



CAMPBILL FOUNDATION - *AT WORK*

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Camphill is dedicated to social renewal through community building with children, youth and adults with disabilities.



Construction team of Heartbeet's new house.

CAMPBILL FOUNDATION NURTURES NEW INITIATIVES

This past summer, Camphill Foundation made a \$500,000 low interest loan to support a community tucked away in the hills of northern Vermont. This loan, one of the largest in Foundation history, will be used to build a new house for Heartbeet Lifesharing, a fast growing community located on about 160 acres in Hardwick, VA. The new 4500 sq. ft. home, named in honor of the founder of the Camphill Movement, Karl König, will be ready for occupancy in early December. On the way to becoming a Camphill initiative, Heartbeet will grow to 30 people, adding ten full time residents in the new house, including four local Vermonters with developmental disabilities, and for the first time at Heartbeet, a child of the new householder family with special needs.

Heartbeet is deeply grateful for this help, says Jonathan Gilbert, who together with Hannah Schwartz started this life-sharing community in 2002. Building this house is not only expanding the community in important and sustaining ways, it also deepens and clarifies their journey of who they are as a developing Camphill community. Building the new home has also provided a way to strengthen Heartbeet's relationships with local builders and state human service agencies.

The Foundation is especially pleased that Heartbeet's growth will contribute to what is becoming a vibrant, permanent home for many of its full time residents who are graduates of Beaver Run Special School. Heartbeet's success is only possible because of the generous spirit of the friends and donors of the Camphill Foundation. Without your financial contributions, the Camphill Foundation would not be able to help Heartbeet or other new initiatives flourish and grow. Their well being testifies to the strength and vitality of the past, present and future of the Camphill Movement. We hope you will join the Camphill Foundation in welcoming Heartbeet.

For more information about Heartbeet please visit their website at www.heartbeet.org.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Friends and Supporters of Camphill,

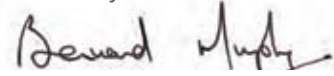
In the face of recent uncertainty in the world's financial markets, I am struck by the constancy of Camphill's commitment to serving the needs of children and adults with disabilities in North America and around the world.

As you read this latest issue of our newsletter *At Work*, you will see that our work continues to grow. In the past year, your generosity has allowed the Camphill Foundation to grant over \$250,000 to support the work of 12 Camphill communities and affiliates in North America. In addition, we've taken the exciting step of providing a \$500,000 loan to a new community in upstate Vermont, Heartbeat. In this issue, you can read about Heartbeat and another new community, Oakwood, that has also received the Foundation's support.

In this issue I am also delighted to share with you our new Camphill Foundation Vision Statement. This vision is the result of months of collaboration with Camphill community leaders, co-workers, board members and donors like you. In this Vision Statement, you will find the four areas of support in which the Foundation will focus its efforts over the next several years. This clarified vision ensures that we can effectively help Camphill Communities in North America and around the world develop, grow, and strengthen their work to provide fulfilling shared community life for people of diverse disabilities.

In closing, I want to announce that our triennial Camphill Benefit Concert will take place on October 5th, 2009 in New York. This concert will kick-off three years of activities to mark the 50th Anniversary of Camphill in North America. We look forward to an outstanding line-up of musical talent and an especially enchanted evening of joyous spirit shared by all. Please watch for concert updates in the new year.

Sincerely,



President

THROUGH PLANNED GIVING WE UNITE THE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

The financial support of the Camphill Foundation to Camphill communities depends on the foresight and generosity of you, our supporters and friends. In these financially turbulent times, just as knowledgeable and careful financial planning can provide for our families' future, so too can it ensure a meaningful future for Camphill. There are many beneficial ways that planned gifts can be crafted to your unique philanthropic interests and financial capabilities. Each option offers different tax advantages. Contact Bernard Murphy for additional information to discuss how planned giving can help you and Camphill.

President's Circle Luncheon Honors Special Donors

This past May, the President's Circle "Strategic Vision" Luncheon honored ten donors for their generosity and dedicated commitment to Camphill.

Every contribution to the Camphill Foundation is important and this past year donor generosity made it possible for us to contribute a quarter of a million dollars to support the nearly 500 children and adults with disabilities living in our communities. Leadership gifts from the members of The President's Circle have championed this work and for that we are deeply grateful – thank you.

The following donors were recognized with the Camphill Foundation President's Circle Award:

- Fern Goldstein and Roger Begelman
- The Page & Otto Marx Jr. Foundation
- Arlene and Reuben Mark
- Shelley and Donald Meltzer
- E. Helen Kauder and Barry Nalebuff
- Dian Woodner



Bernard Murphy with Fern Goldstein and Roger Begelman, two of this year's recipients of the President's Circle Award.

CAMPHILL FOUNDATION VISITS OAKWOOD

"There is something about entering a Camphill place - it can take you by surprise, but you know when you have arrived," said a Foundation Board member recently. She was part of an advisory group sent by the Camphill Foundation this summer to visit Oakwood Life-Sharing Services, a new Camphill affiliate located near the small town of West Plains in southern Missouri. The Foundation is actively assisting Oakwood to develop a proposal for this fall to fund various projects, including part time administrative support, completion of a garage-to-housing conversion, and barn renovations for three workshops. This type of expertise and assistance provided by the Camphill Foundation is at the center of its founding mission to support the development and growth of fledgling Camphill communities in North America.

The advisory group also wanted to get a sense of fellow feeling with Oakwood as a new affiliate community. They met with Oakwood's Board of Directors, lunched with the mayor of West Plains, and toured the land. The highlight of the visit was a potluck supper with Oakwood families and friends. Sitting at the table, eating delicious berry pies, and listening to story after story and destiny after destiny, was a wonderful confirmation of the Camphill impulse, reinforcing for the visitors that Camphill brings hope wherever it is able to work and be recognized.

Without your valued support, the Camphill Foundation's efforts to assist Camphill communities large and small would be impossible. Your donations, have made it possible for the Foundation to successfully disburse over \$10.5 million in grants, gifts, and low-interest loans to help new Camphill communities prosper and flourish since we began our work in 1966. Your financial contributions foster their strength of life-sharing relationships, their love and stewardship of the land, the pioneering sustainable practices that serve as models for the greater community, and the freedom of individual spirit that is the essence of Camphill. We look forward to new initiatives and affiliate communities and the continued expansion of the Camphill Movement in North America.



Companions and friends at Oakwood.

CAMPHILL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR THE KARL KÖNIG ARCHIVAL PROJECT



The Camphill Foundation is committed to ensuring that the core philosophies and practices of the Camphill Movement are preserved, shared, and available for future generations of Camphill and our broader society. This is why we are joining an international campaign to fund an archive and publish the writings of Camphill's founder, Dr. Karl König. Dr. König's writings and lectures inform the heart of Camphill's philosophies and embody its fundamental practices in curative therapy and education. Taking refuge from the Nazi invasion of Austria, Dr. König and a small group of colleagues established the first Camphill Community in Scotland in 1939. There, he continued with great vision to practice, lecture and write. The Camphill Foundation congratulates the Karl König Archive Group on the complete digitalization of his unpublished works, copies of which are now stored in the United Kingdom's National Archive. Agreements are being sought with a goal of publishing König's complete works, and a proposal is now ready to secure for posterity the Karl König Archives in his original rooms at Camphill House in Aberdeen. With a great sense of purpose, the Camphill Foundation supports this important effort to preserve Dr. König's life work for current and future generations to study, learn, and explore.

Camphill Foundation Vision Statement

For more than forty years, the Camphill Foundation has provided leadership and support to the numerous and diverse Camphill communities of North America and the Camphill Movement worldwide. The Camphill Foundation affirms the universal goal of Camphill to create and perpetuate a model of community life grounded in respect, tolerance, and recognition of dignity in every individual, especially those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Camphill Foundation supports this goal through:

- Providing grants and loans for both the immediate and the long-term needs of the Camphill communities of North America. These funds are secured through the Foundation's development program, which seeks mid-range and transformative gifts from both public and private sources.
- Serving as spokesperson for the work of Camphill in the North American region, offering both the larger philanthropic community and the public a consistent and comprehensive vision of the Camphill movement.
- Identifying and meeting the regional needs of the work of Camphill that the communities cannot address individually, on issues ranging from strategic planning assistance, including renewable energy, to co-worker recruitment, education and training.
- Offering logistical and financial support to nurture the development of new Camphill communities as well as any other venture supported or recognized by the foundation or the Camphill Association that promotes the mission of Camphill with similar purposes and goals.

The Camphill Foundation shares the values of the Camphill Movement. Camphill was founded by Karl König and grounds its work in the principles of Anthroposophy, a worldview that embraces a spiritual understanding of the human being, developed by Rudolf Steiner.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR COWORKERS

The education, training and recruitment of skilled and qualified coworkers continues to be a major focus of the Foundation's work to enable all Camphill communities in North America thrive. In 2002, the Camphill Foundation, through



major grants by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Wyss Foundation, established the Coworker Development Office (CDO). Building on a \$48,000 AmeriCorps grant last year, the CDO under the direction of the Camphill Association of North America continues to successfully recruit coworkers for the North American Camphill communities, placing over 75 Americorps volunteers in 12 communities this year.

The next step forward in the Camphill Foundation's campaign to support coworker development is before us, as we welcome this fall's expansion of the Camphill School of Curative Education program. The School will now provide a comprehensive off-campus course of study offering college credits to enable enrollment by coworkers from Camphill communities across North America. The Foundation is exploring ways to encourage the expansion of programs for the education and training of Camphill coworkers in curative education and social therapeutic methods. Curative education and social therapy are holistic approaches to the education of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are integral practices in Camphill communities throughout the world.

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