

Dr. Stanley El  
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**Horseback Riding Program**  
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 Barbara Stewart

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 Lauren Ferrarelli  
 Paige Guenther  
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**Acupuncture & Qigong**  
 Margaret Sheehan

**Counselor Training Facilitators**  
 Emmalee Bierly  
 Taj Brown  
 Michele Dormer  
 Callie Fraser  
 Patty Hillkirk  
 Scott Hillkirk  
 Katie Perigo  
 Mara Pliskin

**General Volunteers**  
 Alexa Austin

**LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?**  
*The LuLaRoe clothing line is really popular right now!*

**Please join us for a LuLaRoe Pop-Up Fundraiser for Camp Dreamcatcher! This fun event will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Market at Liberty Place from 12:00-6:00pm.**

Pura Vida has designed a bracelet especially for Camp Dreamcatcher! Order yours today on our website at <http://campdreamcatcher.org/how-to-help/pura-vida-bracelets/>. Proceeds will support our programs for HIV/AIDS impacted youth.







# Camp Dreamcatcher®

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## UPCOMING EVENTS (for tickets or information visit [www.campdreamcatcher.org](http://www.campdreamcatcher.org))

November-December: Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program

November 29<sup>th</sup>: Support Camp Dreamcatcher through the #GivingTuesday Campaign! <http://www.givingtuesdaychesco.org/>

December 1<sup>st</sup>: WORLD AIDS DAY EVENT at West Chester University at 7:00pm

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December 3<sup>rd</sup>: WORLD AIDS DAY SUMMIT at Delaware Technical Community College at 11:00am

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Guest Bartending Night at Kennett Brewing Company at 6:00pm

December 10<sup>th</sup>: LuLaRoe Pop-Up Fundraiser for Camp Dreamcatcher at the Market at Liberty Place from 12:00-6:00pm

December 11<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Party at our Camp Dreamcatcher Office from 2-4pm

April 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>: Teen Leadership Retreat at Camp NorthBay

August 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: CAMP SESSION



Thank you for supporting Camp Dreamcatcher!

### Year End Donation Option:

Turn your required distributions into charitable donations. IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70 ½ and older take RMDs from their IRA each year. By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income. Maximum amount cannot exceed \$100,000 per tax year and the IRA Trustee or custodian must make the distribution directly to Camp Dreamcatcher.