



CAMPHILL FOUNDATION - *AT WORK*

SUMMER 2008

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



This is absolutely one of my favorite times of the year as we emerge from winter and enjoy the blossoming of spring. This year I've had the added pleasure of spending time with Camphill leaders from across North America, and most recently, around the world at the International Dialogue in Rotterdam. And I have to tell you, the energy, the enthusiasm and the free flow of wonderful ideas has me very excited about the future of the Camphill movement.

Everyone acknowledges that we have some significant challenges ahead of us. But I'm happy to report that the will of Camphill communities to meet these challenges is clearly in even greater supply. Particularly heartening is the universal desire to broaden the work of Camphill to help an even wider range of people and needs.

Most notably, communities around the world are actively seeking ways for the Camphill movement to help meet the growing need for elder care in our society. This will be a multi-faceted and complex project, but I am confident that together we will clear the many hurdles involved, including housing, health care, fiscal sustainability and training, to name but a few.

I've also witnessed an across-the-board desire to deepen our already strong commitment to the environment. In addition, there are exciting ideas to continue nurturing the education and training of co-workers, as well as calls to extend our support for the development of new Camphill Communities.

In response to these and other priorities, the Camphill Foundation is embarking upon a visioning and strategic planning process to help determine how best we can support future needs financially and strategically. We are outlining a new vision statement that I'm looking forward to sharing with you in our next newsletter. At that time I will also provide a more detailed outline of the work that lies ahead.

Our considerable accomplishments over the last 47 years would not have been possible without your generous help. I'm glad that you have been a part of our past and hope that you will be a part of our future. I look forward to working with you, our donors and our friends, to inspire the growth of the Camphill movement. I fully expect that the years ahead will be filled with excitement, creativity and generosity that will allow the core values of Camphill to touch many more people.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sevard Murphy

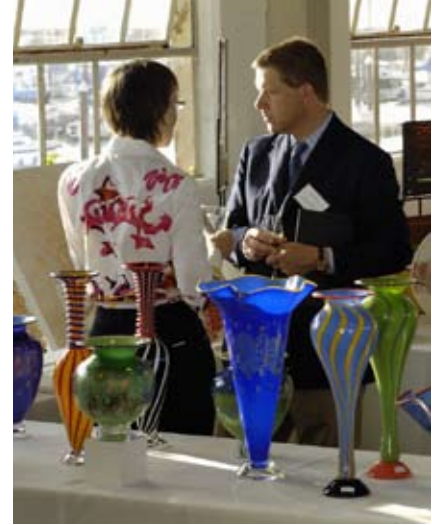
CAMPHILL SUPPORT MAKES SOPHIA PROJECT FUNDRAISER A REALITY

The Camphill Foundation has a long history of helping Camphill communities to become self-sufficient through effective fundraising practices. With that in mind, Sophia Project, a Camphill affiliate located in West Oakland, CA, approached the Foundation for assistance when it held its first fundraising event, An Elegant Evening of Art, Music and Good Company. The goal of the event was to raise much needed funds for capital improvements.

The Camphill Foundation provided Sophia Project with a \$15,000 sponsorship grant to kick off the event. The commitment of resources from the Foundation sent a clear signal to other potential donors that Sophia Project was an enterprise deserving of their support. Camphill Foundation was proud to help this remarkable organization.

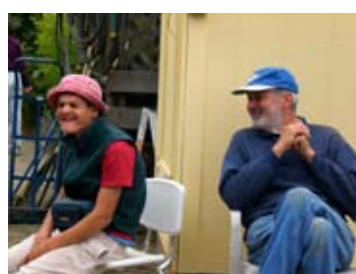
Sophia Project's mission is to serve families at risk of recurring homelessness. Its core work is to ensure that children (many of whom have suffered abuse or neglect) are nurtured, and that their physical, developmental and educational needs are met.

Launched in 2000, Sophia Project is directed by founders David Barlow and Carol Cole, both Camphill community members. Sophia Project is now comprised of two homes; Sophia House for children aged three to five years, and Myrtle House for children from infancy through two years of age. Sophia Project receives no fees for its services and relies entirely on private donors to fund its work. The next step for Sophia Project is to set up an endowment to help secure their future. The Camphill Foundation looks forward to playing a role in that process.



CAMPHILL COMMUNITIES CALIFORNIA CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Ten years ago Camphill Communities California was a single home on two and a half acres of land with 11 people in the community. Today, this growing community sits on five acres, made up of four homes with 30 people and supports a rich program of cultural, educational and recreational activities that extends throughout the Bay Area.



CAMPHILL FOUNDATION PROVIDES CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT

Camphill Foundation continues to support the international Camphill movement by helping overseas communities facing special challenges. The Foundation recently provided badly needed funds for capital improvement projects to Camphill communities in Germany as well as India.

The top priority of the Sadhana residential adult community, based in India, is meeting the basic needs of 30 villagers with no government assistance. Food, medicines and therapies for villagers must take precedence over long-term maintenance projects. Recent storms caused plumbing and electrical problems and washed out several paths. Our \$12,000 grant from the East/West Fund helped make long overdue repairs.

The Camphill Foundation was also able to help enhance the quality of life for residents of the vital community in Bangalore India, long recognized for the quality of care it provides. The Foundation's \$10,000 grant helped fund significant repairs to the community's two large houses which accommodate 24 people with special needs.

None of this would be possible without the help of our donors. Thank you for helping support the Camphill mission both here and abroad.



CO-WORKERS: OUR MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE



In 2001 the Camphill Association of North America came to the Camphill Foundation to request assistance with a growing problem among Camphill communities in the region: a shortage of qualified co-workers, particularly Americans. At that time there was no coordinated effort to recruit American co-workers.

In response, the Camphill Foundation funded a comprehensive project that aimed to attract and retain both short-term co-workers and longer-term co-workers to Camphill. A key element of the project is Camphill's participation in the federal AmeriCorps program which attracts young Americans who seek volunteer service opportunities.

Thankfully, this Foundation-funded project has not only alleviated the co-worker shortage but has created an abundance of qualified co-workers. There are currently 73 AmeriCorps members in Camphill's program—22 of whom are in their second year, with 17 more joining us as long-term co-workers. The seeds planted by the Foundation's investment in this project have grown into maturity, continuing to ensure a wealth of qualified and dedicated co-workers for existing and future Camphill communities. We look forward to taking the next step by supporting education and training programs to help our co-workers continue to learn and grow personally and professionally during their time at Camphill.

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