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2005 OSF Summer Day Camp

37 happy campers

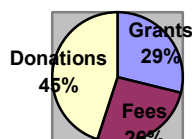
35 enthusiastic volunteers

16,965 community service hours

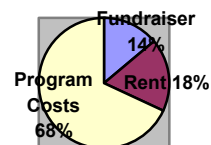
1 fun-filled summer camp for all!



OSF 2004-2005 Income



OSF 2004-2005 Expenses



** No Administrative Expenses Incurred **

Organization of Special Needs Families

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Dear friends and families,

I hope you all had a great summer. My daughter attended two weeks of OSF summer day camp and had a blast. Judging from the positive and enthusiastic comments received, everyone else, including camp counselors, did too.

In our last newsletter, I expressed the community's need to partake, invest, and take ownership in OSF in order for OSF to succeed and for the community to be a better place for all. The City of Cupertino, the Northwest YMCA, and our bevy of very enthusiastic volunteer summer camp counselors truly epitomize this spirit of community teamwork.

During summer day camp, the Northwest YMCA welcomed campers into its facilities and included them in many of its excellent activities. The City of Cupertino generously offered campers use of the old city council meeting room. The volunteer camp counselors made the program work and the camp fun, with their boundless and contagious energy and zeal. Our families are truly fortunate to have this incredible community support.

Speaking of community support, I would like to remind you of our upcoming 3rd Annual Fundraiser dinner. As you can see in the charts on the other side of this newsletter, almost half of our funding comes from donations. We incur no administrative expenses; your donated dollars go to where they are needed – our programs. Your charitable contributions also help fund scholarships, like those received by the Ebert family, who is featured in this issue of the newsletter. Thank you for your kind support and see you at the dinner!

~ Shirley ~

Volunteer Newsletter Editor

OSF 3rd Annual Fundraiser Dinner Coming Up!

The date is *October 15th*. The time is *5:30pm-9pm*. The place is the *Cupertino Quinlan Community Center*. Sumptuous fare generously donated by *Outback Steakhouse*. Fabulous entertainment provided for your after-dinner pleasure.

Send in the attached form or come by the OSF office to purchase your tickets. The office is located in Cupertino at 20432 Silverado Avenue, #5. Before you drop by the office, call the office at 408-996-0850 to make sure someone is there to serve you.

OSF Family Profile



With seven children, ranging from ages twenty-four to under two, Marsha and Stephen Ebert are very busy parents.

Two of their sons, four year old Mark and seven year old

Stephen are children with special needs. They attend Sunday's Integrated Child Care, plus the Saturday Enrichment Program on scholarships made possible through donations and grants.

The Eberts are impressed by the enrichment program's structure and the staff's expertise in handling special-needs children. They also appreciate the genuine warmth and acceptance that OSF extends to families.

School-Age Volunteers Needed

OSF presents wonderful opportunities for school-age children and teens to learn the spirit of volunteerism while earning community service credits!

We need typical-developing K-8 students to engage in fun activities with their special-needs similar-age peers in our Saturday Social Group. The Social Group runs every Saturday noon-1pm.

Grades 9-12 students can help as one-on-one teaching assistants to children with special needs. Time slots are Monday to Friday, 3-6pm and Saturday 1-5:30pm.

OSF will provide training in disability awareness and behavior intervention technique to all one-on-one teaching assistants. Training is held every 2nd Saturday of the month 11am-1pm.

Volunteer training and volunteering activities take place at the OSF Learning Center, located at 20920 McClellan Road, Cupertino.

Look for OSF at the Moon Festival!

We will be selling beverages at the Moon Festival of Silicon Valley on September 17-18. The Moon Festival will be held at Cupertino's Memorial Park.

Come by for a drink purchase or just to say hello. As always, all proceeds will go toward our programs.

Please visit www.themoonfestival.org for details on the festival.