

# Camp Dreamcatcher News

## Fall/Winter 2019



### 2019 Therapeutic & Educational Camp Session Report

The 24<sup>th</sup> Therapeutic and Educational Camp Session was held August 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The program served 122 HIV/AIDS impacted youth between the ages of 5-17, and 13 young adults between the ages of 18-25. Ninety-two% of the campers were African American, 3% Caucasian, 1% Asian American and 4% Biracial. One hundred percent of the campers come from low-income households, and only 13% have access to therapeutic and educational programs in their own communities.

#### We achieved the following Program Goals during the camp session:

**Goal:** To improve the physical and emotional health of the children. We offered **112 therapeutic sessions** (psychotherapy, music therapy, art therapy, sessions with therapeutic dogs, yoga, mindfulness therapy, wilderness-based therapy and massage) during the camp week. The wilderness-based therapy program for the 15 year-olds increased from one night to two nights this summer.

**Goal:** To offer educational sessions that explore issues, problems and concerns common amongst HIV/AIDS infected and/or affected youth. We offered **50 age appropriate educational sessions** on depression, HIV/AIDS, grief, eating disorders, body image, abuse, addiction, HIV medication compliance, conflict resolution, anger management, puberty education and suicide prevention. A new Life Skills Track was implemented in the Leaders in Training Program, which included sessions on applying to college, resume writing, budgeting and teambuilding. The LIT's also spent time assisting the counselors with the youngest campers.

**Goal:** To give the children and adolescents attending our programs the chance to feel free from the secret of HIV/AIDS and have fun – just like any other kids! During the camp week, we provided **160 recreational programs**. These included arts & crafts, archery, karate, swimming, fishing, hiking, go-kart racing, movies on a giant blow up screen, the Hedgerow Theatre, miniature golf, dodge ball, basketball, horseback riding, a camp wide carnival, Dorrie's Store, dancing, cooking, a visit from the Brandywine Zoo and the annual John Flynn Concert!

#### Upcoming Events:

**October 26th: Kennett Lions Club FRIGHT FEAST EVENT**  
**November – December: Holiday Adopt-a-Family Program**  
**December 1st: World AIDS Day Events**  
**December 3rd: #GivingTuesday2019**  
**December 13th: John Flynn's Annual Holiday Concert for Camp Dreamcatcher at The Flash in Kennett Square**  
**May 2nd & 3rd: Camp Dreamcatcher Board Retreat**  
**August 23rd – 29th: 2020 THERAPEUTIC CAMP SESSION**

**"They listen to me and they are always by my side." -Camper**

#### 2019 Camper Evaluation Results:

- Did you feel accepted at camp? Yes 100%
- Did you have fun at camp? Yes 100%
- Do you feel safe at camp? Yes 100%
- Did you feel supported by the staff and volunteers at camp? Yes 100%
- Did you feel there was someone to talk to at camp? Yes 99%
- Is it important to have a place like Camp Dreamcatcher? Yes 99%
- Did you feel like you could ask for help at camp? Yes 96%
- Were you able to talk openly about HIV/AIDS at camp? Yes 96%
- Did you make new friends at camp? Yes 95%



**Help us make dreams come true for children coping with HIV/AIDS by making a donation in support of our programs!**

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# THANK YOU CAMP DREAMCATCHER 2019 CAMP SESSION VOLUNTEERS

## Camp Dreamcatcher Staff

Patty Hillkirk, Executive Director  
Callie Fraser, Program Director  
Patty Hewson, CRNP, Health Center Director  
Julie Hazzard, Camp Assistant  
Myra Miller, Bookkeeper

## 2019 Camp Dreamcatcher Board of Directors

Ginny Fineberg & KC Wolfe, Co-Presidents  
Jack Schwartz, Treasurer  
Raynetta Adams, Secretary  
Rick Braun  
Ray McKay  
Nathan Schenker  
Harris Vuadens

## Youth Advisory Board

Karim Ferguson  
Eden Giles  
Najiyah Moore

## Village Chiefs

Jenn Brown  
Taj Brown  
Tish Cheatham  
Ginny Fineberg  
Callie Fraser  
Leila Hanzel  
Kevin Nolan

## Leaders in Training Program Counselors

Pat Gower  
Matt Leewong  
Jeanmarie Mercier  
Valen Nori  
Gennifer Robinson  
Francesca Smorada

## Counselors

Rae Rae Adams  
Yulia Afework  
Corey Beans  
Liz Bishop  
Maggie Bishop  
Tracy Bogy  
Aaron Burgess  
Kathie Carnes  
Domi Carollo  
Whitney Cort  
Sparkle Conyers  
Youtee Cooper  
Caitlyn Cummings  
Asia Davis  
Sarah Diakite  
Mike DiStefano  
Debbie Durham  
Rasheeda Ferguson  
Cindy Fineberg  
Grace Franklyn  
Pat Gower  
Ryan Gower  
Darnell Graham  
Bianca Gurley  
Javiera Harp  
Nick Harris  
Mike Jacobs  
Ca'Ron Jones  
Cullen Jordan  
Joseph Jordan  
Felicia Kuyateh  
Sam Llabres  
KJ Lookingbill  
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Mitchell Merritt

Ashley Miller  
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Mike Miller  
Tyler Pahigian  
Luis Peraza  
Jemma Raner  
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Escarlen Rodriguez  
Vanessa Saintil  
Tyson Taylor  
Al Torres  
Bonnie Waxman  
Jamie Waxman  
Peggy White  
Ally Williams  
Corey Williams  
Christina Wilson  
Tia Wise

## Arts & Crafts

Erin Hollands – Coordinator  
Cheryl Carsley  
Kessie Hammond  
Zayla Griffin  
Susan Myers

## Health Center Volunteers

Dr. Donald B. Parks, MD  
Patty Hewson, CRNP, Health Center Director  
Alan Barnett  
Stephanie Coyle, RN  
Sarah Dozier, RN  
Dawn Ferry, CRNP  
Sharifa Garvin, RN  
Charlie Gower, RN  
Melissa Hewson, MD  
Ted Hewson  
Jenna Januszka,  
Pharm Student  
Mary Ann Knott-Grasso CRNP  
Katelyn Kozma/McCormick,  
PharmD  
Joan Lajoie, CRNP  
Nellie Lazar, CRNP  
Nora Lueth, RN  
Kathleen Mahoney, CRNP  
Caitlin Lotty McMahon, RN  
Jessica McPoland, PharmD  
Mary Beth Rizzo Moore, CRNP  
Deborah Stallworth, CRN  
Laurie Tillery-Russel, RN  
Toobah Wall, Pharm Student  
Jack Welsh, RN  
Melissa Weingartner,  
PharmStudent  
Emily Wilf, RN

## Yoga Instructors

Jenn Brown  
Therese Nowlan

## Massage & Bodywork

Andrea Bruno  
Josette Cicacci  
Ellen Gayda  
Susan Goldin  
Marcy Mackey  
Michelle Smith  
Meredith Winton  
Clare Yetter

## Special Events & Program Volunteers

“Celebrate” & “Keepin’ it Real”  
Taj Brown  
Callie Fraser  
Lisa Fraser

## Cooking Program

Julie Hazzard

## Fishing Program

Doug, Stuart & Davis Bland  
Dick Brown  
Scott Hillkirk  
Andrew Kanzer  
Harris & Mij Vuadens

## Karate Program

Sam Llabres  
Al Torres

## Monday Night Concert

John Flynn

## Senior Art Project

Dan Fineberg  
Seth Green

## Horseback Riding Program

Dixie Abbott  
Dick Brown  
Barbara Forney  
Anne Helhake  
Char An Ireland  
Peter Kjellerup  
Lisa Knox  
Isabel Rush  
Barbara Stewart

## Photographer

Fred Weiner  
<https://candidcauses.com/>

## Transportation

Sharon Haines  
Ray McKay

## Therapeutic Staff and Professional Volunteers

Cameron Armstrong, LCSW, MS  
Aileen Bunch, Music Therapist  
Renee Eells, LCSW  
Callie Fraser, MSS, LSW  
Patty Hillkirk,  
Gestalt Psychotherapist

## Therapeutic Based Wilderness Program

Therapeutic Consultant:  
Aries McGinnis, MA ACMHC  
Derek Address  
Taj Brown  
Sarah Diakite  
Leila Hanzel  
Jet Reason  
Al Torres  
Jack Welsh

## Paws for People – Therapeutic Dogs

Ben Franson-Wright & Sadie  
Jennifer Larimore & Mowgi  
Katie McGrail & Cinder  
Laurel Pearson & Shelby  
Victoria Stewart & Max

## Counselor Training Facilitators

Taj Brown  
Renee Eells  
Callie Fraser  
Patty Hillkirk  
Scott Hillkirk

## General Volunteers

Houston Baker  
Doug, Davis & Stuart Bland  
Rick Braun  
Jeff Darman  
Andrea DiCristo  
Sarah DiCristo  
Leon & Luchelle Erasmus  
Bob Fineberg

Barbara Forney  
Elliot Fraser  
Harper Fraser  
Lisa Fraser  
Joseph Kangay  
Linda Kneeland  
Ben McGowan  
Bill Morrow  
Tara Morrow  
Ellen Olier  
Jack Schwartz  
Melody Shaper  
Allen Shelton  
Barbara Stewart  
Hunter Tower  
Peggy White

## Special Thanks to these Businesses and Clubs for volunteering, and for their commitment to Camp Dreamcatcher!

### Dansko, LLC. : Arts & Crafts & Horseback Riding

Mandy Cabot  
Debbie Jones  
Peter Kjellerup  
Jessica Quick  
Andrienne Silver

### Kennett Lions Club Morning Branch: Registration, Transportation and Support

Ray McKay  
Nathan Schenker  
Jack Schwartz

### Kennett Square Light Rotary: Registration, Cabin Support, Organizing Supplies

Houston Baker  
Kelly D. Daniels  
Deena Jones  
Amy Lieberman  
Gary Pawliczek  
Hunter Tower

### PayPal: Arts & Crafts, Fishing, Dorrie's Store & the CAMP CARNIVAL

Brooke Adams  
Debanprabu Anandagopal  
Jonathan Baram  
Brian Berry  
Doug Bland  
Khia Bostick  
AnnMarie Burns  
Alexander Conard  
Megan Connolly  
Kelley Coyle-Beird  
Safiya Davis  
Christopher Faix  
Ariel Faulkner  
Conin Gavigan  
Shane Gombeda  
Ryan Griffith  
Lindsay Grimes  
Noah Gruskin  
Briannan Haas  
Kessie Hammond  
Danielle Henriques  
Julie Hill  
Kirah Hiltz  
Thomas Jackson II  
Shiv Joshi  
Andrew Kanzer  
Saif Khan  
Jacqueline Kinhead  
Zachery Knox  
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Dennis Mulvey  
Jonathan Muntz  
Ellen Olier  
Parth Patel  
Stephen Paylor  
Suzanne Peoples  
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Phuong Phan  
Stella Pressman  
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Robert Setzman  
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Mike Richter  
Tom Scattolino  
Jim Shallow  
Stephanie Woomer

### The Longwood Rotary Club: Moving/Organizing Supplies

Charlie Carpenter  
Jackie Crego  
Bob Curran  
Tammy Duering  
Ron Fenstermacher  
Al George  
Adam Guyer  
Bob Listerman  
Bob Merkle  
Dave Scott  
Dawn Talley  
Len Vannicola  
Andy White

### Student Community Volunteers: In-Kind Support, Arts/Crafts, Fishing, Recreation & Registration

David Belknap  
Harrison Darman  
Zayla Griffin  
Zoe Morrow  
Suhan Neema  
Valerie Ponto

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AstraZeneca  
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