



Once upon a time.....

Children At Risk identified the need for a speciality Camp to serve the unique population of Autism Spectrum Disorder Children – many of whom don't get the opportunities to attend summer camps hindered by anxiety, behavioural, communication or social issues.

Hardworking parents needed an affordable, accessible Summer Camp for their exceptional child comfortable in the knowledge that they were in a safe, accepted, understood, respected environment and served by experienced, trained staff who also knew how to have fun.

From the Fall of 2010 to the Spring of 2011, an amazing group of sponsors came together and made this vision a reality and a camp was born....

Camp Kaleidoscope

**Please join me in acknowledging our 2011
Camp Sponsors:**

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Classrooms at St John Paul II were turned from chalkboards and desks too...

... Great places to hang out with fun things to do



Youth Room at Camp Kaleidoscope



Kids Room at Camp Kaleidoscope



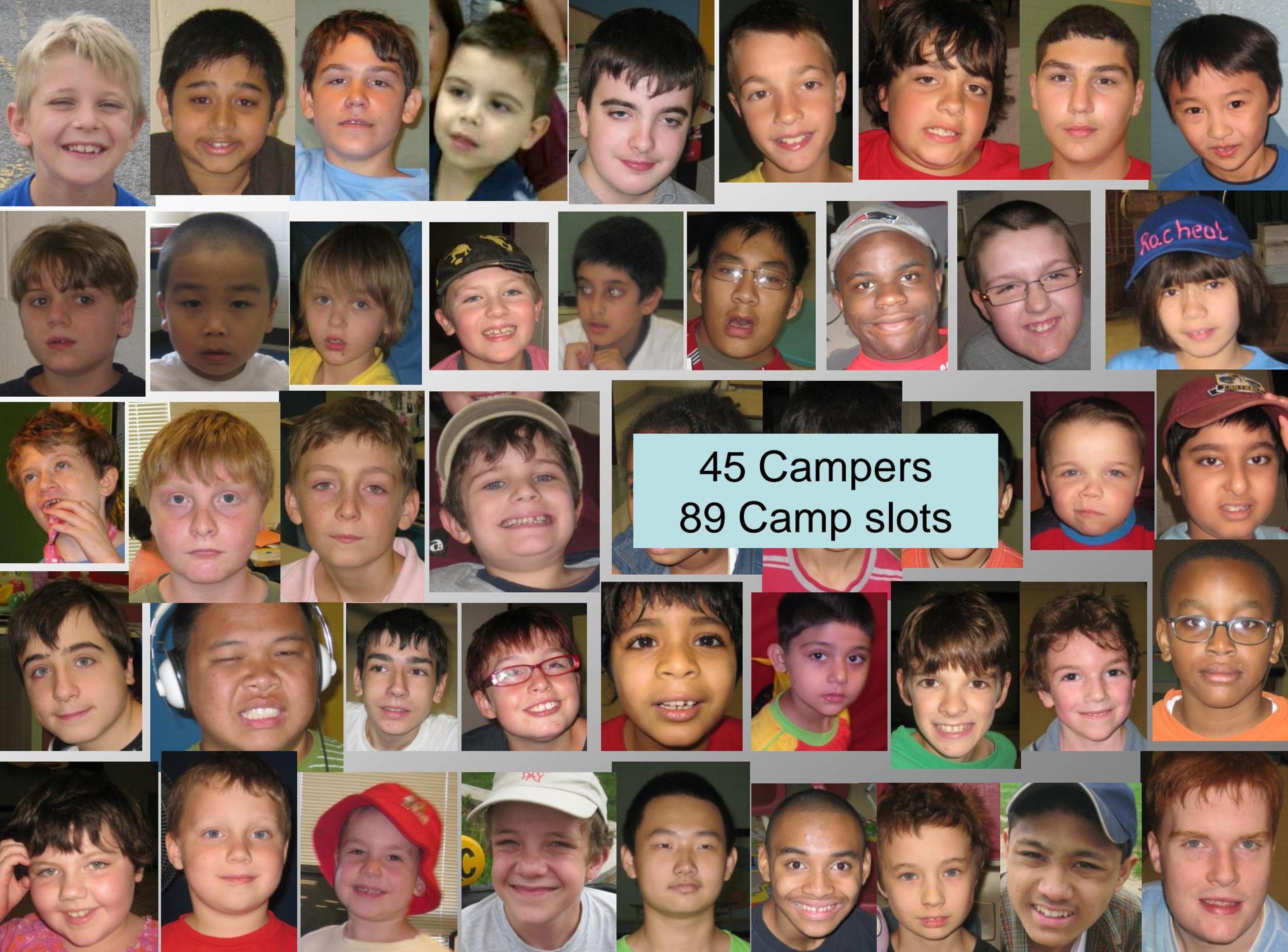
Our Objectives:-

- * Provide 20 Campers each week for 4 weeks, a fun filled summer camp – 80 Camp slots.**
- * Provide parents with a worry free ability to hold down jobs or spend time with other siblings or on projects safe in the knowledge that they wouldn't be called to pick up their ASD child.**
- * Provide an opportunity to EA's and Special needs workers to gain first hand experience of the multi facets of Autism and how to get the best from these exceptional individuals.**

How did we do ?....

Our Achievements:-

- * Provided 45 Campers over 4 weeks with a fun summer camp – 89 Camp slots, ages 5 to 20 years of age.**
- * Provided 44 sets of parents with a subsidized, affordable respite with peace of mind for up to 9 hours a day, from 1 up to 4 weeks.**
- * Provided 4 Directors with management experience, 20 Counsellors and 7 Volunteers with first hand experience of the exceptionalities of Autism, a number of whom went on to work privately for the families.**
- * Stayed within budget despite taking on extra Campers, staff and adding extra activities & trips.**



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Staff

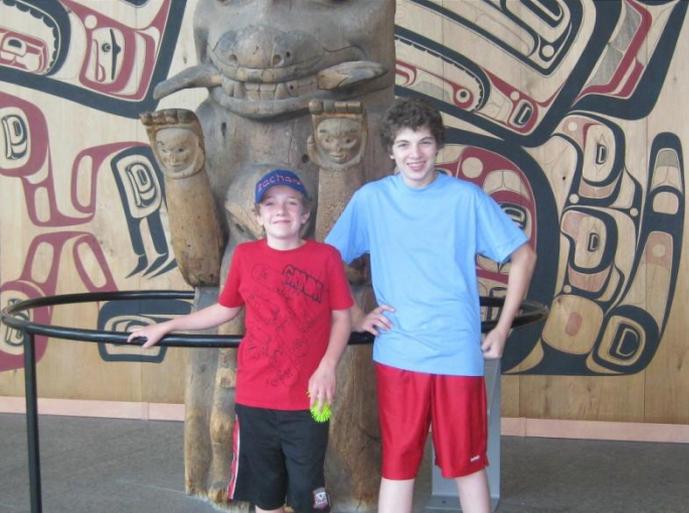


Volunteers





Museums of Nature & Civilization





Saunders Farm







Bowling





Yoga



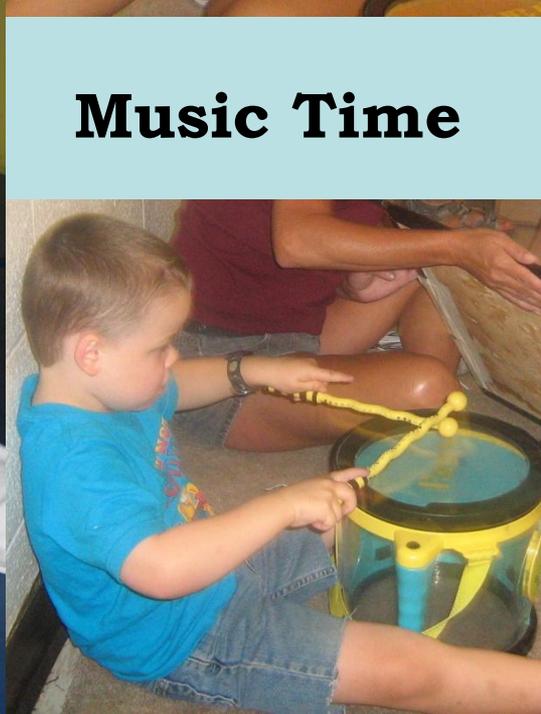


Karate





Singing along to the guitar



Music Time



Crafts & Construction



GF/CF Cooking





**Fun
with
Water**



Sharing & Enjoying each others company





Friends





Fun in motion





Hugs & Smiles all round



What Parents had to say....

☺ ***Thank you so much for all the wonderful things that you did for our son Alexander. You can't imagine how helpful all of you were in rehabilitating Alex into society after his 3 year illness. We can not thank you enough, you are absolutely the best group an autistic individual could encounter. Those memory books will be cherished.***

☺ ***Just wanted you to know how much Gordie enjoyed his week at camp. He had a wonderful time and was in such a good mood every day when I came to pick him up. It was a relief to have him in such a secure environment. We hope that you will be able to run Camp Kaleidoscope for years to come. We will be happy to enroll Gordie next summer if possible.***

☺ ***Camp was such a wonderful experience and very helpful for our son.***

☺ ***Camp Kaleidoscope is the best, my son really enjoyed it.***

☺ ***It was my son's first time at Camp and the best camp too. We really thank the camp team, you really made a difference.***

☺ ***This camp was wonderful and we so appreciated it. We look forward to participating again next year.***

☺ ***I would like to thank each and every staff member at Camp Kaleidoscope for making the past 4 weeks of William's summer the best camp experience he has had in years. As a parent you always worry about the well being of your child and whether the environment you are sending your child into is the best for them, but your team managed to put that feeling on the back burner for me so lowered my stress level. Thank you is not enough.***

Please help Children At Risk re-create the magic of Summer Camp. Please consider donating to....

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