



# CAMP DREAMCATCHER NEWS

Summer 2018

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

Dear Friends:

This has been a busy year! Inside this newsletter, you will find the long list of financial and in-kind donors for 2017 (January 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>). Our accomplishments are a reflection of YOUR SUPPORT! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping us provide a safe and loving community for children coping with HIV/AIDS.

I am happy to report that we achieved the following goals in 2017/2018:

- **Camp Session:** We served **133** youth during the 2017 camp session and provided 110 therapeutic, 40 educational and 145 recreational programs. **240** counselors, medical personnel, professionals and community members volunteered during the 2017 camp session.
- **Teen Leadership Retreats:** The 2017 & 2018 retreats were held on the Chesapeake Bay at NorthBay and served 45 participants.
- **HIV/AIDS Education and Community Outreach:** Camp Dreamcatcher staff and volunteers provided outreach to **50** sites and reached **10,000** people in 2018.
- **Adopt-a-Family Program:** This annual program is held in November and December each year. In 2017, the program provided over 1,500 gifts to **190** children.
- **THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS SINCE INCEPTION IS 220,000**

**Significant Achievements over the past year:** The number of therapeutic programs offered during our 2017 camp session increased from **66 to 110** and we offered **four new therapeutic programs**. These included equine mindfulness-based therapy, wilderness therapy, gestalt psychotherapy and creative writing therapy. Equine mindfulness-based therapy was offered to 105 campers (15 groups and 2 individuals), the 15 year-olds spend an overnight in the wilderness based therapy program, the “leaders in training” attended a Gestalt Therapy Workshop and the 12-17 year-olds participated in creative writing workshops.

In addition, we launched a Youth Advisory Board (YAB), which is comprised of three, 16 year-olds who are currently involved in our programs. Our board of directors met with the YAB during the camp session in August. Our goal is to empower the teens and young adults to move into leadership roles within Camp Dream-

catcher and to assist in sustaining the organization.

The Board of Directors and Youth Advisory Board recently created the Camp Dreamcatcher Core Values:

- We provide a physically and emotionally safe environment in which HIV/AIDS impacted youth can be themselves;
- We promote values of inclusivity and mutual respect to encourage acceptance and the celebration of differences;
- We forge friendships that last a lifetime;
- Finally, we believe that unconditional love fosters compassion and understanding for one another.

The camp session is August 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> and we are in need of volunteers for the week. There are already 100 children registered for the session and we will accept a total of 130 campers. Full and part-time volunteer opportunities are available and include moving us in and out of camp (8/19 & 8/25), helping with registration (8/19), being a cabin counselor, health center volunteer, or as a recreational or professional volunteer. High school students can fulfill their community service hours during the camp week. Visit <http://campdreamcatcher.org/outreach-and-education/forms/> and register using the Ultracamp link, or by downloading an application and returning it to our office. If you have any questions about volunteering, please give us a call at 610-925-2998 or email me at [phillkirk@kennett.net](mailto:phillkirk@kennett.net).

I am happy to report that the “Charlotte’s Circle” therapeutic room at camp will now include a Mindfulness Center. This safe and peaceful space will include weighted blankets, mindfulness games, soft rugs, comfy bean bag chairs, soothing sounds/music and aromatherapy. Thank you Telos Academy staff for encouraging us to create this space at camp.

I hope to see you at camp. There is no better way to experience the impact of your support than by meeting the children and the camp week volunteers. As one volunteer stated last year “There are not enough words to express the impact Camp Dreamcatcher has made on my life.”

I wish you a safe and happy summer season.

*Patty Hillkirk*  
Founder/Director

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### **In Memoriam**

Brealey Fineberg, our Camp Dreamcatcher Hero and friend, died on April 30th at age 13 ½. Brealey was our Canine Therapist and he listened to the secrets and healed the hearts of hundreds of campers and volunteers. He kissed bruises and licked faces. He never tired and traveled over the hills and valleys of Camp Saginaw for many years. He attended our Teen Leadership Retreats, Board Meetings and Events throughout the year. Brealey always had a smile on his face and he always knew when someone was hurting and needed a hug. He even participated in our remake of the "Thriller" video and I will never forget him walking around camp wearing one white glove. He really was one of the most popular counselors and therapists at camp.

I want to thank Ginny, Bob, Dan and Cindy Fineberg for sharing their wonderful boy with us for so many years. We mourn his loss with you and we are forever grateful to each of you for bringing him into our lives. There will be many wish logs placed on the fire in memory of Brealey this summer.

From this year on, and forever more, the Therapeutic Dog Program at Camp Dreamcatcher will be called "Brealey's Buddies" in honor of our dear friend. He will be missed by many and he left his pawprints on all of our hearts.

If you would like to make a donation in Brealey's memory, please note this on your check or paypal transaction.

### Upcoming Events

- May 16<sup>th</sup>: Kennett Brewing Company Guest Bartending Event
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>: Summer Celebration Event
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: Kennett Brewing Company Trivia Night Event
- July: New Counselor Training in Kennett Square
- July 31<sup>st</sup>: Fork Support @ Grain
- August 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: Counselor Training at Camp Saganaw
- AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: CAMP SESSION
- Fall Music Festival
- October 20<sup>th</sup>: Kennett Lions Club Fright Feast Event
- November & December: Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program
- December: Holiday Party

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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.



One of the highlights of the Teen Leadership Retreat is watching the sunset over the Chesapeake Bay. One young man wrote this poem as he reflected on his journey. His words capture the spirit of Camp Dreamcatcher and the gift that you give to the children by supporting our programs.

*In a safe haven,  
 A place without distress,  
 We rest without frustration,  
 Changing my mind set on isolation,  
 Preserving what is left of my mental state and fixing the corruption I have seen in my generation.*

*Before my Grandmom died,  
 She thought I would sweep the nation,  
 And, I am convinced my lyrical genius will save my generation,  
 And give them some inspiration,  
 And as long as we've got this camp that's changing people's outlook on their situation ... Giving these children faith...  
 Then maybe, **just maybe**, there's hope for my future nation.*

By: Karim

## 2017 Financial Information

### Income:

Individuals/Businesses:	\$52,219
PA State Food Reimbursement:	\$6,513
Foundations/Grants:	\$164,921
United Way Agencies:	\$10,930
Fundraising Events:	\$39,358
Donated Services:	\$73,300
In-Kind Donations:	\$47,000
Interest:	\$77
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$394,318</b>

### Expense:

Program Services:	\$367,027
Management & General:	\$36,705
Fundraising:	\$13,773
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$415,515</b>
Changes in Net Assets:	(\$23,197)
Net Assets Beginning of Year:	\$91,523
Net Assets End of Year:	\$68,326

# Camp Dreamcatcher Summer Celebration Event



Raffle Items: The Fire Pit of Fire Water

Our Summer Celebration Event was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Northbrook Marketplace and was a huge success! I want to express our deep gratitude to Larry Roney & Friends for performing at the event, our thanks to all of the attendees and to the financial and in-kind donors. You helped us raise over \$22,000 to support our FREE therapeutic and educational programs for HIV/AIDS impacted youth.

## The Summer Celebration Sponsors

### Contributing Sponsors:

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Raffle Items: The Camping Package, which included a tent, air mattresses, sleeping bags, lanterns, headlamps and a one year family membership to the national parks.



Thank you Brian Mehling for donating a one week stay at Blue Horizon Villa.



Larry Roney & Friends.

*Live auction items included the Blue Horizon Villa in Cannes, France, tickets to the Stephen Colbert Late Show and beautiful stained glass pieces by Lore Evans*





# Camp Dreamcatcher®

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Enclosed is my donation: \$20 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$475 \_\_\_  
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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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