Plans for Summer 2016

• Camp Love and Learn will return to St. Paul (Whitehaven) and move from Church of the Ascension (Raleigh) to St. Michael’s (Summer Ave.)

• Based on the data we received from the 2015 Camp, we will continue to work to enhance the academic component of our Camp to better meet the individual needs of each child.

• Add a technology component to our camp (if funding is secured).

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

CAMP LOVE & LEARN
Learning, Nutrition & Fun

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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 2015 our Camp returned to the Whitehaven neighborhood of Southwest Memphis to take advantage of the excellent facilities of St. Paul Catholic Church & School while also expanding into the Raleigh neighborhood as guests of the Catholic Church of the Ascension. In doing so we served approximately 200 campers. By design, most of our campers came from the close-in neighborhoods of both camps.

Again this summer we worked to measure and document our outcomes in the academic enrichment area. Please see page three for more information.
Results

- 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 Whitehaven and Raleigh communities tend to score lower on standardized 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.

Over the past four years, we have developed and refined 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 2015, 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). We employ experienced teachers, certified in Math and Language Arts from both the Shelby County Schools and Catholic Schools network to teach these subject areas.

Results of pre and post tests as independently analyzed by Sabir and Associates (Memphis, TN) show our campers of all ages increased their scores in Mathematics and Reading between 2% and 5% during the summer of 2015!