



Children's Beach House Updates

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How We Succeed

Our goal is to support children as they move through developmental stages, helping them build core competencies that will carry them successfully into adulthood. We assess and measure the following competencies

- Social skills - communication, conflict resolution, problem solving, collaboration
- Emotional competencies - personal identity, cultural awareness, self-confidence
- Moral values - personal responsibility, honesty, perseverance, intrinsic

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Summer came and went too quickly. We stayed busy with the many activities that surround the on-site camps.

In August we also held a very successful fundraiser that brought in \$XXX. Thank you to all the individuals who were involved with

the 8th Annual Beach House Barbecue on Aug. 28. Your support makes all the difference.

Please continue to believe in our mission. We have many exciting activities and programs coming up that you will learn about through this e-newsletter. And as always, feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

Thanks you again for your continued support.

Best,

Richard T. Garrett
Executive Director

AN INSIDE LOOK

motivation, and a commitment of service to others

- Physical abilities - healthy habits (diet, exercise) and hygiene
- Cognitive skills - curiosity to learn, strong academic abilities

The Beach House also supports and encourages families to play a positive role with their special-needs children by stressing the measures below.

- Advocate strongly for their children with school and welfare agencies
- Improve their knowledge about their children's conditions
- Fully access necessary resources for their family
- Pursue further education and job training
- Become actively engaged with CBH programs

Lastly, the Beach House supports our clients' communities by promoting Positive Youth Development Theory among schools and organizations statewide.

- Provide training to build a youth services network that is more supportive of and responsive to the specific needs of children and youth

Relationships at CBH extend beyond summer days

Those who think that Children's Beach House staff only interacts with children during the summer months only know a tiny part of the story.

Although CBH has a thriving summer program, the children's strong relationships with their case managers and counselors continue throughout the entire year. Case managers visit them at their homes and schools on a regular basis, evaluate their progress in relation to established goals, and help support their families' needs.

"We become a part of each of their lives in important ways," says Mathew Vest, a CBH case manager in Sussex County.

New Castle County Case Manager Laura Beaseley accompanies parents during visits with teachers or counselors in order to serve as another pair of eyes and ears to ascertain how children are dealing with the challenges in their lives.

"Parents feel supported and know that someone else is out there watching out for their child's interests," she says. Case managers can then make referrals and adjustments to programs at weekend and summer camps that will help address particular needs or behaviors.

The case managers also provide CBH families with a host of services, including referrals to other social service agencies that may provide assistance with food, medical care, clothing, rent or utility payments.

For the children, the case managers are their constant friends and supporters.

"We're really making a difference," Beaseley says.

SAVE THE DATE

Richard Clifton is this year's Art Show featured artist



The artwork at the 2010 CBH Holiday Art Show & Silent Auction will have a distinctly "Delaware" look and feel.

This year's featured artist is Richard Clifton, who draws his inspiration from Delaware's wildlife.

The Art Show kicks off at the Beach House with a reception at 6 p.m. Dec. 3 and continues through Dec. 5. It serves as one of the major fundraisers for CBH.

- Foster a commitment to personal service by engaging children and parents in specific community projects
- Help parents voice needs and mobilize resources on behalf of their communities

Clifton looks for inspiration in his backyard, which happens to be the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge. His favorite subjects are the local waterfowl, rendered most often in acrylics, the self-taught artist's medium of choice.

Viewers far from his native Delaware recognize Clifton's talent. He has painted 30 duck stamps for various states, in addition to the 2007-2008 Federal Duck Stamp and a stamp for Australia.

Clifton is not restricted to two-dimensional pieces. Coors Brewing Company chose his work for a beer stein and Ducks Unlimited include his works in their National Art Packages.

Tickets for the art show are available by calling 302-645-9184.



Our mission is to help children reach their highest potential as functioning members of their families and communities. And in the process, they have lots of fun!

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