

CAMPFIRE SPARKS

CHRISTIAN HEIGHTS CAMP FALL 2016

THE POOL IS PAID FOR

The Board of Directors completed repayment of the loan for the swimming pool at its June meeting. All of you who supported the project with donations, fund raisers and physical labor made it YOUR project. With last summer's dry heat, campers attending programs run by CHC, Camp Agape and St. George Family Camp thoroughly enjoyed refreshing times in the pool. THANK YOU ALL!!

GENEROUS DONATION

Recently CHC received a \$10,000 donation from a former camper. The note that accompanied the gift stated: "Just finished reading CHC's spring edition 2016. I recall how excited I was each year knowing that when school ended, I had four weeks at CHC. As I read all the comments on Facebook, it's apparent so many other campers feel the same way we did 'back in the day.'

"I have often wished to contribute to CHC to say thank you for all the wonderful memories I carry with me. At last, I am able to do so in a small way. Please accept this as an 'anonymous gift' from a grateful, old camper."

Wow! What an inspirational note and gift! All of you who give time, energy and funds to make camp work well are appreciated beyond words.

Time and again, former campers and/or their families have supported CHC. The impact of godly staff, the Creator's handiwork and fellow campers enhanced by the memorable activities from morning "calisthenics" at the flagpole to songs around the campfire never leave the hearts of a camper.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

CALENDAR 2017

Mar. 11	Board meeting
May 6	Workday
May 27-29	Mem. Day Work
June 9	Board meeting
June 10	Work day
July 9-15	First week of camp
July 16 -22	Second week of camp
July 23-29	Camp Agape
July 30-Aug 5	St. Geo. Church Camp
Sept. 1-3	CHC Alumni Retreat
Oct. 7	Annual Meeting @CHC
Dec. 2	Board Meeting

2017 BUDGET

INCOME:

Registrations	\$8000
Donations	7500
Rentals	4500
Donor Choice of United Way	4000
Fundraisers	1000
Other	<u>1532</u>
TOTAL	\$26532

EXPENSES:

Insurance	\$ 5300
Maintenance & repairs	3000
Utilities	3400
Program	7900
Newsletters, brochures, etc.	750
To Capital Reserve Fund	2402
Capital improvements	3000
Pool maintenance	750
Other	<u>30</u>
TOTAL	\$26532

CHC and Camp Agape are sharing the cost of a new stove for the kitchen. THANK YOU!!

HONOR ROLL OF DONORS

Since the last newsletter the following have made contributions to CHC. Christian Heights is deeply indebted to the following friends:

Anonymous Donors
Amanda Bouley
George and Maurine Brown
Frank and Stacey Buccella
Nancy Buccella
John and Dianne Fazzolari
Nick and Elle Gleason
Alex Gorrow
Dan Henninger
Jon and Laurie Hexemer
Delores Linke
Penny Moher
Arron and Aimee Peters
Rick and Laretta Peters
Otto and Polly Redanz
Jason and Melissa Ruta
Bob and Carol Sembert
Gail Smith
Gary Smith/Modern Corp
Wayne and Debbie Stoia
All Truist donors who designated CHC
All United Way donors who designated CHC.

Early next year check the website for a list of items that would be helpful gifts for Camp.

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We try very hard to thank all donors to Camp in a timely manner. Every gift, large or small, is significant. If for some reason you did not receive an acknowledgment from us, please contact George Brown.

NEXT CHC EVENT IS ON ICE

The annual hour of ice skating with campers and staff and their families and friends is Monday, December 26. Once again it will be at the Dwyer Arena on the campus of Niagara University. Ice-time begins at 1:30. The skate rental will be open.

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Christian Heights, Inc., is now registered with AmazonSmile. That means Camp could receive rewards of .5% of all purchases that are made by customers who designate CHC as their charity. To sign up, go to smile.amazon.com and then always make your Amazon purchases at smile.amazon.com. Each quarter they will make a deposit based on all purchases in our name.

MEMORIAL PAVILION

The Board of Directors is studying a proposal to construct a pavilion to honor the memory of loved ones in whose name gifts have been made to CHC. It has been suggested that it be open on three sides with the one wall being a "memory wall." Where would it be located? Perhaps near the basketball court overlooking the ball field. If you have any ideas, please forward them to the Board.

BEFORE CHC EXISTED

As Camp was closing on July 24, a car slowly was driving by and then stopped to ask George about CHC as he was placing trash in the dumpster. The driver identified herself as Diane Milks Bergholtz. You may recall that CHC bought the property from the Milks family.

Diane's first six years were lived on the farm that was sold to Christian Heights in 1947. She has many fond memories of those years (maybe some not-so-fond, like falling in the manure pile) and shared some photos with us. She writes, "I always am amazed that the house and barn are still standing. Know many changes have been made, but still is reassuring to me to see and know that it was my first home." She included several important historical points regarding her family that will be added to our archives.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the corporation:

President: Laretta Peters
Vice-Pres.: George Brown
Treasurer: Barb Kolodziej
Secretary: Gail Smith

CO-DIRECTORS WORKED WELL

Dianne Fazzolari and Aimee Peters served as co-directors with George Brown this past year. The goal of Camp is to transition the role of director to younger generations and one of the requirements of the Dept. of Health is supervisory experience. Dianne and Aimee did an excellent job of continuing and improving the camp program. It is CHC's hope that in the near future they, and perhaps others, will be fully accepted by NYS as camp directors.

Aimee says, "Dianne and I appreciate each and every person that volunteered at CHC this year, and are grateful for EVERY camper who attended. If you enjoyed Camp as much as we did, please remember to invite your friends!"