

# Camp Safe Haven....Martha's Vineyard and Beyond....

As Founder and CEO of the Safe Haven Project, Inc, and specifically Camp Safe Haven, it is my pleasure to share with all of you what a wonderful 2008 we have experienced. All of us at Safe Haven are most grateful to all at Altrusa for your love, support, and the generosity once again provided to Camp Safe Haven in 2008! We often refer to Altrusa as Safe Haven's "God Mother's", and it brings all of us great comfort knowing Altrusa is always there for the kids we serve!

In 2008 we held our 14<sup>th</sup> annual camp on Martha's Vineyard and served 40 children living with HIV from several different hospitals throughout New England, Philadelphia, Chicago, and small clinics elsewhere. It was a great gift to have received \$5,000 from the Altrusa Foundation Club 21 contributions. We are proud to share that your donations provided direct support to our campers assisting with their transportation, lodging, meals, and other camp related needs.



As always, all 40 campers and 20 staff returned home from Camp Safe Haven thoroughly supported and loved and all expressed it was the most important and best experience of their year! Thank you all for making this annual April camp opportunity come to a reality for all at Safe Haven!

The 2008 year also brought Safe Haven our newest camp program. I am proud to share that Camp Safe Haven North Carolina opened its doors this past August serving kids throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. As it was our pilot program in North Carolina, we did not reach the number of 40 campers, but we are already seeing great feedback and are confident we will meet the goal of 40 campers in 2009.

We are grateful to Altrusa Club of Chapel Hill North Carolina for not only providing a generous gift of \$500 to sponsor a camper, but to also show their support by having our social worker from Duke Pediatrics present to the Club during the spring of 2008. Having the door open to hear from professionals who daily interact with the children who are living with HIV is a great demonstration of much needed support. It is vitally important that their voices are heard through their social workers, as still today, many in the community are not willing to be supportive towards people, even children, living with HIV. Thank you Altrusa of Chapel Hill North Carolina!

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of my colleague and fellow leader of Safe Haven Tony Lombardi to thank all at Altrusa International for supporting and believing in Safe Haven since 1996! It is a great blessing for a charity to have consistent avenues of support, and the dedication and love from Altrusa always allows us to remain hopeful in continuing our mission and knowing that there are wonderful people and organizations that truly love these children.

With warmest regards and hope for a continued wonderful relationship!

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