



GLAD tidings

Fall 2009

Camp Joy

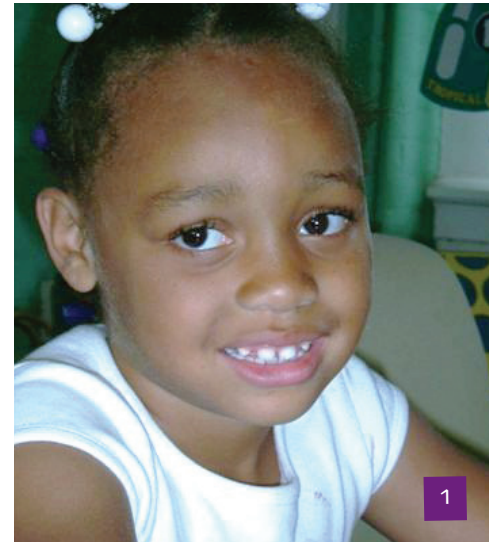
Camp Joy provides a "Youth Agency Camp", which is an experience-based overnight camp for primarily economically disadvantaged youth. Camp Joy's program is designed to provide programming that is surrounded by relationship building, self esteem, and skill development with a strong sense of purpose and value. The children work on teamwork and leadership through adventure activities.

One of the children that attended camp this year wrote the following note to GLAD House staff upon her return:

I really had a lot of fun at Camp Joy last week. We learn a lot of things at Camp Joy. One thing we learned was that you can fix your own problems by not being disrespectful, not arguing with each other. We had lots of fun. One thing that I enjoyed was having fun and making new friends. I am glad that you let me go to Camp Joy this year. I really had fun playing, swimming, making new friends, helping, sharing. I really love going to Camp Joy! Thank you. - Love, Asia

GLAD House children attending Camp Joy were able to develop friendships, experience challenges (living in cabins, tackling high ropes courses), gain self-confidence and build social skills.

Support from generous **individual donors** allows us to send children to Camp Joy each year. This year, thanks to a grant from the **Finish Line Foundation**, the **Greater Cincinnati Summertime Kids Grant** and support from the **Academy of Medicine Alliance of Cincinnati**, we were able to double the number of children who could attend.



1: Asia
2: Giggling girls

Volunteer Spotlight

GLAD House is very fortunate to benefit from many volunteer efforts. Two recent volunteer groups from GO CINCINNATI and the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming have helped us to strengthen the services provided to the children.

GO CINCINNATI provided garden clean-up, removal of a wall to create a group therapy room, as well as painting in

our common area. These improvements made such a difference! Guests at the Garden Dedication remarked on the beauty of our garden. And the group therapy room has become an asset in providing services to the children.

The Presbyterian Church of Wyoming prepared and delivered delicious meals for the children of GLAD House. Meal time is such an important part of the program at



GLAD House because it offers the children a nutritious meal and provides the staff the opportunity to teach appropriate table manners, social skills and healthy food choices.

GLAD House Annual Meeting

On Thursday, July 16th GLAD House held our 2007-2008 Annual Meeting. The following report was presented by Adrienne Cenci, Executive Director:

The GLAD in GLAD House stands for Giving Live a Dream, and last week we were able to see that dream realized. For the 3rd year in a row we have celebrated four amazing teenagers who, against all odds are succeeding in life. These GLAD Hands Club members have stayed connected to GLAD House for over ten years and are now graduating from high school and going on to college. We are so proud of them. Their challenges have been significant but they have broken the intergenerational cycle of addiction and poverty through academic success and a healthy lifestyle.

on the wall in the community room. Families who have positive rituals are shown to have success in life and we follow many routines to create a positive, predictable and safe structure for the children.

Of the After School Program graduates, 91% followed through to GLAD Hands Club.

Children come to GLAD House angry, confused and overwhelmed with their situations. Many are suspended from school on a regular basis and have difficulty managing their behavior. We work to stabilize their conditions and help them self regulate their behavior, sometimes with mental health medications and sometimes with just behavior management skills.

“Our small but mighty staff work hard every day...”

Every day we see children at GLAD House take steps towards this same future.

100% of the children attending GLAD House were promoted to the next grade level. Given that so many of our children change schools several times a year and may even change care takers, it is a significant accomplishment for these high-risk children.

Last year an amazing 91% completed the intensive After School Program. They came to GLAD House four days a week for four hours each day for approximately ten months. Every day they worked on their treatment goals, said the pledge to be alcohol and drug free, recited the Seven C's and stated their rights which are posted

82% of the children were able to improve their conflict resolution skills. We also teach delayed gratification with our point system and the importance of saving toward a goal.

Our small but mighty staff work hard every day, they go the extra mile, because they love the children of GLAD House.

We also benefit from our dedicated volunteers. For example, the youth from the Forest Hills Pride Team are excellent role models. They come to GLAD House every month, help with tutoring and participate in the alcohol and drug prevention activities. They even raise money and school supplies for our program. Some of these teenagers



Graduation Celebration

have “grown up” with us as well. Xavier University continues to support GLAD House and for the 2nd year in a row offered us a grant to support the children's program.

Cincinnati is a generous community and we could not do all that we do without our individual donors, the many foundations who support us and our most important volunteers, the GLAD House Board members.

Welcome New Board Members



GLAD House Garden Dedication

On Tuesday, August 11th friends and family gathered to dedicate the GLAD House Garden to Mr. Richard Todd, volunteer and long time supporter of GLAD House. Mr. Todd passed away in 2008 but his legacy of giving lives on in the beauty of the GLAD House Garden. Pictured above in the garden is Mr. Todd's wife, Mrs. Janet Todd.



Christopher Bolling, MD

Christopher F. Bolling, M.D. is a founding member and full time practitioner in the largest private pediatric practice in the state of Kentucky, Pediatric Associates. He is also an Adjunct Associate Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of General and Community Pediatrics at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC) where he is Research Director of the Cincinnati Pediatric Research Group. Dr. Bolling is involved in clinical care, research, advocacy and education regarding the treatment and prevention of pediatric obesity. Dr. Bolling uses his clinical and research experience to help community members to engage in pediatric health-related issues, particularly initiatives related to obesity prevention and treatment.

Kenneth D. Jameson, Esq.

Mr. Jameson practices law at Cohen, Todd, Kite & Stanford, LLC in the area of commercial real estate transitions. Mr. Jameson also represents clients in estate

planning and probate law, including limited liability companies, family limited partnerships, trusts and other estate planning vehicles. He received his B.A. from the Ohio State University and his law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Mr. Jameson is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Cincinnati Bar Association.

Jeffrey D. Stanley

Mr. Stanley is in training with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney to become a Financial Advisor. He has a long history in the world of finance and wealth management including running his own insurance and financial services firm, which was successfully sold a few months prior to joining Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Mr. Stanley is a graduate of Thomas More College and completed his Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. Other areas of expertise include marketing, sales, process improvement, electronic banking, and database management.

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