### **Camp Oasis**

"This was my daughter's first time and she had so many amazing experiences. Thanks from the bottom of my heart!"



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> The mission of **Camps For Kids** is to work to assure that no Kansas City area child or youth is denied the wonders of summer camp due to disability or low income.

> > 2014

**Annual Report** 



# Camp ---Eccergone For 1,771 volunteers **Camp is for**

"It was an awesome program and I really appreciate how much the staff looked out for my princess."

Kids assisted its network of 27 camps to raise \$216,000 in designated gifts, and raised an additional \$189,000 in matching gifts from the Camps For Kids Campaign. These funds were directly responsible for close to 2,000 camp

scholarships.

and the skills, love and entrepreneurial spirit of the camp directors and their Boards made it possible for an additional 4.000 children with disabilities or in need to attend summer camp in 2014.

### **In-Kind Donors** continued

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### Royal Family Kids Camp of Lenexa

"One example of positive change is a young boy who was unable to handle transitions from activity to activity. Even though several strategies were employed to help him with this, he would have a melt down when arriving at a large group activity. In one of these group activities we were teaching and singing a song promoting courage and trust. He asked for us to repeat the song as a group. We invited him to stay after the group left

for a special performance with him singing along. He took the song with him and sang it all the way to the dining hall. During the meal he began to act out and his counselor asked him to sing the song out loud with him. He did and was able to regain control over and over again, singing the song to himself in the following hours, as we had to load the bus and come home."

### Joshua Center Camp

"Camp literally changed my child's life. He was so apprehensive at first, but after camp he was a different person, so much so that he wanted to also go to his first overnight Scout Camp."

# **President's Letter**

To me... Camp is like Magic. Even now, with my camps days long ago, the cabins and the lake and the childhood friends can appear to me unbidden. When those moments come, in my mind's eye, I replay summer days of happiness, discovery, independence. And so I am thankful for that rare show, whenever it appears. Just like millions of adults who were also favored with a charmed youth, my summer camp memories will forever beckon a smile not only, "When I'm 64" but, "When the Last Teardrop Falls". Yes, we sang a lot of fun and corny songs at Camp Foxboro! For five weeks, every summer.

### At Camps For Kids,

our contributions to disadvantaged youth provide what is usually a single week of summer memories...which are filled not only with personal adventures, but with unanticipated life lessons.

At C4K, we know that once-in-a lifetime experiences at summer camp may indeed last for a lifetime. For the thousands of campers supported, year in and year out, our hope is that your contributions provide a gift of many hands-on lessons...the muscle memory of which will last forever.

Research shows that kids who experience summer camp, return to their lives more adaptable to their circumstances, and with greater hope of what's in store for them as they grow up.

Do you know a successful adult who had a challenging youth, or who over-came childhood adversity?

More often than not, those adults had at least one key experience -- outside their accustomed environment -- that tested their limits as a youth. One that provided a safe place environment -- that tested their limits as a youth. One that provided a safe place for them to fail, to get up, and to try again.

With your help, **Camps For Kids** provides unique and valuable experiences for youth who are economically or developmentally challenged. Our camps are selected on their track records of success: some have large staffs and some are staffed by trained volunteers. All are among the best at what they do for kids.

As a teacher in the urban core, I saw first-hand the



### **2014 Donors**

#### \$20,000 to \$75,000

Sarli Family Foundation Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Hall Family Foundation United Way (In-Kind)

#### \$5,000 to \$16,000

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#### \$1,000 to \$3,000 continued

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### Financials and Profit and Loss

Financials as of December 31, 2014 (unaud Comparison with 2013 (audited) ASSETS	it		Audited 2013			Unaudited 2014			
Current Assets									
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	104	.52	7	\$	121,072		
Accounts Receivable		\$			523	1.000			
Investments, at fair value		\$	1	,211 \$		\$	856		
Prepaid Expenses		\$	3,636			\$	2,210		
Total Current Assets	_	\$	109,374			\$	124,138		
Fixed assets	-	\$		14	-	\$	245		
Total Assets		\$	109			\$	124,383		
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities Accrued Compensation		\$	8	,53	0	\$	11,998		
Total Current Liabilities	_	\$	8	,53	0		11,998		
NET ASSETS Net Assets Total Liabilities and Net Asset	ts	\$	100 109		115	\$	112,385 124,383		
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	F	Audite 2013					audited 2014		
(Not recognizing in-kind services or gifts)									
Total Campaign Efforts	5	470,6	41	\$	4	198	,875		
* Camp-Designated Funds	3	(213,8	93)	\$	(2	215	,322)		
Match Funds Given to Camps	3	(175,7	40)	\$	(1	189	,154)		
All other company expenses	6	(97,2	32)	\$	1.00	(84	,095)		
Net Profit (Loss)	5	(16,2	24)	\$		10	,304		

\*as agents for our camps, Camps For Kids does not recognize these amounts as revenues or expenses

This information represents the unaudited figures as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014. A copy of the complete 2013 audit report is available from Camps for Kids by emailing raydelia@uwgkc.org.

difference that can be made for students by NEW, CONSTRUCTIVE EXPERIENCES, in learn-by-doing environments, and with trained adults who care about their success.

So, would you please help a youngster go to Camp? There's no more effective way to help a needy youngster' skip a grade ahead in life.

When you give to Camps For Kids, it will be among the most effective usages of your contributable dollars. And your gift to C4K will directly help youth right here in our local Kansas City area.

Thank you on behalf of Camps For Kids for taking a moment here to 'hear our song.'

I am sure that you also can still envision key moments from your childhood, that made a positive difference in your own life.

If you could, I bet you'd wrap up those moments and give them to kids today with the same impactful result in mind. The good news is ... at Camps For Kids, we have found a way for you to do so! If you want to sing a favorite song (or have some S'mores!) as you help us help the needy youth of Greater Kansas City, please be my guest!

Just go to our website, or give us a call.

– Don Stebbins, M.A.



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### KC Hospice Camps Erin and Carousel

"A teen camper reported his "take away" from camp was recognizing how lucky he was to have a chance for good-byes with his mom. Those in his group whose loved ones died suddenly and unexpectedly did not have those conversations. At the time his mom was dying, he was focused on how unfair it was. Now he is starting to recognize some of the gifts he received as well." The 2014 Network of Camps

**CHD Families Camp Systole** is a medically supervised, free, day and overnight camp for children ages 6-15 years living with congenital heart disease, and includes additional programs for their families.

### **Camp Hope**

celebrating 32 years in 2014, is for children ages 5-17 who have, or have had cancer. A 24hour on-site team of a pediatric oncologist, pediatricians, nurses, pharmacist, and psychologist join

90 to 100 volunteers. **Kingdom Kids Camp** is for neglected and abused children who are now in foster care. Based on the Royal Family Kids Camp approach, the kids are "treated like Royalty," arriving and leaving by limo, given their own birthday party, carnival, "Aunts, Uncles, Grandmas and Grandpas." **Camp MITIOG** is a resident camp devoted to organizing and creating

quality life ex-



### **Board of Directors**

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### The 2014 Network of Camps continued

### CHD Families Camp Systole

"One of our campers was turned away from a regular camp because she needed medication for her cardiac condition and also because they had no AED (automated external defibrillator) on site. There were many tears during closing ceremonies." - Valerie Rexin. Director. **CHD** Families Camp Systole

Wildwood Outdoor **Education Center** in 2014 marked the 34th summer that Wildwood has provided hundreds (typically 300-600) of youth from Kansas City's Urban Core with an experiential outdoor education program. Wonderland Camp, sponsored by the Missouri Javcees. provides summer camp fun and educational experiences for mentally and physically challenged children, teenagers

and adults.







periences and lasting memories for children born with Spina Bifida, who learn to see their abilities ... not their limitations. MITIOG is ACA accredited. **Camp Oasis** is a safe and supportive camp community for children with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis. Typical camp site activities are staffed by doctors, nurses, mental health specialists and trained counselors. **Camp Planet D** is a residential one-week camp for children with Type 1 Diabetes. Typical camp activities are augmented by education in diabetes

self-management

skills taught by

endocrinology health professionals. **Ailey Camp** is a summer-long

performing arts program sponsored by the KC Friends of Alvin Ailey, providing a platform for urban core Middle School youth, ages 11-14. **Boys and Girls Clubs: ATOMIC BLAST** summer camp is a ten-week

STEM and literacy focused experience led by certified school teachers and Club staff taking math and science education beyond the classroom.

#### **Camp ChiMer**

provides an opportunity for children with chronic kidney disease to participate in a week-long summer camping experience and to develop peer relationships regardless of their medical needs. **Camp** Carousel and Camp Erin are weekend camps for children between the ages of 5-18 suffering from the loss of a parent or guardian. A service of KC Hospice. **Camp Encourage** 

offers two separate weeks of high quality overnight camp involving relationship development, recreation, and relaxation for children within the autism spectrum. Camp Encourage is staffed by top quality

### **Camp Encourage**

"I made people laugh with me and not at me."



### **Camp Win**

"Thanks for getting young girls involved in wrestling. It's good for the sport and is a confidence builder for girls!"

### The 2014 Network of Camps continued

### Camp Encourage continued

counselors and medical and behavioral specialists. Camp Enterprise

will celebrate its 38th year in 2015, teaching students what it's like to operate a business. This entrepreneurial camp, staffed by business leaders, is sponsored by Rotary Club 13, and is ACA accredited.

### Camp Fire Heartland & Camp

Shawnee give children a traditional camp experience as they are taught outdoor skills that foster knowledge of the natural world. Camp Quality is a 6 day resident camp for kids with cancer. Each camper has an assigned compan--ion 24 hours a day. Days are filled with games, crafts. swimming, boating, fishing, dances, and campfires.

**Camp Shakespeare** is a unique and fun summer arts adventure for young people ages 8 to 18. It is also an educational introduction to the works of William Shakes-peare. - It's King Lear in 2015! **Camp WIN** is a sport day-camp where girls ages 6-12 are introduced to 14 different sports led by local high school and collegiate coaches. Camp WIN is supported by the Girl Scouts and the Women's Sports Foundation. **Girl Scouts Camps** 

counterbalance negative societal trends by providing a means and environment for girls and young women to explore and discover their full potential. Three camps provide a variety of programs. **Heartland Center** is a summer-long residential camp

owned and operated

by the Presbyterian

Church USA:

is ACA accredited; and offers horseback riding, swimming, archery, music, creative arts, campfires, and Bible study.

#### **Joshua Center**

**Camp** is for kids diagnosed within the autism spectrum, with Tourette's Syndrome or OCD/ADHD. The first time some kids meet others with like disorders. **Mattie Rhodes** 

#### **Center** offers

creative, educational opportunities for children with special emphasis on providing services to low-income and minority children. Midnight Farm

Summer Camps are magical experiences for children with special needs. Camp for autistic children provides crafts, sing-alongs, horseback riding and animal petting in the indoor paddocks.

### Missouri Children's Burn Camp is

a supportive environment where children spend a week with others who have also experienced burn injuries. Fun is the focus and friendships form quickly.

### **Royal Family Kids**

**Camp** serves kids in foster care who typically do not have a stable place to call home and who, sadly, are frequently moved around. "Our mission is to treat these children like Royalty." **Whatsoever** 

### **Community Center**

partners with youth to provide opportunities for academic enrichment and social development forming connections with the community.