Plans for Summer 2015

- Camp Love and Learn will return to St. Paul (Whitehaven) and move from Resurrection (Hickory Hill) to Church of the Ascension (Raleigh).
- Based on the data we received from the LEO program, for the 2015 Camp, we will work to further enhance our academic program to better meet the individual needs of each child especially in the area of Reading.
- Add a technology component to our camp (if funding is secured).

We are grateful to the following organizations which contributed to our successful summer camp with their expertise and other resources.

FINANCES AND FUTURE PLANS

FINANCES
- It cost us $26.33 per child / per day to operate our camp.
- Every family contributed something toward their child’s attendance at camp, and the average family contribution was $25 per child per week (or about 20% of total camp operating costs).

Revenue

Expenses

END-OF-CAMP REPORT TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

Camp Love & Learn is an eight week program for at-risk children from incoming Kindergarten through the 5th grade, plus their older siblings who serve as “junior volunteers” and which focuses on three areas...
- Academic Enrichment
- Nutrition
- Fun!
...all in a safe, secure environment.

During the summer of 2014 our Camp returned to the Hickory Hill neighborhood of Southeast Memphis at The Catholic Church of the Resurrection. Our Camp also expanded into the Whitehaven neighborhood as guests of St. Paul the Apostle Parish. In doing so we more than doubled the number of children we served - to almost 200 campers.

Again this summer we were pleased to have the support of the University of Notre Dame’s – Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO) who have partnered with us to independently document our outcomes in the academic enrichment area. Please see page three as well as the enclosed complete report from LEO for their findings.
We know that...

- Children from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods statistically show an "achievement gap" in their academic results as measured by standardized test scores.
- Children (as a group) from the Hickory Hill and Whitehaven communities tend to score lower on standardize tests than their counterparts in the broader City, County and State.
- Without intervention, all children typically regress during the summer months in terms of what they have learned / retained from the prior school year. This is disproportionately worse in lower income neighborhoods.

With the assistance of the Wilson Sheehan Lab for Economic Opportunities (LEO) at the University of Notre Dame, we have developed a camp curriculum that seeks to – at a minimum - hold students’ academic levels constant throughout the summer and ideally show improved grade level performance and progress in closing this "achievement gap".

During the summer of 2014, all of our campers received one hour of grade specific Mathematics and another hour of grade specific Language Arts enrichment – three days per week during the duration of our summer camp (8 weeks).

Results of pre and post tests as independently analyzed by the LEO program (and shown in detail in the enclosed report), showed the following:

- Our campers increased their scores in Mathematics by a statistically significant 10% during the summer of 2014.
- Younger campers (K – 2nd) increased their scores in Mathematics even more significantly, by 15%, during this same time period.
- Reading scores for our campers held constant throughout the duration of the camp.

As we plan for the summer of 2015 Camp Love & Learn, we will work to continuously improve our academic curriculum - especially in the Language Arts area.