



Fred Gabler Helping Hand

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Dear Friends,

Another year has passed, and with your help, the Fred Gabler Helping Hand Camp Fund (the "Camp Fund") is again happily sending under-privileged children to sleep-away camp. The children in last year's group were most grateful for and excited about their camping experience and for all the help and mentoring provided after the summer season by the camps to which we sent them.

Last year, for the first time, 10 children from the Carver Center in Port Chester were selected to be part of our program. No child at that facility had ever gone to sleep-away camp and parents were anxious about sending their children away for 2 weeks. Each child had an amazing experience and we are pleased to inform you that 8 of the 10 will be returning to camp this summer. An additional 14 children from that facility applied for "camperships" this year. We stretched our budget to the limit so that we could send them all and not leave anyone disappointed. These 22 children are attending either Camp Vacamas or Project Morry (formerly Morry's Camp).

We continue to send large cash donations to Project Morry, the Fiver Children's Foundation (Camp Fiver), Camp Vacamas and SCOPE where we support about 40 other children attending these camps.

Our fundraising for the 2007 year was very successful, due mostly to the "Xanadu" Fundraising event. The producers of that show charged us an incredibly low price for the tickets and with our impressive turnout we netted \$27,000 from that event. The cost for the "Little Mermaid" ticket was much higher and as a result, the net for that show was only \$3000. Your other generous contributions for the year totaled about \$29,000. In addition we earned about \$10,000 in interest and dividends from our very conservatively invested portfolio. The Camp Fund's operating expenses were limited to postage and printing (for which we were charged at cost by Fred's cousins at Steingart Printing).

Please don't forget that we also have cards to notify people of donations made in honor or in memory of someone. One of Fred's very close friends uses his son's birthday party as a time to raise money for the Camp Fund and asks the invited families to make donations to the Fund in lieu of presents for his child. He has done that for the last three years and raises about \$2000 a year. We have special cards we can provide to you for this purpose. We think this is a great way to start to teach children about charitable giving!

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

We are again scheduling two theatre events for our fundraising endeavors this year. Because of the continually increasing Broadway ticket prices we MUST increase our charge for tickets for BILLY ELLIOTT now, and probably for SHREK in the Spring. We need to do this in order to meet our goal of continuing to support our camps at the current rate and give as many underprivileged children as possible the opportunity to attend sleep-away camp.

PLEASE REMEMBER – aside from being a fun night at the theater each fundraising event enables us to provide children with an experience they might otherwise not have. By introducing them to new and exciting experiences, they have improved their grades at school and set higher goals for themselves. We are giving them one of the important tools to maximize their potential. We have already seen results from several young adults who have gone off to College and beyond.

Thank you in advance for continuing to support our Camp Fund and for keeping Fred's memory and charitable spirit alive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie E. Gabler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally below the word "Sincerely,".

Leslie Gabler and the Board of Directors

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE WEBSITE : www.fredgabler.org for info and events
The site was created by Fred's childhood friend Ellen Paborsky Krugel of EPK Designs.