### Give Until You Giggle with Delight! **DONATION OPTIONS**

### GOALS:

- Give the students of Sacred Heart School an experience they will never forget!
- Fund this field trip for the next five years, \$5,000 per year = \$25,000.
- Officially recognize the really cool people who happily give from their hearts.

\$12 = Beach Towel



kid to camp with the basics and a camp kit

\$180 = Send one kid to camp with the basics and a camp kit

\$3.000 = Send the entire 6th Grade Class to camp with the basics

\$5.000 = Send the entire 6th Grade **Class outfitted with camp kits** 

BY CHECK Make checks out to Sacred Heart School and write "Kids to Camp" in the memo portion of your check. Mail or give your check to DillonMarcus, Ltd, 22 Crofton Commons, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

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# SEND CAMDEN KIDS 4

TAKE A WALK INSIDE AND SEE HOW YOU CAN BECOME A PART OF THIS REALLY COOL PROGRAM!

course, earth education, boating, eco art and campfire



\$80 = Camp Kit for one student Rain poncho, towel, sleeping bag, flashlight, toiletries. My Side of the Mountain book \$100 = Send one kid to camp with the

basics Overnight stay, meals, challenge

# The Story

Two years ago, Evan and I sponsored the tuition of two elementary school kids who go to Sacred Heart School in Camden. We visited the school on sponsor day and were so impressed that in the midst of this really crummy neighborhood that this school is doing a fantastic job teaching these children. The kids we met were kind, bright and full of life. The school has no gym, no cafeteria and is within smelling distance of the CCMUA sewer plant.

We drove away from the school asking ourselves if there was something we can do to help. Why is it that with a community as rich as ours that these kids have to flourish under such conditions?

Thinking back on what was fun when we were kids we thought that field trips were the best. Then we got this idea to send the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at Sacred Heart School to overnight camp in Medford, NJ. Camp Ockanickon is a YMCA camp that is 500 acres of wooded heaven. What could be better than one night and two days in the woods boating, rock climbing and learning about science and nature? We applied for a grant from Starbucks to fund this field trip and but didn't get the grant. Thanks to the donations of some really cool people the first field trip happened in October 2006.



The 30 students had a terrific time – their teacher Mr. MacCarthy said that there were so many "firsts" for the kids. He said that none of the students had ever sat around a campfire before. You had to see these two young girls trying to paddle their canoe – they never got out of the lagoon to get to the lake! But they had smiles on their faces while trying.

If your head hits the pillow with a feeling of gratefulness we invite you to share in our commitment that this overnight field trip becomes an annual tradition for the sixth grade class at Sacred Heart School.

## The School

Sacred Heart School is located in one of the poorest city in North America (when you measure by children) and arguably one of the most dangerous.

#### Listed below are a few of the facts:

- Opened in January 1920, it provides education for children from Kindergarten through 8th grade, regardless of race or creed.
- Enrollment averages at around 245 children a mix of African-American, Latinos, Asians, and White children.
- The school has no gym, no cafeteria and it's playground is within smelling distance of a very large sewage treatment plant.
- The school is under the auspices of the Diocese of Camden in terms of direction, curriculum and evaluation.
- Sacred Heart School does not receive any money from the Diocese of Camden.
- Every family pays tuition, which amounts to about one fourth of the actual cost.
- School tuition is \$900 for one child and \$1000 for two or more children. So it averages out that the school receives less than \$700 per child in tuition.
- The school's staff is made up of a principal, secretary, 9 teachers, 3 aides, a music teacher, physical education and health teacher, art and nature teacher, and computer teacher. The principal is Mrs. Janet Williams.
- The students say one of the best things about Sacred Heart School is that it makes them feel safe.
- The students had never gone on an overnight field trip until the fall of October 2006!