Spring 2017

# Camp Changes Lives 2017 in Philadelphia!

CampHerrich HERALD

The 5th Annual Camp Changes Lives event was a massive success. The evening for some special camp supporters started with an intimate chef's five-course dinner. Then the rest of the guests poured in for a cocktail reception that ended as a benefit concert. At La Colombe Coffee Roaster in Philadelphia on March 4, over 80 guests enjoyed an open bar and live music from The Bottoms Up Dixieland Jazz Band, Blues Junior, and DJ Redasko. People danced, Tremper T Shirts were sold, cocktails were made, and everyone left happy. By the end of the night we raised over \$15,000 to support inner-city kids attending Camp Herrlich. It was a wonderful event and we are looking forward to next year.



The Gentile Children-Camp Changes Lives organizers



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The Bottoms Up Dixieland Jazz Band

Do you want to be included on the invitation list to our events? Just e-mail info@campherrlich.org and let us know!

#### The HERRLICH HERALD



To register online, go to www.campherrlich.org and click on Special Events

#### SUMMER DAY & SLEEPAWAY CAMP ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

Visit Summer Camp Programs at www.CampHerrlich.org for more information and registration forms. **REGISTER NOW!** 



Go, Team Herrlich!
Basketball Shootout

On March 4, 2017, our School Age Program Sites raised over \$2,000 at the Carmel Rotary Basketball Shootout! All four site directors (Beth Mahoskey, Doreen Smith, Heather Duben, and Jerilynn Galbraith), made or exceeded their goal of raising \$500. Because of their efforts, each site got to have a pizza party and a shopping spree of new items for their programs.

### **2017 GOLF OUTING**

Registration for the Camp Herrlich Golf Invitational 2017 is open! Join us for a great day of golf for a great cause.

On Monday, June 5, at Trump National Hudson Valley in Hopewell Junction, NY, the Mercedes-Benz Golf Invitational to Benefit Camp Herrlich will kick off at 11:00 AM. Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Mercedes-Benz of Wappingers Falls, Sayegh Law, and the Timber Lake Foundation, golfers who join us will enjoy contests, lunch, cocktails and dinner, and most importantly a day of fun on the links! The top two-person team will compete at the MBDC Eastern Sectional Tournament at Torrey Pines in La Jolla, CA.

All contributions are tax deductible and all proceeds benefit Camp Herrlich's Scholarship Fund, making it possible for children from the local community and the underprivileged in New York City come to camp.

### SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS We Won!

Thanks to all who nominated our programs and the hard work of our directors and staff, we have been award the School Age Program of the Year Award for Putnam County from the Child Care Council of Dutchess and Putnam. Program highlights include enrichment clubs, guest speakers from local organizations, creative projects, and community service. We are now enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year. Reserve your child's spot now.



After-school students participating in a Save the Children Get Ready Get Safe Prep Rally

# Grants

In December 2016, Camp Herrlich was awarded the John T. Sloper Community Fund Grant through Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (www. CommunityFoundationsHV.org). This grant will help fund life-saving medical equipment for the camp, including replacement automated external defibrillator (AED) batteries and pads and EpiPens. Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley serves all of Dutchess, Putnam, and Ulster counties and is a driving force in philanthropy in the region. The John T. Sloper Community Fund was in 1958 to honor the legacy of John T. Sloper and the Sloper-Willen Community Ambulance Service, to promote and encourage people and organizations to provide emergency medical services, and to save lives.

Camp Herrlich was also given a grant from the Pawling Rotary Club towards their ACEKids! Theater Program. Camp Herrlich's ACEKids! participants will be performing Spamalot – Young @ Part edition at Pawling Middle School, Disney's Aladdin Kids at Pawling Elementary School, and a selection of songs from Disney's Aladdin Kids at Matthew Paterson and Kent Elementary Schools in the spring.

The Garden Partnership and Grant for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County and Camp Herrlich is a \$1000.00 grant from Cornell Garden-Based Learning to fund the



Senior Program Director Jessica Vanacoro with March S. Gallagher and Nathaniel S. Prentice of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley

# Accolades

On September 19, 2016, the United Way of Westchester and Putnam honored Bob Gentile, Executive Director, Camp Herrlich, Patterson and Wendy Gentile, Administrator, George Fischer Middle School, Carmel as outstanding Putnam volunteers. The evening featured the region's best chefs and fine wines, a silent auction, and a special presentation bringing attention to Bob and Wendy's dedication to helping those in Westchester and Putnam Counties in need, particularly children.



Bob and Wendy Gentile receiving honors

Camp Herrlich garden for 2017. Thanks to the efforts of Katherine Everitt and Jennifer Stengle of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County, and in partnership with Jessica Vanacoro and Camp Herrlich, children in the after school and summer programs will experience firsthand how wonderful, educational, and fulfilling it is to grow your own food. The partnership will include funding the camp garden, providing plants and gardening gear for campers to take home with them, nutrition workshops provided by Kris Boyle from the Putnam County Health Department, and gardening workshops and trainings for camp staff and campers provided by the Cornell Cooperative Extension educators and Master Gardener Volunteers.

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#### A Message from Our Executive Director

#### Hí Folks,

Wow-we can't wait for the warm weather and a camp full of children! It's now May and we are ready for summer. We are all looking forward to a camp full of excited children running around-happy, dirty, and safe.

As always, our program staff continues to nurture the children of our community year-round in a variety of programs. We continue to serve the needs of hard-working families who entrust us with their children. I thank God for our wonderful staff every day.

We have been very busy this past fall and winter and now spring with new school-age programs, user groups, and facility improvements. I never thought I would write this in "Bob's Corner," but please stop by and check out the new bathrooms in Schweiger Hall. Not kidding-they are amazingly nice, especially for those who have had the pleasure of using our old bathrooms. Really, folks, no kidding, please stop by and visit anytime. We would love to show you around. I think you will be pleasantly surprised by all the changes.

At Camp Herrlich, we help children build strong foundations through the wonderful experiences they have here. Every encounter with nature, every swim in the lake, every new friend they make, every game they play, every counselor they connect with, adds another building block to their lives.

Now, we need your help to build a new, strong foundation on the property to continue to change our campers' lives. We have currently raised \$700,000 toward our \$1,000,000 Education and Retreat Center project. This includes a new 4,800 square foot building as well as plans to build a beautiful outdoor amphitheater, add more bathrooms, winterize more cabins, and refurbish



Bob's Corner

our existing K. Fredericks building. This project will help us serve our campers better and more safely. It will allow us to support and expand our existing programs and truly help our campers and staff find out what is wonderful about themselves.

We are currently in the planning and permit stage and hope to break ground in the fall. We encourage you to give as much as you can to this capital campaign and make a difference in the lives of our campers. As always, we cannot do it without you.

So, my friends, once again, thank you for continuing to be there for us. Thank you for your time, treasures, and talent. We love that you care enough to support us, as we provide hope and support to others.

