

# Christie Lake Kids



Building Skills



... Changing Lives

To the Christie Lake Kids community;

I am thrilled to be writing to you on my first day as the new Executive Director. As you may already know, I have had a relationship with this very special organization for more than 30 years and I hold a deep affection and respect for its history and great hope and enthusiasm for its future. CLK is a critical organization in this City and will continue to offer the very best support services through STAR and Camp to the most vulnerable children and youth of this community. Our approach of "active pursuit", developing skills and building relationships is unique and built on traditions, research and best practices.

As someone who had the privilege of working and growing up alongside Dr Dan Offord, I am forever grateful for the leadership, mentorship, teachings and life lessons that he provided. The framework that he developed and fostered will continue to be expanded upon as we move the organization forward, providing professional services based on best practices.

2010 is underway with goals and activities. The following are some highlights that we feel are important to share with you.

- Please join us in welcoming **Darcy Delaney**, as our new Camp Director. Darcy comes to us from Trails Youth Initiatives in Newmarket, where he worked as the associate program Director working with youth at risk. Darcy also worked for the Durham and Peel District School Boards as camp Director and Environmental Educator. His interests include sea kayaking, guitar playing and building, hockey, baseball and cooking.
- We will be starting the recruiting process for the summer 2010 asap. Darcy will look forward to meeting you and hearing about your interest in returning to camp this summer. If Darcy hasn't contacted you in the near future, please feel free to contact him at [ddelaney@christielakekids.com](mailto:ddelaney@christielakekids.com).
- Thanks to the generosity of donors we will have some new camp assets this summer including a brand new convection oven and industrial mixer which will keep the campers and staff well fed.
- Other donors have stepped forward to fulfill two very expensive capital item needs. Stay tuned for more information.
- Our first girls-only weekend camp was a great success; removing barriers for our culturally diverse children, youth and leaders to participate in the overnight experience.
- Barry and The Blasters are playing a fundraising gig at Pier 21 on Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Canoe for Kids is scheduled for June 5, 2010.

I am committed to working together towards the strongest CLK community possible. I encourage you to contact me to discuss your strengths and interests in contributing to the mission of CLK. *"To enrich the lives and prospects of economically disadvantaged children, by providing quality year-round community and camp programs to develop physical, artistic, and social skills, positive attitudes, and personal qualities."*

I am looking forward to meeting you for the first time, or seeing you again. Warmest wishes for a great 2010.

*Carole Gagné Ince*



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