



CAMP DREAMCATCHER NEWS

Summer 2023

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

Dear Friends:

I hope you are having a great summer! We are busy preparing for our therapeutic and educational camp session which will be held August 20-26 at Camp Saginaw.

2023 CAMP WEEK UPDATES:

Total Campers: 122

New Campers: 32 - and 22 are between the ages of 5-11

Campers whose parents attended camp: 22

Counselors who were previously campers: 16

New Programs: Robotics with students from the Westtown School, Woodworking with Joel, and sessions with "Bluejay" - Storyteller and Chief of Culture of the Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania.

The campers will be supported by a diverse team of over 180 counselors, therapists, program specialists, recreational, and health center volunteers. We currently have a waiting list of children for the camp session, and we can only move them into cabins after we secure the necessary financial and volunteer resources to accept additional children for camp.

During the camp session we will strive to:

1. Provide a physically and emotionally safe environment in which HIV/AIDS impacted youth can be themselves, explore new horizons, grow and thrive.
2. Provide opportunities and programs that allow all to attain the highest level of physical and emotional health.
3. Eliminate barriers to mental health equity by providing a variety of free therapeutic modalities throughout the session.
4. Eliminate barriers to physical health equity by providing a full team of health center volunteers to dispense all medications and provide medical care in a safe and confidential environment.
5. Provide Trauma-Informed Programming that offers a predictable schedule, interactions with caring adults, and opportunities to enable youth to develop a sense of agency and control over their lives.
6. Offer programs that explore the barriers to HIV medication compliance and strategies to overcome these barriers. Increase knowledge about HIV/AIDS, explore attitudes and values around HIV/AIDS, and support the mental health of children struggling with the stigma related to HIV/AIDS.
7. Offer Restorative Practices & Circles at camp to improve communication between the campers, and all members of our camp community. These

practices promote inclusivity by inviting all involved in conflicts to have a seat within the circle, express their feelings, and to be actively involved in the decision-making process of how to repair harm, and restore justice within our community.

The Camp Dreamcatcher Leadership Team will complete 20 hours of training prior to camp to become certified Restorative Justice Trainers. It is our hope to become recognized as a local leader in DEI and Restorative Justice practices and education. Our leadership team is powerfully committed to realizing equity and justice for those we serve and for our community as a whole. We will offer Restorative Justice trainings to organizations across the region who want to learn more about how restorative justice can help heal and strengthen their own constituencies.

The donors listed in this newsletter have woven Camp Dreamcatcher's Circle of Love. Without you, we would not be able to provide FREE therapeutic and educational programs for children coping with HIV/AIDS. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making dreams come true for the children served by our programs.

Warmly,
Patty Hillkirk
Founder/Director



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- Counselor Training: August 19th - 20th
- Therapeutic and Educational Camp Session: August 20th - 26th
- Catching Dreams Over the Edge Event: September 29th



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Teen Leadership Retreat



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- 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.

Catching Dreams Over the Edge

Will you go OVER THE EDGE for Camp Dreamcatcher? On September 29th, close to 100 Superheroes will rappel down the TALLEST BUILDING IN KENNETT SQUARE to raise funds for Camp Dreamcatcher.

The event will be held all day on Friday, September 29th, and I invite you to get involved by:

- Registering to rappel 8 STORIES down the Franklin Center Building. Each rappeller must raise a minimum of \$1,000 for the opportunity to rappel. Visit the event site to sponsor a rappeller.
- Organizing a team to rappel - this is a great team-building activity for organizations/clubs, schools, businesses and families.
- Joining us as a sponsor for the event.
- Volunteering at the event. We need Rope Volunteers and Event Day Volunteers. Contact me at phillkirk@kennett.net for more information about volunteering.

Register to rappel, sponsor, donate, or volunteer at <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/DREAMOTE>

This is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and we hope to raise \$100,000 - which will make a SIGNIFICANT impact on our ability to sustain our mission of providing FREE therapeutic and educational programs for HIV/AIDS impacted youth.

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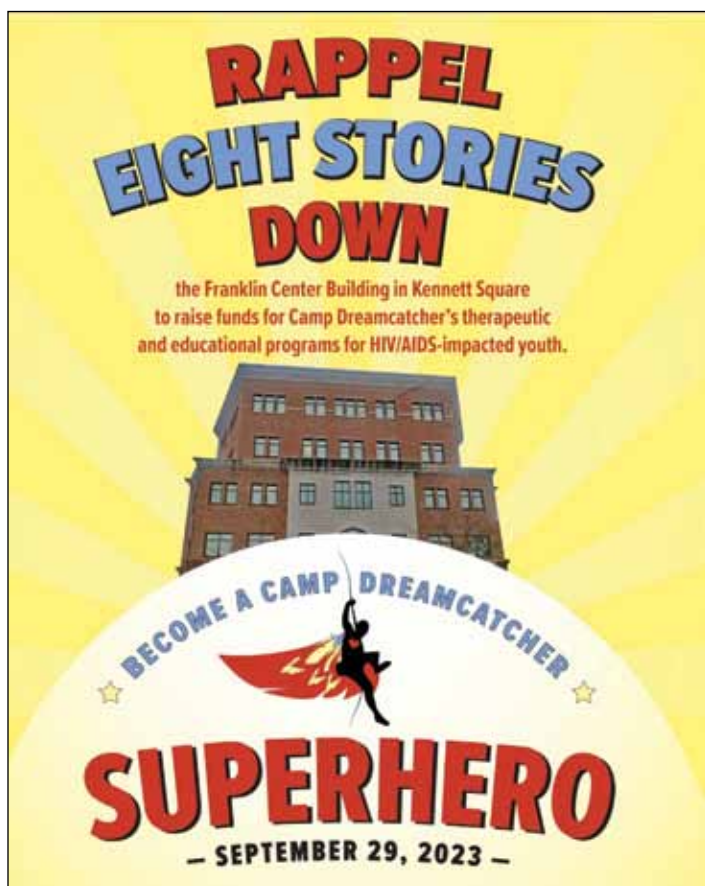
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United Way Agencies:	\$275
Fundraising Events:	\$34,7411
Government:	\$500
Donated Services:	\$65,000
In-Kind Donations:	\$70,000
Employee Retention Credit	\$28,176
Misc Income:	\$56
TOTAL:	\$419,600

Expense:

Program Services:	\$373,487
Management & General:	\$46,736
Fundraising:	\$14,812
TOTAL:	\$435,035

Changes in Net Assets:	-\$15,435
Net Assets Beginning of Year:	\$102,933
Net Assets End of the Year:	\$87,498



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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.