



Dear Friends,

Camp Good Days and Special Times has been a part of my life for over 25 years now. It is my memorial to my daughter Teddi, who died of a malignant brain tumor. As I think back over the years and about the children I have had the chance to know, I recall children who have learned to live life to its fullest and who appreciate the beauty of those things many of us take for granted. Most of all though, I think back and remember how these children faced the enemy, a life-threatening illness, at such a young age.

At Camp Good Days and Special Times, our commitment to children has never been greater. Today, no family receiving the news that their child has cancer or blood disorders, or has been touched by violence or other life challenges, has to deal with their struggle alone. At Camp Good Days and Special Times, we offer a variety of camping sessions for children ages 4-17, as well as Adult Oncology Programs for men and women. Though nothing we do will find a cure for these life-threatening challenges, everything we do will help to make the lives of these children and their families a little brighter and more bearable.

Thanks to all who donate their time, effort and love, Camp Good Days continues to make a real difference in our communities. God knows we have the children, and the need for our programs and services has never been greater.

I am very proud to say that we have now been in Florida for more than 14 years! I would like to personally invite you to become a part of our very special family and join us as we continue to grow and reach out to families in the Tampa Bay Area. To learn about volunteer opportunities or to make a tax- deductible donation, please call the camp office today at: (813) 877-7746!

God Bless,

Gary Mervis
Chairman & Founder
Programs & Services



**Camp Good Days &
Special Times, Inc.**
www.campgooddays.org

The 2002-2003 Camp Good Days & Special Times Financial Statement reflects that 91.5% of revenues support programs and services, 5.8% supports management, and 2.7% supports fundraising expenses.



*Designed by
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Cardboard boat races at the family camp made everyone cheer.

Teamwork With a Capital "T"

Teamwork is the magic word that makes our good stuff happen! We are captained by a volunteer advisory board and a handful of devoted staff. We are powered by volunteers from all walks of life just like you! Nurses, doctors, counselors, cooks, lifeguards, artists, lawyers, coaches, business people... everyone rolls up their sleeves and pitches in... and that's how the magic starts.

Florida Programs

Please note that children and adults may attend our programs as many times as they want, and no one is ever turned away.

Camp Good Days (Ages 7-17)

A residential camping program that provides children with cancer and blood disorders the opportunity to develop personal growth and self-confidence through shared experiences in a supportive and loving environment.

Junior Camp Good Days (Ages 4-7)

A day camp program for children with cancer and blood disorders and their siblings.

USF Scuba Club provided activities for the Family Program.



Brothers & Sisters Together (B&ST)/Camp Childhood USA (Understanding, Support & Assistance, Ages 7-17)

A residential camping program combining children who have lost a sibling or have a sibling with cancer, with children who have lost a parent or have a parent with cancer. This program provides an opportunity for an educational and fun experience that encourages a caring and supportive atmosphere.

Women's Oncology Program

A residential camping experience designed by women, for women dealing with cancer. This program has gained national recognition on *Good Morning America* and the *Lifetime Channel* and has also been featured in *Ladies Home Journal* and *MAMM Magazine*.



Women's Oncology Program

Family Program

A residential camping experience for the whole family aimed at introducing newly diagnosed families to our programs and volunteers.

More good stuff...

In addition to our regularly scheduled camping programs, Camp Good Days participates in many other great activities. These additional activities include: Dinner with the **Tampa Bay Lightning™** (NHL hockey team), fishing activities including the **Steve Yerrid Fishing Derby**, outings to *Tampa Fights Cancer* night at the Ice Palace, **Tampa Bay Rays™** baseball games, Tampa Bay Lightning™ hockey games, **Lowry Park Zoo**, **MOSI**, **Disney World™**, **MGM**, **Sea World**, **Busch Gardens** and **Universal Studios**



Help make the Good Times Roll!

- Enclosed, is my tax-deductible donation for Camp Good Days & Special Times, Inc. Please use my donation where needed.
- Please apply my donation towards the following program(s):
 - Camp Good Days Program, Ages 7-17
 - Junior Camp Good Days, Ages 4-7
 - BS&T/Childhood USA, Ages 7-17
 - Women's Oncology Program
 - Sharing & Caring, Ages 7-17
- I would like more information on becoming a volunteer. Please send me a volunteer application.
- I would like a camp representative to make a presentation to my business or organization. Please call me to schedule a convenient time.
- I would like to get involved with fund-raising efforts for your programs and activities.
- I know some children or families that could really use your help. Please contact me for more information.
- Eligible for Camp Programs

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____

E-mail: _____

Best time to reach me: _____

Please be sure to print clearly!