So Much S’More Than Camp

Swimming, baseball, canoeing, lanyards, that ubiquitous campfire treat—the s’more—each of these conjures up summer memories for many of us who went to camp.

For the children of Circle Of Concern clients, the cost of camp is often too high for their parents; when there’s a choice to pay for summer enrichment or pay a utility bill, the bill wins. With the help of Circle’s Campership program, however, all the fun activities that fill summer days are within reach. Day- or sleep-away camps, ball teams, swimming or music lessons, many types of summer enrichment are eligible for this program.

These programs aren’t “just camp,” or just fun and games. According to Niki Vandable, Circle’s Client Services Director, “Camp is a chance to expand what and who they know. It increases their social capital and improves how they understand the world and how they can find their way in it.”

Even just a little feedback from clients whose children experienced camp warms the heart like a campfire:

- My children learned to swim…and now are teaching me.
- My son worked on his Scout badge.
- My daughter learned about science outdoors.
- She’d never been away from home before; she was not afraid and had a great time.
- My son had never been in a canoe, and he learned to paddle.

If you remember your summer camp experiences fondly, please consider making a gift to make camp possible for a Circle child today! Just write “Camperships” on your check’s memo line…and we’ll provide the marshmallows!
Thinking Outside the Circle

March Madness!

Picture a wall lined waist-high with colorful tubs, all filled with food, a six-foot tall tally board marked with basketball teams and points earned and a maniacally-decorated trophy, plastered with candy and color. Together, this March Madness hoopla marks the end of a lively competition at Scottrade. And the winner is...Circle Of Concern!

The Brand Marketing team at Scottrade’s Maryville office collected food and more than $500 in cash for the food pantry. As much as the food and funds are appreciated, we especially appreciate the spirited competition and the thoughtfulness to urge special donation of some critically-needed items like tomato products and canned chicken.

Thank you, Scottrade, for the mad love and support!

Fabulous Funders Wanted!

Circle is looking for some special sponsors to partner with us in this, our 50th Anniversary Year! If your company, employer, church or group is interested in being a part of Circle’s Golden Anniversary, please give us a call. We would love to tell you about sponsorship opportunities for the Run Circles Around Hunger 5K and Circle’s 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. You’ll have fun participating in these great events, while enjoying some recognition for your group! Call 636.861.2623, x117 or email cyndi@circleofconcern.org.

March Stats:

- Number of people fed: 1,746
- Number of bags distributed: 2,912
- Number of families: 609
- Cost: $83,821.92
- Financial Assistance: 39 families received $6,703 in financial assistance
- Volunteers: 176 volunteers shared 2,088 hours

In Honor

Rochard & Paul Naimisha
Bob Betts
Rebecca Compton
Annie & Jim Cox
Sally Edmiston
Dr. N. Ghazal
Jesus
Barb & Boyd Jones
Nix Lages Birthday!
Mike Marino
Mary Olson
Linda Patton
Nancy Pawol
Former Clients Who Come Back & Pay It Forward
Wayne & Karen Pennington
Madeline Raile
Denny Rubin’s 70th Birthday!
Bobbie Siesennop
Gene Stuckey
Tim & Sara Vincent
Sharon Wear

A Circle History Moment

Volunteers bustle in tight spaces in Circle’s old building. While we all love our new building, our volunteers have fond memories of good work done in tight quarters!
If Not Circle

Circle is grateful for the generous support of all our friends and donors. Sometimes, though, we can’t accept items that our neighbors bring us. For example, we can’t accept clothing (except new hats, gloves and scarves), furniture, bedding (except new blankets) or household goods. When such items are dropped off outside our doors, we are required by local health codes and practices to discard it.

If you have these items, we urge you to share them with other local organizations, many of which work closely with Circle when clients come to us with special needs. When a client needs clothes for a job interview, when a client loses items in a fire or when myriad other needs arise, we can often count on these friends to help.

Here are just a few of our partnering organizations that play a critical part in meeting the needs of our clients and neighbors:

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Stores
13986 Manchester Rd. in Ballwin (near Weidman Rd.)
625 Gravois in Fenton (next to Gold’s Gym)

Savers Thrift Store
15892 Clayton Rd. in Ellisville (SE corner of Clayton and Clarkson)

Goodwill Stores
Multiple locations, visit mersgoodwill.org

We Need Toddler Books!

The good news is that the children of our clients take books home with them every time they visit Circle. The bad news is that we’re almost out of books! We are especially looking for new or very gently used toddler/pre-school books. Can you help? Books can be dropped off during the business hours listed on the back page of this newsletter. Thank you!

In Memory

George Allen
Ann
Ann Behrend
Walter Beranek
Betty
Dottie Fine Blair
Leona Bode
Stephen Bohrer
Kenneth Buermann
Julia M. Burleson
Cleon Burt
Pat Byars
Melburn & Gladys Caesar
John Carroll
Bill Charleton
John & Connie Conrad
Carolyn Czapla
Dick Decota
Drusilla DeLisle
Audrey Dempsey
& Gwen Wells
Walter & Marie Falk
Your Father
Clara Francis
Charles Arlin Glandt
Roger Grapperhaus
Tillie Gruen
Warren Hecht
Harvey Henricks, Jr.
Barb Honewood
David Key
Evangelina Kliensorge
Keith Mattern
Julie McKinney
Jerry McMahon
Trudy Mehlick
Elmer & Mary Ann Meyer
John Miller
Marie Monfort
Brian Murray
Don Muse
Chris Nelson
Norman Raeder
Lavon Richardson
Christine Royal
Weston Sailor
Reuben Salazar
Marianne Schenck
Hal Sher
Prem Kumar Sinha
Cathy Spalding
Robert L. Stephenson
Russell Strohmeyer
Gerald Struckhoff
Scot Vivrett

Tributes received
January 1 through March 31, 2017
We share many donations with our clients:
- Food, Canned and Packaged
- Fresh Garden Produce
- Dry Pet Food, Litter
- New School Supplies
- New Toys
- New Blankets, Hats, Gloves

Donations are accepted:
- Mon, Tue, Fri................. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Wednesday................... 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Thursday..................... 9 a.m. - noon
- Saturday..................... 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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