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2018 NEWSLETTER

To All of Our Wonderful Supporters:

First, let me mention that we welcomed two new members-Brian Pessin and Eric Steinert – to our Board of Directors.

The Fred Gabler Helping Hand Camp Fund is now in existence over 16 years! We are very proud to tell you that we continue to support approximately 40 camperships each summer and help the not-for-profit camps expand their programs.

We completed the building of The Fred Gabler Sports Pavilion at Morry's Camp. You can view a picture of it through the following link: http://www.fredgabler.org/news

We have also committed to renovating and expanding the waterfront at Camp Fiver as it had been severely damaged by several heavy storms and hurricanes. We pledged \$48,000 to complete the waterfront project this summer in order to expedite the completion of what was originally projected to take five years. We are also helping to expand their Craft House where all of the campers come to learn weaving (on a real loom), along with sewing, knitting, and other stress-reducing activities.

We donated funds to Camp Felix to help them launch their mentoring program and continue to support this initiative as it continues to grow. Camp Fiver and Project Morry already have mentoring programs in place.

A BroaderWay and Camp Vacamas round out the five camps we support. A BroaderWay offers girls from urban communities an outlet for creative self-expression through their camp and year-round arts-centered programs. We will be sending 7 children from the Carver Center in Port Chester, NY to Camp Vacamas this summer. These children have attended the camp in the past and are very appreciative of our role in enabling them to return this summer. In addition, we make a contribution to SCOPE, which helps fund 30 not-for-profits under their watchful eyes.

The Fred Gabler Helping Hand Camp Fund has been accepted as a beneficiary of Cantor Fitzgerald's charitable giving for the past four years. We are required to apply each year and appear with a celebrity at their 9/11 Charity Day. They have proven to be very helpful in our effort to raise sufficient funds to help with the initiatives mentioned above. We also have several smaller fundraising activities which help us raise money for our camperships.

One of these is our theater event – which we host once or twice each year. This September we have reserved excellent tickets for "Pretty Woman, the Musical" for Thursday evening at 7pm September 27th. We hope you will be able to join us. We will be emailing additional information as well as an order form for tickets in the near future.

Please keep in mind that we also have donation cards "in honor of" or "in memory of" which help us with our fundraising.

Thanks for your continued support. We strive to ensure that your donations are put to good use and bring lots of smiles to the children who get to enjoy summer camp in the way that Fred did for so many years.

Leslie Gabler for the Board of Directors