



Camp McSauba "Campers" Benefit from Chicago Club Support

It's been ten years since Chicago Club members created a fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Charlevoix school-aged children. The fund is making a positive difference in meeting needs in a variety of ways.

To date, more than \$82,000 has been distributed from the fund for financially needy children for urgent dental and medical expenses, water safety classes and family swim nights at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Most recently, the fund has provided scholarships to Camp McSauba, enabling more than twenty campers to enjoy a week at Camp that they might otherwise have been unable to afford. "As a result of the ongoing economic downturn, we've seen an increase in the number of youngsters who need scholarship support," said Leslie Hoffman, the Director of Camp McSauba. "We're very grateful that the Chicago Club stepped up again this year to make sure that a lot of kids got to enjoy an awesome week at Camp."

Camp McSauba's daily activities include small and large group games, arts and crafts, b.b. gunnery, archery, field sports and, of course, fun at the beach. Sessions are planned around a specific theme. Some of the themes this summer included Wacky Week, Sports Week, Camp Olympics and more. Each camp session runs five days, with a sleepover on Thursday night, and an awards ceremony for campers, parents, grandparents and friends each Friday morning. Older campers also have the option of swimming at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool on Thursday night, before the sleepover.

"We've had an exceptional camp season again this summer," Hoffman said, adding, "the kids have had a great time and the counselors have done a great job." Referencing the Chicago Club gift, Hoffman noted, "It's great to live and work in a community that shows such support for Camp McSauba, and other programs that benefit young people."

The Chicago Club was established in 1880, and today, many descendants of its founding families continue to maintain cottages in the association. Although most members are summer residents of Charlevoix, the club has a long history of generously supporting local causes. "This is such a wonderful expression of the Chicago Club's positive influence on the community," says Chip Hansen, president of the community foundation. "We're very grateful for their ongoing support."

The Chicago Club's Fund is among the 229 funds held by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, each one designated to support a specific cause or address general needs in education, the environment, arts and culture, health, civic projects, youth, or recreation.

For more information about grant application deadlines or other programs of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, please call the foundation office at 231/536-2440 or e-mail Chip Hansen, President at chansen@c3f.org