

June 2009

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that more than 7 ½ years have passed since the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center.

We, who started Fred's Camp Fund, are proud of the fact that with your help, we have been able to successfully honor Fred's memory by creating and expanding a fund which has sent many underprivileged children to summer sleep-away camp over these years and opened new horizons and created incredible experiences for them. The children that we send are most grateful for this opportunity to learn independence while learning to live in environments of cooperation, harmony and achievement.

Last year we increased the numbers of children we sent from the Carver Center in Port Chester, and although we couldn't fully fund all of them, we did contribute enough to participating camps so that they felt it was worth taking these children into their program. We sent approximately 40 children to camp either fully or partially funded by the Fred Gabler Helping Hand Camp Fund. We continue to support our original group of not-for-profit camps which include Project Morry (formerly Morry's Camp), Camp Vacamas and the Fiver Organization Camp along with SCOPE.

Last year's fundraising efforts fell a little short of our goals primarily due to the weakened economy. "Billy Elliot" netted us approximately \$17,900 and "Shrek" added another \$5500 to our bottom line. Your other generous contributions for the year totaled about \$32,800. Our very conservatively invested portfolio lost less than 20 %, which during these economic times is supposedly considered good, but we were disappointed. The by-laws state that we may never spend more than 10% of the Fund's total assets in any given year in order to keep this fund in existence for the long term along with the memory of Fred. As a result we were not able to increase the number of children we are sending to camp this year. This is the first year we have not been able to increase the number of children attending camp. The Camp Fund's expenses continue to be limited to postage and printing (for which Fred's cousins at Steingart Printing continue to charge us cost,)

Please don't forget that we 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 donate to Fred's Fund in lieu of presents for his child. This year, the owners of Camp Baco, who were celebrating their 60th Anniversary asked their friends to donate to the Fund in lieu of gifts

for them. (This was the camp where Fredric spent many happy summers). Camp Baco always has a huge Charity Day (The Bazaar) at camp towards the end of summer, and donates very generously to several charities including Fred's Camp Fund.

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

WE HAVE ADDED AN EMAIL ADDRESS JUST FOR THE CAMP FUND:

fredgablercampaund@gmail.com

ATTACHED IS ORDER FORM FOR THE NOVEMBER 11th (VETERAN'S DAY) FUNDRAISER. OUR SHOW WILL BE **WEST SIDE STORY**. We have priced the ticket more moderately at \$160 and hope to increase the number of tickets sold. We have reserved 300 tickets and must know within the month how many we will use and if we need more..

Sincerely,

Leslie Gabler

and the Board of Directors