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Dear Friends, Family and Loyal Supporters:

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Since our last letter in the summer of 2009, we have been working hard to increase our revenues during these difficult economic times. We do not want to disappoint any of the children who are part of our summer program. The three non-profit camps that we continue to work with are Project Morry (Morry's Camp), the Fiver Children's Foundation (Camp Fiver) and Camp Vacamas. We also offer assistance to SCOPE which is an organization that supports approximately thirty not-for-profit camps.

Last year we donated approximately \$45,000 and sent about 40 children to camp. We introduced the concept of sleep-away camp to a reluctant group of parents and children several years ago, at the Carver Center in Port Chester, where no one had ever gone to a sleep-away camp and only six families were willing to try. We called them "Freddy's kids". Now we have them waiting excitedly to sign on and will likely have a waiting list this year as the interest in this program has grown dramatically. Hopefully, we will be able to increase the number of children we send in the future.

The camps we support are continually expanding their summer programs and offer tutorial and mentoring programs for their campers as well. As always, we visit the camps during their summer sessions to assure ourselves that they continue to be deserving of our support. We meet with the directors and visit with the campers. Project Morry and the Fiver Children's Foundation have wonderful websites which detail some of their amazing success stories. The children who were fortunate enough to become part of these programs have made us all proud of their social and academic achievements. You can learn more about Vacamas and SCOPE from their websites as well.

This past summer, the Fred Gabler Helping Hand Camp Fund sponsored a wonderful one day sports program at Morry's Camp. One of our Board members, who knows the former basketball coach of Fairfield University, was able to enlist his services and have him dedicate an afternoon of instruction to several bunks of teenage boys and girls. Our own Board member, Joe Samberg assisted in coaching these children and they had a fabulous afternoon of instruction and exercise. We were also involved in arranging for a guitarist to come up to camp for an afternoon of music and instruction to enhance the already wonderful music program at Morry's Camp.

The two fundraisers we had during our September – August fiscal year netted us \$24,000 with an additional \$29,400 from our generous contributors. Our interest and dividends from our very conservative investments brought us an additional \$11,000 and we had a slight loss (less than 1%) from the redemption of one bond. The Camp Fund expenses have been limited basically to postage, printing, registration and brokerage fees. As always, the printing is done by Fred's cousins at Steingart Printing where we continue to be charged at or below cost.

Please don't forget that we have cards to notify people of donations made "in honor" of or "in memory of" someone. This year two of Fred's friends asked the families of children invited to their kid's birthday parties to donate to Fred's Camp Fund in lieu of birthday presents for their children. They raised over \$1,000 between them and gave the children a wonderful learning experience!

Again, we wish to say THANK YOU for continuing to support the Camp Fund and for keeping us on your list of annual donations.

**Don't forget you can reach us through two e-mail addresses:
fredgablercampaund@gmail.com or our original bbmom1@aol.com**

You can go to our website: www.fredgabler.org for information about the Camp Fund.

ENCLOSED IS AN ORDER FORM FOR OUR APRIL 10TH FUNDRAISING EVENT:
"SPIDER-MAN: Turn off the Dark" We hope you are able to join us.

Sincerely,



Leslie Gabler

and the Board of Directors