



CAMPHILL FOUNDATION - *AT WORK*

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Your vision, your dedication, your donations—they're all At Work!

We've created this biannual newsletter, *At Work*, to share with you, our friends and benefactors, how your generous involvement and contributions are at work supporting the Camphill movement. Each issue will offer a view of our work, including progress

reports and news of important projects we know you'll want to hear about. We're excited to launch this new publication that will foster and celebrate the work we do together.

The recent fire at Camphill Hermanus in South Africa was a tragic event. As you will see, an international campaign and your continued support have helped turn this unfortunate event into a testament of Camphill's spirit of collaboration.

Sustaining community life is central to the vision and work of Camphill and of the Camphill Foundation. The renovation and transformation of Rose Hall at Kimberthon Hills into a café and village center is witness to this vision.

The gratifying success of the Camphill Foundation's coworker development project, now known as the Coworker Development Office, is thanks to the financial support of you, our donors. Additionally, the success is a result of guidance from the Camphill Association of North America, the efforts of a hardworking and talented director, and the spirited support of the many coworkers and volunteers in every community.

I welcome you to enjoy our first issue and look forward to many more issues to come.

Bernard Murphy

Announcing the President's Circle

The Camphill Foundation's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the formation of the Camphill Foundation President's Circle. Recognition will be bestowed on select donors who have offered significant contributions of their time, expertise and resources to the Camphill Foundation.

As a member of the President's Circle, donors will enjoy the following benefits:

- Special invitation to "Strategic Vision" luncheons
- Complimentary tickets to Camphill salon music events
- Advance notice of all Camphill Foundation major events

For more information about how you can become a part of this select group supporting the efforts of the Camphill Foundation, please contact Bernard Murphy at 518-671-6801 or bernard@camphillfdn.org.

DONATIONS REBUILD COMMUNITY



On February 5th, the residents of Camphill Hermanus' Ibis House were awakened by black smoke and blistering heat. Thankfully, everyone escaped the blaze safely, but the house, home to so many people and memories, was damaged beyond recognition.

The eight special needs children and seven co-workers who lived in the house were relocated for four months while their home was rebuilt. Thanks to your generosity and the many charitable gifts the Camphill Foundation receives, the house was rebuilt and reoccupied in record time.

To fund the reconstruction costs not covered by insurance, Camphill communities around the world launched an international appeal. Here in North America, the Camphill Foundation led the fundraising effort among our twelve communities. Together, we contributed more than \$50,000, which, combined with other money raised from Camphill communities worldwide, was enough to complete the project.

Gifts to the Foundation were used to put on the roof and we are very pleased to tell you that the home, now named the Phoenix House, has re-opened and is once again providing a nurturing home to children with disabilities.

Thank you for your continued generous support and for letting us return our children to their beds.



KIMBERTON HILLS UNDERGOES RENOVATIONS

For thirty years, Rose Hall has been the home to countless community and cultural events that have raised the spirits of all members of the community. Thanks to your generosity, we can all look forward to enjoying the Hall for years to come.



The Camphill Foundation is pleased to announce that it has committed \$225,000 in grant and loan funds to Camphill Village Kimberton Hills that will renovate not only this beloved hall, but also provide the cafeteria and bakery next door with much-needed upgrades.

Rose Hall, at the true heart of the community, received a major facelift including extensive roof repairs, professional landscaping and exterior wall refinishing. The bakery and cafeteria will undergo a complete rebuild that brings with it a new commercial kitchen and modern dining facility. As construction progresses, it is clear that the results will be spectacular.

The project has brought smiles to everyone and has injected a sense of confidence and commitment for the future in the Kimberton Hills Community.

"This is an important and long-awaited project", rejoiced Kimberton Hills Executive Director Diedra Heitzman. "Thanks to the generosity of the Camphill Foundation and its Board of Directors, it can now become a reality."

RECRUITMENT GROWING. SPIRIT SPREADING.

When the Camphill Foundation created the Coworker Development Office (CDO), the goal was fairly clear – recruit a new generation of quality coworkers. Six years later, the vision has been realized and there is no stopping the potential.

Thanks to the donations acquired by the Camphill Foundation, the Coworker Development Office has established standardized recruitment and admissions processes with the following outstanding results!

- Over the past three years, nearly twenty percent return for a second year
- Since 2001, AmeriCorps enrollment has quadrupled
- Volunteers are more often staying on as long-term coworkers

The continued success of the communities is highly dependent on the quality of coworkers and their increased involvement and desire to be active participants year after year. Now with enough coworkers to staff each of the twelve existing North American communities, Camphill is looking to cultivate new communities in areas that would thrive from its existence.

The real life tales of the volunteers are so rich and rewarding that it was important to share at least one example:

My life at Camphill gives me the opportunity for relationships that I would otherwise not create... I prepare a large meal with a woman who... spends her days in a wheelchair. She is an incredibly hard worker—her dedication to the task, her attention to detail, and her disabilities cause her to work very slowly. This slow but steady pace is one of the many gifts she has brought to me. Through this work I have learned how to truly celebrate, share, and respect life.



2006 Camphill Benefit Concert

Mark O'Connor and the
Appalachia Waltz Trio



Paula Robison



Coleman Lyles and
Donald Meltzer



Stephen Colbert, Karl Herman,
Erika Nickrenz, Evelyn McGee Colbert



Richard Neal and
Malcom Kimball

The Camphill Foundation's triennial concert was held on September 26, 2006. The event raised \$1.3 million dollars for Camphill communities and the Foundation. The concert was held at Jazz at Lincoln Center which witnessed stunning performances by Michael Bacon, Paula Robison, Mark O'Connor and Eroica Trio to name but a few.

Special Thank You for Donations in 2007

The Camphill Foundation would like to express our appreciation to the companies and individuals listed below for their generosity. Donation dates April 15, 2007 - August 17, 2007

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