



"Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness." - Dalai Lama XIV

A Letter From Our Founder

Dear Friends:

Camp Dreamcatcher provides FREE therapeutic programs for youth impacted by HIV/AIDS, trauma, and mental health challenges. This Impact Report summarizes the successes and challenges we have faced in 2025.

The difficulties faced by the families served by our programs have become more complex and urgent. They are facing barriers to accessing physical and mental healthcare, and their benefits have been slashed. For almost 30 years, Camp Dreamcatcher has responded to these challenges by investing in the lives of 6,300 children and we have expanded our programming to meet the changing needs of youth impacted by HIV/AIDS.

The current financial uncertainty in the country has left us with a financial shortfall this year. Donations from individuals have decreased by 45% and from groups & businesses by 22%. The reality is that we do not raise the funds to curtail this shortfall, we will have no choice but to cut back on our services.

We need your support - now is the time to step up with compassion, kindness, and support for the families served by Camp Dreamcatcher.

No gift is too small. Every contribution makes a difference and all donations are tax-deductible. Text-to-Give: Text CAMPDC to 44-321

I hope you will join us in celebrating our 30th Anniversary by donating to sustain our mission.

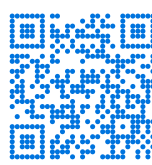
With love and gratitude,

Patty Hillkirk
Founder/Director

**SUSTAIN OUR MISSION
DONATE TODAY:**



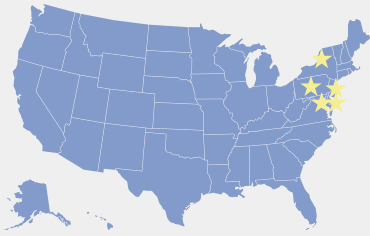
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WHO WE SERVE



120-130 youth from PA, DE, NJ, MD, and NY

Youth who are
HIV/AIDS
infected

100% of the youth served have experienced trauma

50% have lost one or both parents

30% have been diagnosed with a mental health condition

70% of the youth and volunteers have been participating in our programs for over 10 years.

Have an
HIV/AIDS
infected family
member

Have lost a family
member to an
AIDS-related
complication

85% are from Philadelphia and the surrounding region

98% of the youth served are from low-income families

98% of the Youth are BIPOC

78% of the volunteers are BIPOC

WHAT WE DO



- Provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for youth.
- Provide opportunities and programs to improve physical and emotional health.
- Provide an equitable safe place for youth to develop leadership skills and a sense of agency and control over their lives.
- Eliminate barriers to mental health equity.
- Provide Trauma-Informed Programming.
- Improve HIV medication compliance and reduce the stigma associated with the disease.

CURRENT PROGRAMS

1. Trauma-Informed Therapeutic Camp Session
2. Teen Leadership Retreats
3. Restorative Practice Programs & Training
4. Mentoring Programs for Teens
5. College Scholarships
6. Holiday Adopt-A-Family Program
7. Emergency Fund for Families
8. HIV/AIDS Education, Training and Community Outreach



GOALS ACHIEVED DURING THE 2025 CAMP SESSION

150 Therapeutic Programs

We provided 150 therapeutic programs (psychotherapy, mindfulness, wilderness-based therapy, yoga, massage, and sessions with therapeutic dogs) during the camp session. New programs included expanded group sessions on the impact of substance use disorders/addictions in families and sessions on body image/eating disorders.

75 Educational Programs

We provided 75 educational programs. These included sessions with Bluejay, the Chief of Culture and Storytelling with the Lenape Nation of PA. We offered sessions on puberty education, karate and self-defense, dance, drumming, robotics, woodworking, teambuilding, and leadership programming. PayPal employees facilitated a session on Entrepreneurship with the teens at camp. The Leaders in Training (16-17-year-olds) completed CPR Training & Certification and Restorative Practice Training and finished off the week of camp with a tour of Lincoln University.

150 Recreational Programs

We had FUN!!!! We provided 150 recreational programs during the camp session. Members of the Philadelphia Avengers Superheroes Team opened the camp week with games and Superhero Training. Other programs included pottery, arts/crafts, nature hikes/plant identification, go-kart racing, volleyball, soccer, horseback riding, story-time, fishing, miniature golfing, GAGA tournaments, a Camp Carnival, basketball, movie nights, and our annual dance, talent show and John Flynn concert! One of our previous campers brought his Outdoor Party Business to camp and held FOAM PARTIES with all of the campers.

Restorative Practice Circles

We use Restorative Practice Circles during the camp session to promote connectedness in the cabin, address conflicts, repair harm, and restore justice within the community. These practices promote inclusivity by inviting all members of the camp community involved in the conflict to have a seat within the circle, express their feelings, and to be actively involved in the decision-making process of how to repair the harm and restore justice within the community.

**John Flynn's Holiday Concert for
Camp Dreamcatcher
December 18th, 2025
Purchase Tickets Here**



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Each camper received between **\$1,400-\$2,800** in therapeutic services during the session.
- **22** mentees and **20** mentors participated in our year-round mentoring program.
- Four college/technical bound youth received **\$1,000** scholarships to Temple University, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Delaware County Community College and Anne Arundel Community College.
- Teens in the Leaders in Training toured Lincoln University during the camp session.
- The Leaders in Training completed CPR **training & certification** during the camp session.
- **55%** of the counselors at camp were previously campers.
- Camp Dreamcatcher has served **6,300** youth and our volunteers have provided **320,000** hours of service during the past twenty-nine years.
- Camp Dreamcatcher provided Restorative Practice Trainings to 12 organizations in 2025 - serving 200 people.

CHALLENGES

- 70%** of the youth served have mental health challenges
- 63%** report having mild-moderate depression.
- 60%** are impacted by substance use disorder.
- 43%** have attempted suicide.
- 13%** have access to mental health services in their communities.
- 97%** of the youth are interested in pursuing higher education.
- 45%** decrease in individual donations
- 22%** decrease in corporate donations

2025 CAMPER EVALUATION RESULTS

- **90%** reported that participating in a restorative circle helped them resolve conflicts at camp.
- **93%** felt that Camp Dreamcatcher has made a positive impact on their life choices.
- **93%** learned new coping skills at camp.
- **94%** made new friends at camp.
- **99%** felt safe or very safe at camp.
- **100%** felt they had someone to talk to at camp.
- **100%** had fun at camp.
- **100%** felt accepted at camp.
- **100%** would recommend camp to a friend.
- **100%** feel Camp Dreamcatcher is important.

HOW HAS CAMP IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

1. "It has impacted my life in a positive way."
2. "I had fun with my friends."
3. "Kindness, Peace, Love, Hope."
4. "It is so fun to me, and I don't want to leave."
5. "Camp Dreamcatcher has been helping me through lots of stuff and keeping me safe."
6. "My friends and counselors."
7. "I don't like being around other people or opening up, but this camp has made me want to."
8. "Helped me make better choices."
9. "I had depressing thoughts and camp made me happy."

CATCHING DREAMS OVER THE EDGE 2025

On September 27th, thirty everyday heroes became extraordinary superheroes as they rappelled 8 stories down the tallest building in Kennett Square – not for glory, but for love.

- They did it for the children impacted by HIV/AIDS, trauma, and mental health challenges who come to Camp Dreamcatcher seeking healing, hope, and a place where they belong.
- They did it so that no child is left on a waiting list for the care they deserve.
- They did it with shaking hands, pounding hearts – and unwavering courage.

Goal: \$75K

These fearless Superheroes suited up, stepped off the edge, and helped us raise \$70,000 to support our programs. There is still time to celebrate their efforts and to help us reach our goal!

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WAYS TO GIVE

Matching Gifts

Many employers match donations made by employees – sometimes doubling or tripling your impact. Check with your company's HR department or company's online portal to see if your employer participates in matching gift programs.



Planned Giving

Leave a legacy of love by including Camp Dreamcatcher in your will, trust, or estate plan. Consider naming Camp Dreamcatcher as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance.

Donate to Ginny's Legacy of Love



Donor-Advised Funds

Recommend a grant to Camp Dreamcatcher through a donor-advised fund.



IRA Charitable Giving

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a tax-free gift directly through the IRA Charitable Rollover provision. Contact your IRA custodian for more details about making a direct transfer to Camp Dreamcatcher.



JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Mail a check to Camp Dreamcatcher Address: 148 West State St., Suite 104, Kennett Square, PA 19348

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HOLIDAY ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM



ADOPT-A-FAMILY HERE



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