



CAMP JOY'S PROPOSAL TO THE AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION, OHIO SECTION'S GRANT PROGRAM

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PROJECT TITLE AND EXPLANATION

Project Title: Camp Joy's Arts & Crafts Service Program

Project Explanation:

Camp Joy's Arts & Crafts Service Program will provide the opportunity for approximately 4,000 campers to participate in arts and crafts activities that complement the outdoor experiences at Camp Joy. With the help from counselors and a trained arts specialist, the campers will make scarves, hats, blankets and other items that they will donate to the local homeless shelter. Campers will learn how to create these useful items and feel good about helping those in need.

PURPOSE

How is this project new and creative?

The purpose of this program/project is to provide campers with the opportunity to learn how to make blankets, hats, scarves and other useful items that they can give to individuals and families in the community who are homeless. This is a "win-win" for both the campers who will have fun learning a new skill, make new friends at camp and also a win for those in the community who are homeless because they will receive a new blanket that was hand-made by a camper to help keep them warm. The project is new and creative because it not only engages campers in a fun activity with others facing a similar challenge, but also it teaches them the importance of helping others who are facing hardship and economic challenges.

The program will be delivered in the newly expanded Creative Arts Center where 20 campers at a time can participate. To help with the technical skills of knitting, Camp Joy will hire a trained specialist to work alongside camp counselors. Additionally, volunteers from the group "Project Linus" will be invited to help. Project Linus has supported Camp Joy for many years through their donations of blankets to the campers, and this program will provide these volunteers with the opportunity to work alongside the children.

How does this project address the needs of camp participants?

Arts and crafts programming offered in the camp setting is viewed by our partners as a critical component of the overall camp experience to support their missions. Many youth with medical conditions are not able to fully participate in the more strenuous activities such as ropes courses, climbing walls and mountain biking. This project will provide the opportunity for more children including those with special needs to engage in arts and crafts, such as knitting and sewing, as a means for personal expression, to help to build their self-esteem and to stay engaged in fun and

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rewarding experiences with friends. Even for campers who can participate in all of the outdoor activities, the arts program complements these because it focuses on another means for personal expression. The program will make a significant positive impact and enhance this experience for all of the children.

How will this project enhance the camp experience?

This program enhances the camp experience because it complements existing hands-on, outdoor activities. This program will help the children learn new skills, make new friends, increase their self-esteem and discover new ways to grow that includes helping others. The lesson plan involve a progressive learning model where the youth build on the teachings from previous classes. For the week-long camps, the goal is that students will become increasingly more skilled at their craft, while simultaneously gaining the life-skills mentioned above. For programs that include follow-up reinforcement weekends, such as the "Fostering Success" program, the goal is to have multiple progressive lesson plans. For all of the campers, the program enhances the camp experience because they are truly giving back to the community.

Who will benefit from the project and how will they benefit and to what extent?

This program will benefit every camper who attends Camp Joy. In addition to benefitting the campers, the project will also benefit families and individuals in the community who are homeless, many of whom are children.

What are the long-term benefits of the program?

The long-term benefits of the program will be that the campers will learn a new skill, and better understand how giving back to the community can be fun and that they can make a positive difference in the lives of others.

BUDGET

What is the total cost of the project?

The total cost of the project is \$5,500

This includes:

Program delivery/ staffing- \$4,000

Supplies (includes yarn, fabric, needles and scissors) - \$1,500

What is the amount requested from the Grants Program?

The amount requested from the Grants Program is \$2,500.

Are there other sources of funding?

Yes, Camp Joy will cover the cost of the majority of the supplies through program revenue and other grants already secured. The costs related to delivering this program component has not yet been covered.

How will the grant money be used?

The funds will be used to cover the costs of delivering the program. Both supplies and program delivery will be covered by this grant.

Will the project be affected if the entire amount requested is not awarded?

If the entire amount requested is not awarded for Camp Joy's Arts Service Program, it will not be delivered.

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TIME FRAMEWORK

Dates of the project: The duration of the program will be from June 2017 through August 2017.

Date when the money is needed: The money will be needed by early May 2017 to ensure proper preparation and to order all necessary supplies.

One-year project or on-going project: This program will be a new ongoing project. If successful, the program will continue year after year and could also be replicated by other camps.

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