



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



A Message From the Founder

As I sit and reflect on this past year, I am reminded once again of the journey that began more than four decades ago with my daughter, Teddi. What started as an idea to create a place where my daughter and other children with cancer could just be kids has grown into something larger than I could have ever imagined. Today, Camp Good Days stands as a testament to the power of community, compassion, and the belief that even in the hardest of times, joy can be found.

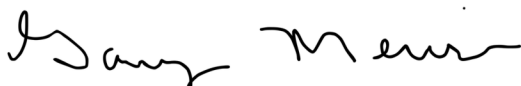
The year 2024 brought countless moments of hope, courage, and resilience. We welcomed children, families, and adults to our programs who, despite facing life's most difficult battles, found laughter, friendship, and comfort at Camp. These "good days and special times" are made possible because of the generosity of so many — our donors, volunteers, staff, and friends — who give of themselves to ensure that no one has to walk this journey alone.

This past summer was one of the best we've had since the pandemic. The laughter of children echoed across the lake, friendships blossomed, and memories were made that will last a lifetime. Beyond Camp, our year-round programs continued to support those in need, reminding us that our mission extends far beyond the summer months.

As we look ahead, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for what lies before us. The challenges will always be there, but so too will the determination of this community to make a difference. With your continued support, I know that we will carry this mission forward into 2025 and beyond, ensuring that Teddi's legacy continues to shine brightly.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for helping us create another year filled with love, laughter, and hope. Together, we are making a lasting difference.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Mervis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and last name "Mervis" clearly distinguishable.

Gary Mervis

Founder

Camp Good Days and Special Times



ABOUT US

CELEBRATING

45

YEARS OF
DOING
GOOD

In 1979, Elizabeth "Teddi" Mervis was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor at the age of nine. Her father, Gary Mervis, traveled across the country to major medical centers seeking the best possible treatment for his daughter. He returned home without the answers he had been looking for and realized that it was not the treatments or diagnosis that was causing Teddi the most pain, but it was the loneliness of being the only child in her school and neighborhood, dealing with cancer.

With the help and support of many friends and community members in Greater Rochester, NY, Gary founded Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, to provide Teddi and other children with cancer the opportunity to come together in a residential camping experience to be with the only ones who could truly understand what they were going through - other children with cancer.

All of the residential camping programs are held at Camp Good Days' own beautiful recreational facility, located on 13.5 acres of waterfront property, on the shore of Keuka Lake in the Village of Branchport, NY. In addition to its residential camping programs, Camp Good Days offers year-round support and recreational activities.

Through all of these years, thanks to many dedicated and generous donors and sponsors, Camp Good Days has been able to keep its promise to the children and families it serves by keeping all programs and services free of charge.

“Camp Good Days is a celebration of life with those who have come to appreciate it the most... a place where courage knows no boundaries!

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Gary Mervis
Founder

Wendy Bleier-Mervis
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FINANCIAL REPORT

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

SUPPORT & REVENUE	2024	2023
General contributions	\$ 618,883	\$ 620,905
Corporate contributions	\$ 45,041	\$ 55,933
Special events (\$1,536,880 and \$1,71,931, net of direct expenses of \$309,018 and \$287,729, respectively)	\$ 1,227,862	\$ 1,430,203
Legacies and bequests	\$ 1,627,632	\$ 1,355,421
Employee Retention Credit	-	\$ 128,458
Foundations and trust grants	\$ 151,083	\$ 259,158
Donated goods and services	\$ 271,761	\$ 271,897
Investment income (net of fees of \$158,671 and \$149,814, respectively)	\$ 4,266,257	\$ 1,642,018

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$ 8,208,519	\$ 5,763,993
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EXPENSES	2024	2023
Program services:		
Camp Good Days	\$ 749,087	\$ 713,986
Doing a World of Good	\$ 266,196	\$ 255,557
Brothers & Sisters Together	\$ 164,690	\$ 157,998
Childhood USA	\$ 238,610	\$ 229,824
Adult Oncology	\$ 215,135	\$ 207,994
Junior Good Days Program	\$ 163,889	\$ 150,445
Family Programs	\$ 323,767	\$ 303,532
Teddi's Team	\$ 164,690	\$ 156,493
Teddi Project	\$ 153,663	\$ 137,643
Florida Fun Fest	\$ 92,284	-
Partners Against Violence Everywhere	\$ 42,080	\$ 39,717
Research Library	\$ 2,672	\$ 2,668
Homework Huddle	\$ 1,909	-

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ 2,578,672	\$ 2,355,857
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SUPPORTING SERVICES	2024	2023
Management and general	\$ 147,402	\$ 128,836
Fundraising	\$ 149,743	\$ 145,052

TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	\$ 297,145	\$ 273,888
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,875,817	\$ 2,629,745
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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	\$ 5,332,702	\$ 3,134,248
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Net assets at beginning of year	\$ 27,600,058	\$ 24,465,810
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NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 32,932,760	\$ 27,600,058
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SUPPORT & REVENUE	2024	2023
General contributions	7.54%	10.79%
Corporate contributions	0.55%	0.97%
Special events (\$1,536,880 and \$1,71,931, net of direct expenses of \$309,018 and \$287,729, respectively)	14.96%	24.81%
Legacies and bequests	19.83%	23.52%
Employee Retention Credit	-	2.23%
Foundations and trust grants	1.84%	4.49%
Donated goods and services	3.31%	4.72%
Investment income (net of fees of \$158,671 and \$149,814, respectively)	51.97%	28.49%

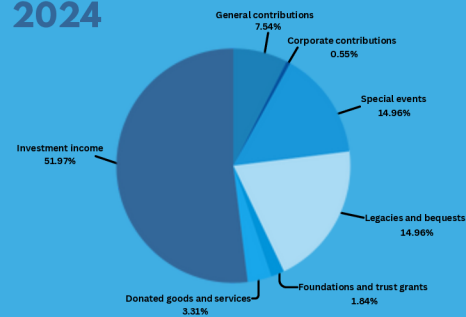
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	100.00%	100.00%
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EXPENSES	2024	2023
Program services	89.67%	89.58%
Management + General	5.13%	4.90%
Fundraising	5.20%	5.52%

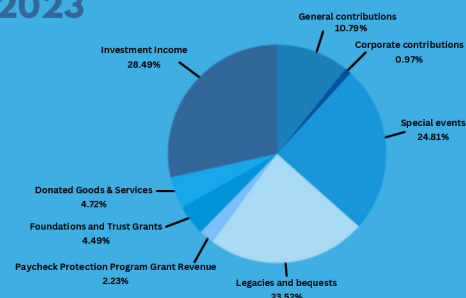
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SUPPORT & REVENUE

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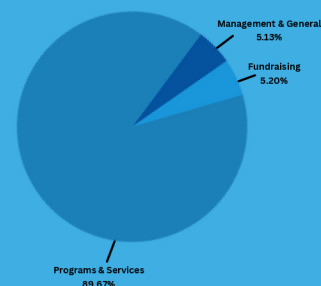


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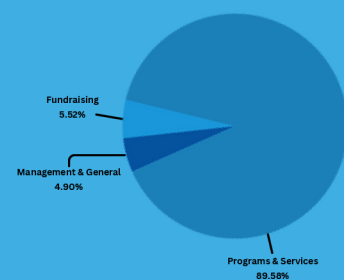


EXPENSES

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OUR PROGRAMS



CAMP USA I & II

A residential camping program for children with a parent or sibling who have or have had cancer or sickle cell anemia. Camp USA I is for ages 8-12, and Camp USA II is for ages 13-17.



CAMP B&ST (BROTHERS AND SISTERS TOGETHER)

A residential camping program for children, ages 8-17, who have lost a parent or sibling to cancer or sickle cell anemia.



TEDDI'S TEAM

A residential camping program for children, ages 8-12, who have or have had cancer or sickle cell anemia.



D.A.W.G. (DOING A WORLD OF GOOD)

A residential camping program hosting children, ages 13-17, from around the world for 10 days, along with American campers (who attend Camp for 6 days), with cancer or sickle cell anemia.

JUNIOR GOOD DAYS

A day camp program for children, ages 4-7, who would otherwise qualify for Teddi's Team, D.A.W.G., Camp B&ST, or Camp USA, but are too young to attend overnight programs.



FAMILY CAMP

Families who, over the past 3 years, have had a child or parent diagnosed or relapsed, or had a loss to cancer or sickle cell anemia, or those new to CGD, are welcome to attend our Family Camp.



MEN'S PROSTATE PROGRAM

This retreat offers an opportunity for individuals living with prostate cancer and their significant others to connect, share experiences, exchange ideas, and attend informative sessions together.



WOMEN'S WELLNESS RETREAT

A weekend retreat for women 18+ who are dealing with cancer from recent diagnosis to remission, and who have been diagnosed or have relapsed within the past 10 years. Fun and relaxing activities are included.



S.O.A.R. (SUPPORTIVE ONCOLOGY ADULT RETREAT)

A weekend retreat for men and women 18+ who are dealing with cancer from recent diagnosis to remission, and who have been diagnosed or relapsed within the past 10 years. Participants are allowed to bring a spouse/significant other/friend with them.



QUICK LOOK



Camp Good Days' 2024 Events

ROCHESTER

42nd Annual Teddi Dance for Love
February 9-10, 2024
St. John Fisher University

41st Annual Tournament of Love
May 20, 2024
Monroe Golf Club

**Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits
Competition**
June 10-12, 2024
Closed Judging

Tour de Teddi
September 7, 2024
Camp Good Days' Recreational Facility

Teddi Bowl
September 13, 2024
Victor High School

Courage Bowl XIX
October 5, 2024
SUNY Brockport

Wine & Spirits Auction Gala
November 8, 2024
DoubleTree by Hilton

BUFFALO

11 Day Power Play
June 20 – June 30, 2024
HarborCenter

World's Largest Disco
November 30, 2024
Buffalo Niagara Convention Center

SYRACUSE

F-M Dance Marathon
March 23, 2024
Fayetteville-Manlius High School

The Camp Good Days Classic
September 30, 2024
Lake Shore Yacht & Country Club





OUR PARTNERS

share the passion to spread common good and have invested in Camp Good Days to improve offerings and support children, parents, and families who have been impacted by cancer or sickle cell anemia.



CAMP GOOD DAYS

Helping kids with cancer or sickle cell anemia be kids.

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