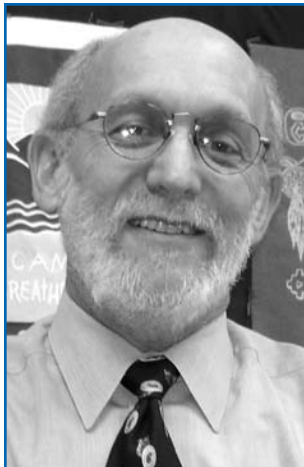




# News SPLASH

FALL 2005



## Camp Twin Lakes Executive Director Retires After 15 Years of Service

**W**hen 300 plus family, friends, and Camp Twin Lakes staff gathered at Camp in mid August to bid a fond farewell to Camp Twin Lakes Executive Director Larry Melnick, who is retiring in late September, it was evident that Larry has positively impacted many and is beloved

by even more. Accolades and funny stories about Larry were shared and hugs were plentiful during the celebration.

Larry has been executive director of Camp Twin Lakes since its inception and was one of the founding members of the advisory committee that conceived the original design, budget, and programs for Camp.

Says Larry of his 15 years with Camp Twin Lakes, "It has been incredible working with the wonderful community leaders and Camp staff, and of course the wonderful children who benefit from the hard work of all involved."

Larry recalls that when the Advisory Committee started planning Camp in 1990, they envisioned it would be used during the summer season only. "But we now serve just as many campers during the off season, if not more. We just didn't realize how many children needed an opportunity to go to camp. We started with eight camping groups and we now partner with 14 summer camp groups and we could do more if we had more time available during the summer."

What's been most rewarding for Larry, as executive director, has been working with Camp Twin Lakes' board of directors. "The board is committed to making sure the kids have what they need at Camp." But, if he had to sum up what he'll miss most about camp, he notes without hesitation that he'll certainly miss the children, but most of all his staff.

And how would Larry like to be remembered? In his own humble way, he answers, "As an ordinary person who worked hard."

Retirement will allow Larry and his wife Ronnie to enjoy golfing, boating and other activities on Amelia Island, off Florida's Atlantic Coast, where they will make their new home.



**1.** Board Members Jay Smith, Comer Yates and Doug Hertz reveal water-color portrait of Larry.

**2.** Larry thanks everyone for coming out to his retirement celebration

**3.** Larry is joined by his family: wife, Ronnie; mother; Esther; daughter, Farin; and son-in-law, Steve.

*The Camp Twin Lakes family wishes Larry and Ronnie well*

## Camp Twin Lakes Milestones Under Larry's Leadership

**1990** – Camp Twin Lakes Founder and Board Chair Doug Hertz brings together a group of funders to create a camp for children with serious medical needs.

**1991** – The Advisory Committee names the new facility Camp Twin Lakes.

**1992** – Construction begins at Camp Twin Lakes.

**1993** – Camp Twin Lakes opens for its first summer season.

**1997-1998** – A library, ceramics building and six additional cabins are constructed.

**2001** – Camp Twin Lakes purchases surrounding acreage in Rutledge, bringing its total acreage to 300.

**2004** – Camp Twin Lakes serves 14 camp groups during the summer season, making it the busiest summer on record.

**"Camp Twin Lakes would not be what it is today without Larry Melnick. There's no question about that. A lot of people have had a lot to do with the success of camp, but Larry is clearly the heart and soul of Camp Twin Lakes."**

Doug Hertz,  
Chair, Camp Twin Lakes  
Board of Directors

**"Larry's devotion to the children, unique abilities in building and leading an outstanding staff, and expertise in camp operations have made it possible for Camp Twin Lakes to impact the lives of so many children."**

Comer Yates,  
President, Camp Twin Lakes  
Board of Directors

**"Doug, Larry and I got to spend a lot of quality time when I served as president of the board. What most impressed me about Larry was he always put the people and kids ahead of himself and I can't think of any higher attribute that a leader possesses than to do that."**

Jay Smith,  
President Emeritus, Camp Twin  
Lakes Board of Directors

**"Larry has been an incredible boss. He is a wonderful person and it's been an honor, privilege and pleasure to work with him. I wish him the best and I know I will miss him terribly as we all will at Camp."**

Sue Ellison,  
office manager for Camp  
Twin Lakes

**"It's been a wonderful experience to have worked with him. He's taught me so much and I wouldn't trade it for the world."**

Barry Asher,  
former program  
coordinator for  
Camp Twin Lakes

## From the President



Perhaps the best way of expressing my gratitude to Larry Melnick for his incredible service at Camp Twin Lakes is by describing briefly a few observations from what I saw and heard at Camp this summer. What is most extraordinary about these moments is that they are not unique. Instead, they simply reflect the qualities and daily experiences nurtured and developed by Larry on an ongoing basis for the past 13 years at Camp Twin Lakes.

My experiences at Camp this summer began in late May with a visit around the campfire with our program staff. As I listened to these young people describe their purpose in working at Camp and express their aspirations for the future, I was absolutely certain that the 1,500 children who would be campers over the next nine weeks were in for a very special time. Based upon my other visits throughout the summer, I am pleased to report that my high expectations for the children were met and surpassed time and time again.

One visit, in particular, captured so powerfully for me the mission and purpose of Camp. Upon arriving, I walked with Larry over to the horseback riding area. We found campers riding horses with the children reflecting the full range of emotions from total elation to significant anxiety matched with a great deal of courage and determination. It was a scene that was played out in hundreds of camps for thousands and thousands of children over the past summer.

This scene was only different at Camp Twin Lakes because our children were from Camp Extra Special People (see article pg. 9 of News Splash), and many of them have severe disabilities and are normally confined to wheelchairs. Therefore, most rides were the result of a special access ramp and made possible with the assistance of four staff and volunteers for mounting the horse and another three people for leading the horse and protecting the child from falling. It was wonderful to watch the children and their horses and to see the adults' devotion to the children and delight in sharing these new moments in the children's lives.

My last visit to Camp this summer was for Larry's retirement party. Among other events, the party featured a video in which staff expressed their obvious great affection for Larry and gratitude for his shaping effect on their lives. Also present were many former campers and staff members who had worked with Larry at Camp Twin Lakes or at Camp Barney Medintz. Their attendance was a clear demonstration of Larry's legacy. This legacy was most vividly evidenced in the presence of our new Executive Director Eric Robbins who was a camper and staff member under Larry at Barney Medintz. Eric's relationship with Larry made possible our great fortune in being able to bring Eric and his own outstanding personal and professional qualities and skills into the fold to lead our organization.

Thank you and congratulations Larry. Your gifts that you have shared with the children and adults of Camp Twin Lakes will endure for years to come. As I told my children on the way home from your retirement party, I do not know a better example of a life well lived (with many more years ahead). I hope you and Ronnie enjoy your retirement. You have certainly earned it.

COMER YATES

## Eric Robbins is Named Executive Director



Eric M. Robbins

Eric M. Robbins will become executive director following Larry Melnick's retirement. Eric comes to Camp Twin Lakes from his position as associate executive director of the Jewish Community Center MetroWest in

West Orange, New Jersey. As associate executive director, he was responsible for the daily operation and supervision of six senior staff members on JCC's multiple campuses with an operation budget of \$15 million and 300 staff members. The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native earned a master's degree in social work from Yeshiva University in New York City and formerly worked as assistant executive director of The Educational Alliance and as executive director for Camp Isabella Freedman, both located in New York City.

In the early part of Eric's career, he was an assistant director at Camp Barney Medintz in the north Georgia mountains working closely with Larry Melnick in the 1980s. Eric has been involved as an active volunteer in various causes in New York, including his synagogue, older adult, and social action issues.

Eric's personal life has been influenced by illness, losing both of his parents to cancer and his sister to an undetermined illness at the age of 23. Eric himself is a cancer survivor and credits this experience in influencing the fact that he has devoted his career to helping others and aiming to make the world a better place. Eric is joined in Atlanta by his wife Shari Herzberg. They are expecting their first child in December.

## Q&A With New Executive Director – Eric M. Robbins

**Q. What do you look forward to in your new position with Camp Twin Lakes?**

**A.** I look forward to working closely with an amazing dedicated board and staff. I'm also looking forward to really understanding our partners, the different camp groups we host and going a step beyond and enhancing our relationships. I hope to formulate and lead a vision that will build on Twin Lakes' success and increase its impact.

**Q. Why did you decide to accept the position with Camp Twin Lakes?**

**A.** I took the position because what Camp Twin Lakes' does for individuals speaks to a very core part of my own soul. And once I explored the opportunity, I wanted to devote my energy to it. Also because Atlanta is like home to me, I have family and an extended community here. All of those things made it feel like the right thing to do. There's a saying in Yiddish "Bashert" which means "meant to be." That's how I feel about the opportunity.

**Q. What impact have Camp Barney Medintz and Larry had on your life?**

**A.** My time at Camp Barney, as a child and young adult, was the most influential and formative experience of my life. Larry was integral in that as a role model and mentor. Larry taught me how to treat staff, the values of friendship and relationships and doing things with quality and perfection.

**Q. Why is the camping experience important for children with special needs and serious illnesses?**

**A.** I've always felt that camping is a tremendous mechanism for individuals to grow because they are away from their normal life dynamics. What I like about Twin Lakes is recreation gives children and young adults a chance to grow and learn and more importantly to have a healing place – a place where they are going to hopefully gain a better understanding of how to cope with their particular illness or disability. And what better way to do it but in an environment like Camp Twin Lakes.

## Camp Twin Lakes' Klaus Family Welcome Center is Dedicated



The Camp Twin Lakes' Klaus Family Welcome Center was formally dedicated on June 5, 2005, in Rutledge. The new building is named in honor of husband and wife, Christopher and Crissy Klaus, who made a gift to Camp Twin Lakes in memory of Mrs. Klaus' father, Leonard Meyer. Christopher Klaus is the founder of Internet Security Systems (ISS), a leading global provider of information protection solutions, and founder and CEO of Klaus Entertainment, Inc., an entertainment technology company. The Klaus Family Welcome Center is a designated area for arrival, check-in, registration and departure for the more than 6,000 campers and volunteers who annually visit Camp Twin Lakes. Pictured left to right are Comer Yates, President of Camp Twin Lakes Board of Directors, Crissy Klaus and Christopher Klaus.

### Our Wish List

Whether financial or in-kind, donations of any size to Camp Twin Lakes make a difference! Your help with our wish list is greatly appreciated. If you can donate or help us find donations of any of these items please contact David Schaeffer at (404) 231-9887 or [david@camptwinlakes.org](mailto:david@camptwinlakes.org).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Rackets           | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketballs           | <input type="checkbox"/> General Purpose Foam/Plastic Balls  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair Swing Set     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ceramic Wheels (4)    | <input type="checkbox"/> New Pontoon Boat                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tumble Mats              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure Washer       | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Cart Batteries                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydraulic Pool Lift      | <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Camera        | <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic Pool Vacuum with Infrared |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball Gloves and Bats | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Lawn Mower | <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Chainsaw                 |

## Camp Twin Lakes Ceramic Tile Wall Program

Consider becoming a permanent part of the Camp Twin Lakes' Klaus Family Welcome Center with the purchase of a ceramic tile. The purchased tile will be engraved with a personal message and will be interspersed among colorful tiles made by Camp Twin Lakes' campers. Donors will receive a certificate for each tile purchased which may be given to others as a gift certificate or presentation. The tiles can be given as birthday gifts, memorials and holiday gifts. For more information about our ceramic tile wall program, contact David Schaeffer at 404-231-9887, ext. 224, or visit [www.camptwinlakes.org](http://www.camptwinlakes.org) and click on "Support Us" to download the Camp Twin Lakes Tile Wall Program brochure. You may also order a brochure by completing and mailing in this coupon below.

### Ceramic Tile Sizes:

- 4"x4" - \$100, your tile sponsors one day of Camp
- 6"x6" - \$275, your tile sponsors half a week of Camp
- 8"x8" - \$550, your tile includes the Camp Twin Lakes logo and sponsors one week of Camp

### Ceramic Tile Colors:

- Yellow
- Red
- Green
- Blue

**Note:** Ceramic tiles will be ordered and placed periodically.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



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# A Summer of Pictures

Summer 2005 was a busy and fun season for campers, volunteers and staff. Here are just a few of the highlights.

## Camper and Parent Testimonials

What better way to describe what Camp Twin Lakes is all about than to have campers and their parents share their experiences. Read what a few had to say about Camp Twin Lakes this summer when they signed the website guest book.

*I really enjoyed camp. I go once a year for the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) summer camp. It is so much fun. I have made friends with a lot of your staff. Thanks so much guys.*



*Thank you so much for Camp Twin Lakes! Being a kidney transplant recipient, I can relate to many of the kids who attend the camp. To make a long story short, the Camp gives me strength to face the world another year. Again, THANK YOU.*



*Our daughter has MD (muscular dystrophy). She will attend Camp for the fifth year this summer. She talks about going to camp ALL YEAR LONG, really. I hope you all know what a difference you make in these kids' lives. She has become a completely different person because of her camp experiences. Thank you all so much for all you do!*



*This camp looks FUN! I'm really excited about going.*



*Camp Twin Lakes is a very wonderful facility.*



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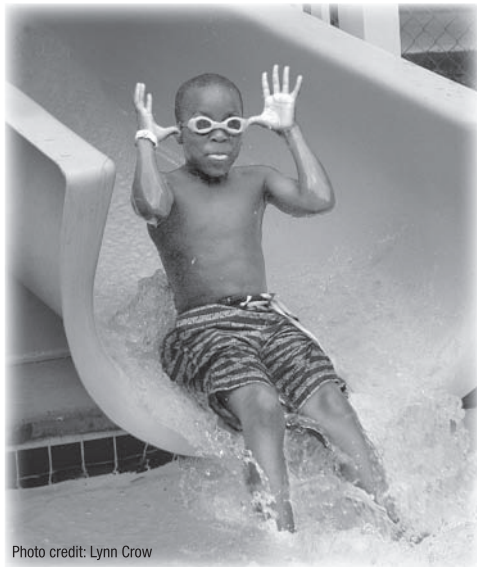


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# Honorariums & Memorials

Camp Twin Lakes gratefully acknowledges our friends who made memorial and honorarium gifts in 2005.  
To make a tribute gift please use the enclosed envelope.

## Honorariums

*Honorees are listed first in bold print followed by the names of those making gifts in their honor March 1, 2005 through July 31, 2005.*

- Harold Abrams' Recovery**  
Nancy & John Hirsch  
Carol & Larry Isaacson  
Sue & Dick Stern
- Elaine Alexander**  
Carol & Larry Isaacson
- Mr. & Mrs. Miles Alexander's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Barbara & Sanford Orkin
- Wade Allen**  
Janice & James Paul
- Phyllis Arnold's Recovery**  
Sue & Larry Ellison
- James Arogeti's Graduation**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Robert Arogeti's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick  
Robyn & Doug Ross
- Sarah Arogeti's Bat Mitzvah**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Michelle Arwood, Ann Cramer, Reverend Marnie Crumpler, Julia Emmons, Helene Lollis, Rosemary Newcott, & Susie Soper**  
Buckhead Business Association  
Leadership Institute
- Birth of Brooke Arp Babbit**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Martha Barnes**  
Stacy & Rick Lanier
- Birth of Jack Quinn Barrett**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz
- Eleanor Bernhardt's Birthday**  
Barbara & Rocky Rothschild
- Mr. & Mrs. Fulton Breen Sr.**  
Sandy & Gaylord Knapp
- Harriet Schofield Bryant**  
Dick Babush
- Birth of Simon Cooper**  
Allison & Jonathan Dubovsky
- Birth of Julian Michael Corbin**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz
- Marriage of Julie Corenblum**  
Betty & Alan Sunshine
- Marriage of Staci Covin & Matt Brill**  
Helen & Frank Hahn
- The Daniels Family**  
Susan & Stephen Horwitz
- Mr. & Mrs. B. Davis' Daughter's Marriage**  
Vivian Berman
- David Desnick's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Debbie Scott
- Linda Diamond's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Dr. Karen Dougherty**  
Robin Love
- Marriage of Lori & Jeff Epstein**  
Barbara & Jay Halpern
- Engagement of Beverly Etheridge & David Schwarz**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz
- Bud Feiman**  
Elice & Rhodes Haverty
- Marriage of Sharon & Stephen Fink**  
Margaret & Jerry Richman
- Emily Finocchio's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick  
Sara Seiden  
Farin & Steve Yackira
- Lois Frank**  
Allison & Jonathan Dubovsky
- David Friedland's Bar Mitzvah**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Lance Friedland's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- John Friedman's Engagement**  
Selma & Bernard Shapiro
- Shelly Friedman's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Debbi & Bruce Benator  
Becky Jones  
Gloria & Rich Lapin  
Rita & Michael Levine  
Janie & Sid Sukloff
- Birth of Sandro Luis Lennarito Garcia-Ide**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz
- Mr. & Mrs. Dan Garson's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Helen Revson
- Ellen George**  
Mimi & Alan Gould
- Joan & Sol Gibbons' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
The Albin Family
- Shawne Giustra**  
Sandy & Gaylord Knapp
- Birth of Elias Duncan Goodwin**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Mrs. Mike Green**  
Robin Love
- Marjorie Greenberg**  
Sue Stern
- Hank Greenstone's Recovery**  
Sue & Dick Stern
- Birth of James Owen Greenwood**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz
- George Haas' Birthday & Father's Day**  
Karen & Mike Davenport
- Miriam Haas' Birthday & Mother's Day**  
Karen & Mike Davenport
- Ila Harrington**  
Laurie & Joel Rosenberg
- Barbara Hays' Retirement**  
Dr. Kathleen Nixon & Dr. Greg Berkey
- Jack Healey**  
Judi & Tom Aldridge
- Lila & Doug Hertz**  
Samuel Bronfman II  
Jodie Skorecki
- Allison Howard's Graduation**  
Sue & Larry Ellison
- Birth of Richard Lawton Jordan IV**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz
- Margaret Kennedy's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Martha Heyman
- Msgr. Thomas Kenny &**
- Rev. Father Richard Morrow**  
Sandy & Gaylord Knapp
- Joni LaBouff**  
Sandy & Gaylord Knapp
- Sandra Lawson's Recovery**  
Sue & Larry Ellison
- Liz Levine's 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Sue & Dick Stern
- Paul Levin's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Debbie Scott
- Barby Levy's 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Sue & Dick Stern
- Robin Love's Marriage**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Kim Massey**  
Marilyn Massey
- Debbie McClure**  
Judy McMillan
- Larry Melnick's Retirement**  
Pearl Cohen  
Lori & Stephen Dorsky  
Stephanie & Marc Effron  
Jackie & Tony Montag  
Marilyn & Josh Shubin
- Matt Merrill's New Position**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Scott Mirsky's Graduation**  
Sue & Larry Ellison
- Jane & Buster Morrison's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
The Albin Family
- Marriage of Theresa Moss**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Birth of Stella Eve Nelson**  
Ronnie & Larry Nelson
- Roz Newell's Recovery**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz
- Elaine & Bruce Noble**  
Marianna & James Rothschild
- Eric Olsen & Joe Fant**  
Little Hatters – Spring Season
- Marriage of Vicki & Tom Olt's children**  
Betty & Alan Sunshine
- Friends of Bebo Patton & Robin Love**  
Robin & Bebo Patton
- Susan Plasker**  
Lynn Sustak
- Lucia Pulgram's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Martha Heyman  
Barbara & Rocky Rothschild
- Lisa Rabinowitz's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Robyn & Doug Ross
- Alden Richards' Birthday**  
Sam Levy
- Graduations of Barbara Riff's Grandchildren**  
Carol & Larry Isaacson
- Eric Robbins' New Position**  
Ellen Harnick
- Jon Rucket & Dr. Kristina VanDyke**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Carrie Sanders**  
Marilyn Massey
- Sonny Shlesinger's Recovery**  
Helen & Frank Hahn  
Sue & Dick Stern
- Marriage of Cathy Selig & Steve Kuranoff**  
Stacie & Kent Walker
- Janet Selig's Bat Mitzvah**  
Sue & Dick Stern
- Linda Selig**  
Betty & Alan Sunshine
- Susan & Rick Shanor**  
Amy Levesque
- Graduations of Mary Louise & Louis Sherman's Grandsons**  
Carol & Larry Isaacson  
Sue & Dick Stern
- Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Sherman's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Janet & Lennie Meyer
- David Slosberg's Birthday**  
Carole & Dick Babush
- Alice Smith's Graduation**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz
- Cindy Sokolic**  
Sandy & Gaylord Knapp
- Jack Stein's Recovery**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick
- Sue Stern's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Judy & Ronnie Goldstein  
Barbara & Alan Smith
- Mary Rose Taylor's Birthday**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz
- Pauline Warsham**  
The Chapman Family

# Honorariums & Memorials

**Richard Wasser's Recovery**  
Sue & Dick Stern

**Brett Weiland**  
Rebeca & Frank Selber

**The Weiland Family**  
Rina & Jack Wolfe

**Jackie Weinstein's Recovery**  
Sue & Dick Stern

**Mr. & Mrs. Paul Weinzierl**  
Sandy & Gaylord Knapp

**Joe Wilkinson**  
Sheri & Steve Labovitz

**Tommie Williams**  
Steve Labovitz

**Buz Winer's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Helen Revson

**Irma Winer's 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Helen Revson

**Dave Wolf's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Nancy & John Hirsch

**Charles Yates**  
Louie & Arnie Pittman &  
Jennifer Pittman Cantrell

**Linda Yu**  
Sue & Larry Ellison

**Eric Ziglin's Graduation**  
Sue & Larry Ellison

## Memorials

*Deceased friends of Camp Twin Lakes are listed first in bold print followed by the names of those making gifts in their memory March 1, 2005 through July 31, 2005.*

**Dr. Aaronson**  
Ann & Jesse Seidman

**Paul Bihary**  
Elice & Rhodes Haverty

**Jane Blakely**  
Albin Family

**Philip Blumenthal**  
Carol & Larry Isaacson

**Ida Borochoff**  
Barbara & Sanford Orkin

**Robert Breslauer**  
Marilyn & Josh Shubin

**Maria Gianni Brown**  
Debbie Scott

**Gilbert Cohen**  
Elyse Aussenberg & John Denys

**Philip Commins**  
Patty & Doug Reid

**Steve Davol**  
Deloris & Charles Davol

**David English**  
Elice & Rhodes Haverty

**Sidney Feldman**  
Sue & Larry Ellison  
Judy & Barry Frankel  
Mimi & Alan Gould  
Helen & Frank Hahn  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick  
Shari & Eric Robbins  
Sue & Dick Stern  
Betty & Alan Sunshine

**Morton Friedman**  
Tressa & Mark De Andrade  
Michael Dever  
Sue & Larry Ellison  
Linda & Craig Flugel  
Rebekah & Dwight Jones  
Rebecca & Gary Jones  
Bonnie Keith  
Gloria & Richard Lapin  
Rita & Michael Levine  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick  
Andrea & Larry Merlin  
Quest Medical  
Jane & Melvin Weinstein  
Williams Benator & Libby

**Philip Garfinkel**  
Barbara & Sanford Orkin

**Harry Gevertz**  
The Albin Family  
Betty Negrete

**Dr. David Hein**  
Elice & Rhodes Haverty  
Evie Wolfe

**Sam Herzberg**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick

**Londa Ivey**  
Elice & Rhodes Haverty

**Rose Jacobs**  
Judy & Barry Frankel

**Leo Kalson**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick  
Laurie & Joel Rosenberg

**Shana Kay**  
Jane, Mark, Genna & Marissa  
Cohen

**Karen Klenberg**  
Barbara & Sanford Orkin

**Rubin Lansky**  
Carol & Larry Isaacson

**Jay Levine**  
Mimi & Alan Gould  
Elice & Rhodes Haverty  
Barbara & Sanford Orkin  
Sue & Dick Stern

**Alex Levitt**  
Linda, Chuck, Eliot & Emily  
Kaplan  
Dartha Saltmarsh

**Brian Levitt's Father**  
Ann, Morris, Adam & Rachel  
Podber

**Elsie Lichtenstein**  
Elice & Rhodes Haverty  
Lila & Doug Hertz  
David Simpson  
Betty & Alan Sunshine

**Sylvia & Rory Melnick**  
Meyer Melnick

**Frances Novak**  
Barbara & Sanford Orkin

**Joan Nutt**  
Maria & Jim Nutt

**Wallace Porter**  
Friends of Marilyn Porter

**Jeannie Present**  
Sue & Larry Ellison

**Sam Proctor**  
Chartash Family

**Mike Ray's Mother**  
Helen & Frank Hahn

**Meg Roop**  
Harriet & Murray Eisner  
Mimi & Alan Gould  
Elice & Rhodes Haverty  
Sue & Dick Stern

**Rachel Rushton**  
Mary & Greg Thurman

**Dolores Schiffres**  
Jane & Mark Cohen  
Lila & Doug Hertz  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick

**Debbie Scott's Mother**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick

**Caroline & Simon Selig, Jr.**  
Joyce & Ron Williams

**Siegel Babies**  
Nancy Ghertner

**Frances Silverstine**  
Sue & Larry Ellison

**Stephanie Smith's Grandmother**  
Ronnie & Larry Melnick

**Randy Spradlin**  
Alice Walker

**Charlie Weaver**  
Albin Family

**Mitzi Weitz**  
Vantosh Family

**Irma Winer's Mother**  
Sue & Dick Stern



## Melnick Endowment Fund

In honor of Larry Melnick's retirement, Camp Twin Lakes has established the Melnick Endowment Fund. Gifts may be made to: Camp Twin Lakes Melnick Endowment Fund, Camp Twin Lakes, 5909 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Suite 802, Atlanta, GA 30328 or online at [www.camptwinlakes.org](http://www.camptwinlakes.org).

Camp Twin Lakes thanks the following individuals for their donations to the Melnick Endowment Fund. Listed are donations received through July 31, 2005.

The Argo Family Fund  
James & Jeanette Arogeti  
Robert & Amy Arogeti  
Joel & Beth Arogeti  
Jane & Mitch Durham  
Barbara & Larry Perlis  
Terri & Laury Bagen  
Doris & Phillip Bush  
Donna & Michael Chimberoff  
Clara Feldman  
Elizabeth & Robert Goldstein

Ronnie & Larry Melnick  
Deva Hirsch & Stuart Peskin  
Marsha & Michael Kalson  
Beverly Manne  
Nancy & Neal Manne  
Lenore Maslia  
Meyer Melnick  
Kim & Tom Noonan  
Barbara & Frank Wilensky  
Sheila & Merrill Wynne

# Fundraising Focus

## Willy's Mexicana Grill Celebrates 10th Anniversary

On July 13, Willy's Mexicana Grill celebrated its 10th year in business. In recognition of its anniversary, each of the restaurant chain's 17 metro Atlanta locations served a special burrito and proceeds benefited Camp Twin Lakes.

Pictured from left to right, Camp Twin Lakes Development Director David Schaeffer accepts a \$10,000 check from Roger Brandes, Operations Director, Willy's Mexicana Grill and Willy Bitter, President, Willy's Mexicana Grill.



## Camp Twin Lakes Cornerstone Circle



In 1991, Camp Twin Lakes was just a vision and today we are Georgia's only camping facility for children with serious illnesses and special needs. Since our inception, over 30,000 children and volunteers have had a life-changing experience – a week at Camp Twin Lakes.

"This place has to be here forever!" is an edict we often hear from our campers and our challenge is to ensure that it will be. Thus, we have established the Cornerstone Circle to honor supporters who have generously included Camp Twin Lakes in their estate and financial plans such as wills, trusts, life insurance, retirement plans, gift annuities, or other planned giving arrangements. These planned gifts to our endowment are the cornerstone of our future.

If you would like to play an important part in our future by becoming a Cornerstone Circle member, please call David Schaeffer, Director of Development. To name Camp Twin Lakes in your will or other estate plans, the legal name is Camp Twin Lakes, Inc. If you have remembered Camp Twin Lakes in your estate plans, please let us know. We would be grateful to recognize you as a Cornerstone Circle member. Cornerstone members are honored with a special donor recognition plaque at Camp, receive timely information on Camp Twin Lakes' programs, and are invited to Camp Twin Lakes' educational and social activities.

## Donating Appreciated Stock Gifts

The end of the year is near. Are you maximizing your giving? If you are considering a charitable year-end gift, a gift of appreciated stock might be a good choice for you. In most cases, the benefits of giving stock include a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift, as well as capital gains tax, if the stock has been held for a year and a day. To receive information on giving securities, please call David Schaeffer at (404) 231-9887.

## Corporate Holiday Giving Program

In lieu of giving holiday gifts to your clients, vendors, or employees this year, may we suggest making a donation to Camp Twin Lakes' Campership Fund. We will send a card notifying your clients, vendors, or employees that a gift has been made in his/her name from your company. Cards can be personalized with a holiday message. Please allow two weeks from date of your donation for mailing of the card. Please call Sue Ellison at (404) 231-9887 for more information.

## Camp Twin Lakes Opens Its Doors to Camp Extra Special People

"I swam! I caught frogs! I had fun in the cabins! I met a lot of people, especially girls!" says 16-year-old Chris Garrison when asked to describe what he liked about spending a week at Camp Twin Lakes. Chris was among 36 campers and 38 staff with Camp Extra Special People (ESP), an organization, based in Watkinsville, Ga., that had its first summer season at Camp Twin Lakes in June. Camp ESP serves young people with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism, traumatic brain injury, heart disorders, learning disabilities, and other intellectual and physical disabilities.



Counselor Chris Reese and camper Chris Garrison

"We had an amazing time," says Ashley Holliday Downs, ESP's camp director. "Our kids got to participate in activities that they would never have had the opportunity to otherwise. ESP counselors and campers have even stronger friendships now because of the time we got to spend together. We have never been anywhere before where we did not have to make ourselves fit in. At Camp Twin Lakes, we fit in perfectly just the way we are." The most popular activities for her campers were swimming and using Camp's new barracudas and paddleboats, says Ashley.

Chris, a 10th grader at North Oconee High School in Bogart, Ga., says he already has plans for what he'll do at Camp next summer: swimming, boating, and of course, hunting frogs. He adds, "I can't wait!"

## Taco Mac/Bass Ale Cycling Team Rides for Camp Twin Lakes

Camp Twin Lakes was the recipient of four bicycles that are specially equipped for riders with physical disabilities. The bicycles were donated in July by the Taco Mac/Bass Ale Cycling Team, which raised \$4,000 through a sponsorship drive to purchase two hand cycles and two three-wheeled bicycles. Sponsors of the cycling team are Taco Mac, Bass Ale, CPD Plastering, Inc., and Peachtree Bicycles. Cyclists, left to right, Greg Fink, Joe Greenfeld, James Bailey and Mark Trimble are joined by campers with Camp Rainbow, for children with cancer and rare blood disorders, Camp Twin Lakes summer program staff, and Susie Oddo and Lisa Desrochers from Taco Mac to test ride the new bicycles. Not pictured, cyclist and event organizer David Shoulberg. Our thanks to Taco Mac for providing lunch for all campers that day.



## CAMP CALENDAR 2005

### SEPTEMBER

- 23-25 **Camp Second Chance** for children with transplants
- 30-Oct. 2 **Camp Sunshine Weekends** for teens, siblings and families of children with cancer

### OCTOBER

- 7-9 **Camp Sunshine Weekends** for teens, siblings and families of children with cancer
- 14-16 **Camp Kudzu** for children with diabetes
- 21-23 **Wannaklot Family** for children with hemophilia
- 28-30 **Remember the Sunshine** for families who have lost a child to cancer

### NOVEMBER

- 4-6 **Camp STARS** for children who have lost family members
- 18-20 **Sunshine Teens** for teens with cancer

## FUNdraising Events

### OCTOBER

- 1 2005 Great Miller Lite Chili Cook-Off
- 2 Buckhead Grand Prix Bike Race
- 29-Nov. 6 Camp Twin Lakes Partners Card

### FEBRUARY

- 7 Atlanta Magazine's Best of Atlanta Party

### MAY

- TBA Junior Board Camp Dance
- 8 Camp Twin Lakes Golf Tournament

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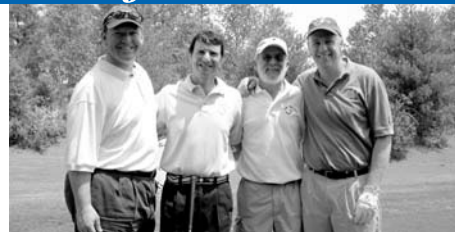
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## News Briefs

### Hertz To Be Honored As Fund Raiser Of The Year

Camp Twin Lakes Board Chair Doug Hertz has been selected by the Greater Atlanta Chapter of the Association of Fund Raising Professionals (AFP) to receive its 2005 Fund Raiser of the Year Award. Hertz was nominated for the award by Camp Twin Lakes and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. He will be presented with the award during AFP's Philanthropy Day Luncheon on November 8.



### Camp Twin Lakes 9th Annual Golf Tournament at TPC

Camp Twin Lakes held its 9th annual golf tournament on Monday, May 9, 2005 at the Tournament Players Club at Sugarloaf in Duluth. The tournament raised \$83,000 and consisted of 38 teams including pictured from left to right, Wes Durrum, Doug Hertz, Larry Melnick and Comer Yates. The tournament's title sponsor was Jameson Inns. Additional sponsors included Edison Chouest Offshore, Internet Security Systems, King & Spalding and UBS Financial Services, Inc.

### Camp Twin Lakes Launches New Website

A new Camp Twin Lakes website will debut in late 2005. The design and hosting of the new site has been generously donated by the Atlanta Journal Constitution and facilitated by Jim Todesco, Director, Sales Support and Development, Cox Newspapers, and John Witte, Creative Director, COXnet AdStudios. The new and improved website - [www.campwinlakes.org](http://www.campwinlakes.org) - will be interactive and camper friendly.

### New Exit Lighting Systems Installed At Camp

Camp Twin Lakes recently received a \$9,500 grant from the Rich Foundation to upgrade and replace all exit/emergency lights at Camp. The previously installed lighting systems required continued replacement of different types of batteries and expensive bulbs every six months and were not energy efficient.

### Community Festival Benefits Camp Twin Lakes

The fourth annual Dunwoody Beer Festival held on May 7 raised more than \$25,000. Festival goers sampled from more than 150 varieties of beer, showcased by 50 breweries, microbreweries, and local brewpubs, while enjoying music by El Scorcho, a Weezer tribute band, and food from area restaurants. Festival sponsors included United Distributors, The Dunwoody Restaurant Group, 99X, Philly Connection, Eagle Rock Distributors and Atlanta Illustrated. Proceeds from the popular event were directed to Camp Twin Lakes.

### Taco Mac Charity Golf Tournament Tees Off For Camp Twin Lakes

Camp Twin Lakes was one of two charitable organizations to benefit from the Fourth Annual Taco Mac Charity Golf Tournament held on June 27 at Brookfield Country Club in Roswell. Recently, Taco Mac representatives presented Camp Twin Lakes with a \$16,000 check earned from tournament proceeds.

### New Members Join Camp Twin Lakes Board of Directors

Camp Twin Lakes welcomes eight new members to its board of directors: Michele Gandy, Community Volunteer; Eddie Henderson, Rock Systems Solutions; Brian Jordan, Atlanta Braves; Susan LeCraw, Community Volunteer; Bea Files McConnell, M.D., Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite; Cedric Miller, M.D., Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite; Carla Parris, Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital and Grandvial Quick, Community Volunteer.



Eddie Henderson



Bea Files McConnell



Carla Parris

## Volunteer Spotlight



Camp New Hope Camper Teranado Bryant with Greg Pyne

### Greg Pyne

Although he had never climbed a ropes course, much less taught a ropes course, Greg Pyne accepted the volunteer challenge when it was offered a few years ago. For the last three summers, Greg has volunteered at Camp Twin Lakes helping at the ropes course during Camp Walk N'Roll, for children with muscular dystrophy. This summer, he came back to also help with Camp New Hope, for children with sickle cell anemia. Because many of the campers with Camp Walk N'Roll are in wheelchairs, a fair number of volunteers are needed to lift and place each camper in a special seat and hoist them up to the top of the ropes course 40' high zip line. The entire process for one camper can sometimes take up to one hour, depending upon the camper's mobility.

Greg, owner of Brooklyn Café, in Sandy Springs, Ga., was first introduced to Camp through his association with Camp Twin Lakes' Founder and United Distributor's President and CEO Doug Hertz. Brooklyn Cafe, United Distributors, and Visa collaborated on the Visa Restaurant Challenge from 1994-1996, raising \$15,000 each year for Camp Twin Lakes.

Greg, the father of three, says his volunteer experience "has been life altering, perspective giving and incredibly enjoyable. I like to help others and it's very nice when the people you are helping really need your help and they are appreciative of it. When you push a kid off the zip line and the child has a big smile, that's the biggest payoff."

## Volunteer With Us

Camp Twin Lakes is always in need of volunteers to help at special events like those listed below. Come share your time and have fun too! If you are interested in volunteering or joining our new volunteer organization, the CaTaLyst Society, contact Jaime Swindle at 404-231-9887, ext. 230, or [jaime@camptwinlakes.org](mailto:jaime@camptwinlakes.org).

### *Great Miller Lite Chili Cook-Off benefiting Camp Twin Lakes— Saturday, October 1, 2005*

Come out to Stone Mountain for a fun-filled day of activities and, of course, many varieties of chili! We need volunteers to work contests and to assist at check-in.

### *Atlanta Magazine's Best of Atlanta Party benefiting Camp Twin Lakes – Tuesday, February 7, 2006*

Spend the evening volunteering at one of Atlanta's best food events. We need help the evening of the event with taking tickets, working with the restaurants, selling balloons or working at the silent auction tables. We also need assistance prior to the event to help gather items for the silent auction and to help sell \$50 general admission tickets.

### *Camp Twin Lakes Golf Tournament – Monday, May 8, 2006*

Spend a day of fun-in-the-sun at one of Atlanta's more popular golf courses - The Tournament Players Club at Sugarloaf. We need help the day of the event passing out programs, stuffing goody bags and welcoming players. We also need assistance with the tournament dinner and the silent auction, which take place later in the afternoon.

### *Mother and Daughter Organization Volunteers at Camp Twin Lakes*

The Alpharetta and Buckhead chapters of the National Charity League (NCL) have proven to be invaluable to Camp Twin Lakes this year by providing volunteers to help as greeters at Camp in Rutledge and as volunteers on administrative projects at the



Atlanta office. The National Charity League, Inc. is a non-profit national organization of mothers and daughters who join together in community involvement within local chapters throughout the United States. Pictured with Jaime Swindle, Camp Twin Lakes special events manager on the far left, are members of the Buckhead chapter, Brooke Atkinson, Kerri Metz and Pam Metz.

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## NEWS SPLASH

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