



CAMPER SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION 2009

CAMPpeaceworks is an exciting project of the professional staff of Berks Women in Crisis' PeaceWorks Department and its community partners both volunteer and professional. Past supporters of the project include the Allstate Foundation, the Episcopal Churches of Berks County, the Junior League of Reading, PA, the Reading Hospital & Medical Center, St. Joseph Medical Center, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berks County, and others.

The goal of the CAMPpeaceworks Project is to encourage young people to work together within our community to foster a multicultural society based on love, caring, and justice – with the ultimate goal of *decreasing violence* by creating a more *inherently* peaceful society.

The CAMPpeaceworks team is recruiting a diverse group of 45 – 50 students currently in grades 8 - 11 to participate in a five-day day camp which will take place from **July 20 – 24, 2009** at the Olivet's Blue Mountain Camp near Hamburg. **We are recruiting camper sponsors, so that all campers may attend "on scholarship," or free of charge.**

The camp utilizes the curriculum "*Making the Peace*," by Paul Kivel, along with the technical support of Nell Myhand, from Oakland, California. The "*Making the Peace*" curriculum provides the framework for understanding violence, and the role of gender, race, class, and economic status as the issues which contribute to it. The program was written to help young people break away from violence, develop self-esteem, and regain a sense of community.

The CAMPpeaceworks Project begins with a five-day camp, but does not end there! An integral part of the project is the development of ongoing activities and initiatives within schools and faith-based institutions, and as part of community projects, that will continue the work begun at the camp.

We believe this project is a new beginning for a new approach to enlist young people to aid in the elimination of violence, the fostering of respect, the promotion of social justice, and ultimately *peace*, within our community.

Please consider sponsoring a camper! (See page 2) For additional information about the CAMPpeaceworks Project, contact Christine Gilfillan, Prevention Education Director, at 610-373-1206 or email christinev@berkswomenincrisis.org.

Many of us work to prevent acts of violence such as sexual assault, gang conflict, domestic abuse, and hate crimes. We may prune the branches of the tree of violence, but the tree always grows back. Why? We are providing important social service, but it does NOT lead to profound social change. We may be helping individuals, but it does not lead to community development. The tree of violence is rooted in social injustice based on inequality in race, class, gender, and sexual orientation. Join me and others in doing the root work necessary to build safe and just communities."

-Paul Kivel www.paulkivel.com

Sponsorship Information Sheet

Name _____

(Organization/Group): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I Wish To...

Sponsor ____ camper(s) @ \$300 Total Amount: _____

Make a donation to CampPeaceWorks

\$50 \$100 \$200 other: _____

Please make checks payable to Berks Women in Crisis and write "CAMPpeaceworks" in the memo.

How did you learn about CampPeaceWorks?

Berks Women in Crisis

Faith-based organization

Publicity (posters, newspaper, etc)

Other:

If you have a prospective camper in mind, please contact us at Berks Women in Crisis to receive a camper application packet. All camper applications will be given equal consideration. Campers will be selected by June 1, 2009.

Please Return This Form With Your Check To:

Berks Women in Crisis

Attn: Christine Gilfillan; c/o CAMPpeaceworks

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