

The Center for Courageous Kids



We Prescribe Fun!

FACT SHEET

Mission: To uplift the children of Kentucky, Tennessee and the surrounding areas who have life-threatening illnesses by creating experiences year-round that are memorable, exciting, fun, build self-esteem, are physically safe, and medically sound.

No child or family will pay to attend camp. The camp will be funded by donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations with a heart for children.

How Unique: The Center for Courageous Kids has been designed exclusively for the use of seriously ill children and their family members. It will be built to exceed the spirit and intent of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The medical and program staffs will be highly trained pediatric professionals with expertise in medicine and therapeutic programs for the population to be served and able to conduct continuing care while the children are at camp.

Background: The Center for Courageous Kids is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization founded by Elizabeth Turner Campbell. Ms. Campbell is the daughter of the late Cal Turner, Sr. who founded the Dollar General Corporation.

Ms. Campbell lost a beloved son following a 17 year battle with cancer. In 2004 Ms. Campbell visited one of Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Camps and set out to establish a similar facility and program in her hometown of Scottsville. Ms. Campbell has donated the property and significant financial resources to make the project successful.

Project Description:

The camp will consist of 18 buildings, including a medical center, camper lodges, a dining hall and theater, arts and crafts, a gymnasium and indoor swimming pool, a stable, archery center, bowling alley, and other activity areas.

Programs: We will serve seriously ill children between the ages of 7 to 15 with illnesses such as cancer, heart disease, kidney disease, epilepsy, spina bifida, diabetes, severe asthma, hemophilia, HIV positive, juvenile arthritis, and others.

Summer Camp. Up to 130 seriously ill children with the same illness will attend one of nine weeks of summer camp. While the ill child is at camp their parents enjoy a week of respite from care giving and are able to focus on each other and their well children.

Family Retreat Weekends. During the school year the camp will conduct 20, 3 to 5 day retreat weekends where the ill child comes to camp with his/her entire family.

Conference Center. When children are not at camp the facility will be available (for a fee) for use by groups (medical, government, private) as a retreat. This will help defray some of the operating costs and raise awareness and support of the camp and its programs.

Annual Attendance:

4,000 seriously ill children and family members

1,000 volunteers

1,500 conference attendees and visitors

Project Leadership: Roger F. Murtie (Colonel, US Army, Ret.), the president and executive director came from Camp Boggy Creek in Florida. He was handpicked by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf and approved by Paul Newman to lead the camp in Florida. Roger has served as a consultant to medical camps in five countries from startup to operation.

Greatest Needs:

Financial. The Center for Courageous Kids seeks major donors, individual, foundation, or corporate to make significant gifts to the capital campaign. The camp's buildings and features are available as naming opportunities. Gifts of every size are needed and appreciated.

Awareness. The Center for Courageous Kids will be a shining point of light for the region and become a world wide center of excellence in the field of medical camping. Staff members are available to make presentations to individuals, groups, and civic organizations. Contact info@courageouskids.org or call the office at (270) 618-2900 for additional information.

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