

Kamp Director

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Here at Kamp Kiwanis we serve economically disadvantaged youth, this is something that most Kiwanians are aware of.

Kiwanians like you give service, time and considerable amounts of money to provide an experience for those who otherwise would not be able to afford it. For the week a child is at Kamp they have the opportunity that millions of their peers take for granted and get to learn and grow in an environment away from home.

What is not as well known is that Kamp Kiwanis provides an opportunity for scores of campers each summer that have been asked to leave, removed or

not allowed to attend other camps. Often these campers are denied a camp opportunity due to negative behaviors. These children have learned these behaviors in negative environments where they often have not been provided the structure, boundaries or education to know any better. Often these campers have experienced parental substance abuse, abuse, neglect, trauma and violence in their communities. Many of these children are those born with diagnosable disorders such as ADHD, Bi-polar Disorder, Conduct Disorder and ODD amongst many others through no fault of their own.

These diagnoses and behaviors for many facilities are unmanageable and exclude these children from having the opportunities that are out there. Here at Kamp we don't believe it is fair for a child who has never been taught how to behave to be excluded from an experience where they may in fact learn the valuable skills that will enable them to behave and succeed.

Kamp Kiwanis is considered one of

the leading camps within New York State for children with behavioral issues. Here we work hard at main streaming those whose behaviors are outside the norm and teaching them to make choices that can positively affect them for years to come. We have had great success over the years helping campers learn a more productive way of living that will lead them away from negativity and the ramifications of that.

With the amazing work and generosity of the Kiwanians in New York we have been able to teach children who have been labeled un-teachable and give them the access to people, programming and skills that can help them to flourish in their homes, schools and communities. Kamp provides a way to learn that there better alternatives and that good behaviors and future success are a choice.

At your Kamp, Kamp Kiwanis we work with those who need that additional help but will ultimately benefit the most. Thank you for everything you do it can change lives.

KPTC North Shore

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Some exciting changes have come to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center.

First is a new name to reflect the changes at the hospital. Still part of the North Shore-LIJ Health System, our trauma center has been transferred to Cohen Children's Medical Center. Kiwanians should look for the new name and a new KPTC logo to reflect this change in the coming months.

In addition, The KPTC Foundation is proud to announce the election of Distinguished Past Gov. Al Norato Jr. to our Board of Directors for 2014-15. Al joins returning Director Susan Groenewoud and new Director Rickie Santer who were added to our board in the Spring.

A recent meeting with hospital representatives reaffirmed the KPTC Foundation's mission and how to best serve the needs of the hospital. The hospital staff expressed its gratitude for Kiwanis' long-term commitment to the trauma center and its emphasis on trauma prevention and safety education.

With this reaffirmation, the KPTC Foundation plans to continue its long established trauma kit program with

the presentation of two trauma kits in the Queens East Division and with the Kiwanis Club of Valley Stream. A KPTC subcommittee is also working with hospital representatives to determine if the contents of the trauma kits continue to meet the needs of local first responders or if updates are needed.

In furthering our safety education programs, our KPTC Service Leadership Committee has begun its own revitalization program by recruiting new committee members to replace long-term members who have graduated from Service Leadership Programs and beginning a series of new Safe Kids presenter trainings for new committee members and the next generation of local Key Clubbers and Circle Kers. The first training was recently held at a Health and Wellness Fair in Huntington and other training sessions are being scheduled for the Long Island North and Long Island South Central Divisions.

I would be remiss if I did not include a huge KPTC "Thank You" and farewell to KPTC Service Leadership Committee Chairperson Kat Graves of Adelphi Circle K and Vice Chair Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Michael Rover of North Shore Key Club. We congratulate each of them on their graduations and wish them success in all their future endeavors.

We also welcome newly elected Chair Nicole Hallett of WT Clarke Key Club, Vice Chair Joy Andres of Uniondale Key Club and Secretary Shermeen Khan of Woodland Builders Club/East Meadow High School Key Club.

The committee is currently working on a safety coloring book that is coordinated with the Safe Kids lessons. Our

committee will be looking for ads from businesses and Kiwanis Clubs to cover the cost of publishing the coloring book and purchasing crayons. The coloring books will be distributed to all children who participate in Safe Kids workshops. Please look for their ad form being emailed out soon and consider supporting these outstanding young people as they support our trauma center.

The committee is also lending its Vycki robot to Long Island South Central Kiwanis Division and assisting in the training of Kiwanians who will be running a Swim Safety workshop.

Another huge "Thank You" goes out to K-family clubs and individuals for their recent fundraisers including the Bike Challenge; the Theater Night, the Kiwanis Family Game Show Night; the North Shore Key Club Car Wash as well as W.T. Clarke, Woodland Builders and East Meadow High School Key Club Fundraisers.

We also gratefully acknowledge the Kiwanis Clubs, Circle K, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs and K-Kids that have donated to our Annual Campaign.

On Sept. 19 we will hold our annual Black & White Ball (with some surprises). I extend a personal invitation to all. Let's make it the best we have ever had. Let's have every Kiwanis Club represented, in attendance and in our B & W Journal. It's a great night to honor an outstanding Kiwanis leader or member with a KPTC Fellow or Diamond Fellow with over 300 Kiwanis members present.

We already have close to 10 surprise presentations for that night.

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