



CAMP DREAMCATCHER NEWS

Winter 2018

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

Dear Friends:

The number of programs and campers increased during the camp session this year. Our wonderful volunteers provided over \$80,000 in donated services and a total of 13,000 hours of volunteer service. During the week of August 19th – 25th, 2018 we accomplished the following:

- **139 HIV/AIDS impacted youth attended the camp session.**
- **260 counselors, medical personnel, professionals and community members volunteered during the camp session.**
- **We provided 115 Therapeutic Sessions** (psychotherapy, music therapy, art therapy, sessions with therapeutic dogs, yoga, equine mindfulness-based therapy, wilderness-based therapy, and massage) during the camp

became “Secret Agents of Kindness” and spent the camp week performing acts of kindness anonymously throughout camp. Their acts included setting and/or clearing tables in the dining room, placing “kindness rocks” throughout camp, smiling at everyone they met, befriending a camper who seemed lonely, leaving kind notes on tables and much more. The campers and volunteers appreciated the ripple effect of their acts of kindness.

- The campers enjoyed **155 Recreational Sessions**. These included arts & crafts, archery, karate, swimming, fishing, hiking, go-kart racing, an Escape Room, Hedgerow Theatre, miniature golf, dodgeball, basketball, horseback riding, Moon Bounce, Dorrie’s Store (Dorrie is a donor who sends us great items throughout the year), hip-hop dancing, volleyball and the annual John Flynn Concert! The teenagers enjoyed the new high ropes adventure course at Camp Saginaw.



Flood Damage

The week was not without its challenges. The day before we moved into camp, we discovered that our garage was flooded, and many of our supplies were wet or ruined. We lost \$9,000 in medical supplies, flashlights/batteries, radios, bedding, pillows, art/craft items, shoes, socks, clothing, toiletries, etc. The story was covered by the local media and the response by the community has been overwhelming. Friends transported supplies out to camp from Philadelphia and the surrounding communities and we received over \$6,000 in donations to replenish the supplies that we lost during the flood. In addition, the Longwood Rotary Club made a commitment to move our supplies out of the current garage and into a secure, weatherproof shed. I am thrilled to report that thanks to the generosity of the Longwood Rotary Foundation, the Westtown-Goshen Rotary Foundation, The West Chester Sunrise Rotary, The Tri-M Group, LLC and Dennis Wallace, a beautiful shed will be built on the grounds of Camp Saginaw in early November. We will move our supplies into the shed shortly thereafter and it will be wonderful to keep them at Camp Saginaw. These wonderful acts of kindness and generosity will have a lasting, positive impact on our ability to meet the needs of the children and families served by Camp Dreamcatcher. Our community has embraced us with a hug and we feel the love!

week. A new Mindfulness Center was created at camp and included soft pillows, mindfulness cards/games, aromatherapy, sound therapy, and weighted blankets.

- **45 Educational Sessions** were provided during the camp week. Topics included depression, HIV/AIDS, grief, eating disorders, body image, abuse, addiction, HIV medication compliance, conflict resolution, anger management, puberty education, and suicide prevention. This year, the 16 & 17-year-old Leaders in Training

My heart is full of gratitude for all of the in-kind and financial donors and volunteers. I hope you will consider making a donation and continue to support our programs as we enter the holiday season.

Wishing you a holiday season full of love,

Patty Hillkirk
Founder/Director

Thank You Camp Dreamcatcher® 2018 Volunteers



Boys taking a break in the golf cart

Village Chiefs

Ali Alstott
Jenn Brown
Taj Brown
Miguel Correa
Ginny Fineberg
Callie Fraser
Kevin Nolan
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Arts & Crafts

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Health Center Volunteers

Patty Hewson, CRNP, Health Center Director
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Molly Apple
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Dawn Ferry, CRNP
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Caitlin Lotty McMahon, RN
Emily Wilf, RN
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Yoga Instructors

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Massage Therapists

Ryan Baith
Tisha Hunt
Susan Goldin
Marcy Mackey
Shauna Miller
Michelle Smith
Robin Stump

Special Events & Program Volunteers

Basketball
Jeff Apps
Ryan Conrad
Ethan Jack
Courtney Koslosky
Jessica Winter

“Celebrate Girls” & “Keepin’ it Real”

Emmalee Bierly Nye
Taj Brown
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Dance

West Chester Dance Works

Fishing Program

Samuel Apfelbaum
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Jim Shallow
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Horseback Riding Program

Dick Brown
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Steven Gross
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Marnie Kelly
Peter Kjellerup
Barbara Stewart

Karate Program

“Big Al” Torres

Monday Night Concert

John Flynn

Moonbounce

Harry Bitzberger

Paws for People

Michele Bickling & Zoey
Tawanda Harbison & Mr. Gibbs

Ben Franson-Wright & Sadie
Katie McGrail & Cinder
Paula Pernick & Dawkins
Kelly Silliman & Charlotte
Anne Webb & Darth

Senior Art Project

Dan Fineberg
Seth Green

Volleyball

Latifah Raheem



Girls enjoying the John Flynn Concert

Transportation

Sharon Haines
Ray McKay
Nathan Schenker
Jack Schwartz
Peggy White

Therapeutic Staff and Professional Volunteers

Ali Alstott, AM, LCSW
Ashley Anitista, RN
Emmalee Bierly Nye, LMFT
Aileen Bunch, Music Therapist
Mike Gerkovich, MPS

Michelle Goldstein, MS
Patty Hillkirk, Gestalt Psychotherapist

Equine Therapy:

Jo Campbell, MSS, LSW
Kat Kleeman
Jess Timlin, EAGALA Certified Specialist
Standing Hope Equine Therapy
Tic-Tac and Cloud from Cornerstone Haven

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Ali Alstott
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rie's Store**
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General Volunteers

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Haley Posatko
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Charlie Carpenter
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Adam Guyer
Bob Listerman
Bob Merkle
Dave Scott
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Len Vannicola
Andy White

Kennett Lions Club Morning Branch: Registration, Arts & Crafts, Transportation & Cabin Coverage

Ray McKay
Nathan Schenker
Jack Schwartz
Debra Swayne
Peggy White

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Jemma Raner
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Angeles Vanderhoef
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Myra Miller

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November-December: Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program

November 25: Holiday Vendor Fair, Lebanon, PA

November 27: #GivingTuesday Campaign!

December 12: John Flynn's Annual Holiday Party for Camp Dreamcatcher at The Sellersville Theatre

May 18-19, 2019: Teen Leadership Retreat at NorthBay

Please visit our website for information on all of these events.

Camp Dreamcatcher 2019 Camp Session: August 18-24 at Camp Saginaw.



Relaxing in the Mindfulness Room



PayPal Volunteers enjoying the Mask Project in art/craft