

**Children's Cancer Camps of Nebraska
dba Camp CoHoLo
2008 Annual Report**

Mission Statement and Goals

Children's Cancer Camps of Nebraska's (Camp CoHoLo) mission is to provide a recreational experience for children with cancer and blood related illnesses to allow them an opportunity to participate in the normal activities of children.

Camp CoHoLo's goals are:

- Friendship:* Helping to promote relationships for children and families who are facing the same challenges;
- Recreation:* Providing a fun and safe environment for children to participate in regular camping activities;
- Education/Awareness:* Informing the public about the psychosocial aspects of oncology and the special needs of the patients and their families;
- Support:* Building a network of support for our children and their families.

Accomplishments*Camp CoHoLo 2008*

The annual Camp CoHoLo was held on July 13 – 16 (Session 1, ages 6 – 11 years old) and July 16 – 20 (Session 2, ages 12 – 17 years old) at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center near Gretna, Nebraska. The 2008 camp marked the 24th consecutive year that Camp CoHoLo has been held, and the 4-H Center has been the home of the camp since its inception.

Camp CoHoLo hosted 139 campers at two sessions in 2008, compared to 130 in 2007, 117 in both 2006 and 2005, 120 in 2004, 113 in 2003 and 125 in 2002. There were 31 camp counselors who remained at camp for Session I and 21 camp counselors in residence for Session 2. In 2007, 38% (19 of 50) of the in-residence cabin counselors were former CoHoLo campers. In total, over 7,000 volunteer hours were donated to Camp CoHoLo during 2008, including:

<i>Planning hours</i>	2008
Board of Directors and Operations Committee	478
Camp Director	96
 <i>Camp session hours</i>	
In-residence camp counselors	4,062
In-residence volunteers	1,656
Photography and DVD production volunteers	150
Volunteers from other civic organizations	38
 <i>Other camp-related volunteer hours</i>	
Winter carnival volunteer time	127
CoHoLo volunteer time at Cox Classic events	<u>577</u>
 Total volunteer hours	 <u>7,184</u>

The 2008 camp had a 'Mardi Gras' theme, and the campers enjoyed making Mardi Gras masks and banners, building a miniature float, participating in a Mardi Gras scavenger hunt, and celebrating at a Mardi Gras-themed 'ball.' Major activities during camp included an afternoon at Papio Bay waterpark and a carnival with games and a roving magician. For the second consecutive year, high winds thwarted the campers' opportunity to ride in a tethered hot air balloon. The 2008 camp marked the introduction of a giant inflatable water slide, which will spare future campers from sliding into a pool of 50-degree water (a feature of the old slide). Of course, camp was also filled with the staples of camp life, including laser tag games in the woods, crafts, indoor and outdoor games, high-wire and zip-line challenges, and campfires.

The weather for the 2008 camp was typical for a week in July, and with only a touch of rain, most activities went on as planned. With ample supplies of bottled water, bug spray and sunscreen lotion, the

medical staff and cabin counselors were able to keep the campers hydrated and healthy. The introduction of air conditioners in the camper cabins several years ago has been a welcome addition. Of the 139 campers who attended, 22% were 'on treatment' during camp and an additional 41% took medication for their condition, but nearly all of those children participated in every activity offered at camp. In 2007, 28% were on treatment during camp and an additional 28% took medication for their condition. In 2006, 27% were on treatment during camp and an additional 26% took medication for their condition.

The 2008 camp marked Cindy Reilly's fifth year as camp director. The camp director is also the leader of the Operations Team that, in 2008, consisted of 9 volunteers who were responsible for planning and getting ready for Camp. This Camp Director appoints and works closely with chairpersons for the following committees: programming, staffing, training, public relations, registration and recruitment, and support services. The Operations Team meets monthly throughout the year to ensure that camp operations flow smoothly. Because of these extraordinary efforts, the evaluations from campers, parents and counselors all reflected that the 2008 camp was extremely successful and well-organized.

Winter Carnival

In an effort to keep camp friendships alive through the year, Camp CoHoLo presented a Winter Carnival on Sunday, March 2, 2008 at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center. Campers and their entire families were invited to attend, along with volunteers and their families. A total of 130 adults and children attended the event. The Carnival was staffed with volunteers who were primarily members, friends and family of the Program Committee and Board of Directors.

Cox Classic charity recipient

For nearly a decade, Camp CoHoLo has been fortunate to be a 'named charity' that benefits from the proceeds of the weeklong Cox Classic, a Nationwide Tour golf tournament that is held each year in Omaha in late July or early August. Over one thousand members of the community pay a \$40 fee to volunteer at the Cox Classic each year, and Camp CoHoLo supporters have had a strong showing at the event for several years. This year 40 CoHoLo volunteers devoted 577 hours of time to support the event. In 2008, the Cox Classic distributed \$150,000 in charitable contributions to its twelve named charities.

Officers and Board Members

The Officers and Board Members of Camp CoHoLo, as of January 1, 2009, are as follows:

<i>President</i> Jay Slagle, CPA* Midwest Eye Care	<i>Vice President</i> Berta Ackerson OPPD	<i>Public Relations Director</i> Jane Williams CSG Systems
<i>Chief Financial Officer</i> Steve Roberts, CPA* Godfather's Pizza	<i>Camp Director</i> Cindy Reilly	<i>Fund Developer</i> Chris Pudenz, CPA* ConAgra
<i>Secretary (non-voting member)</i> Heidi Smith		
<i>At-Large Members</i> Jeff Baldwin, PharmD UNMC College of Pharmacy	Galen Meysenburg HDR	Lisa Runco UMA Dept. of Internal Medicine
Kellie Beresh, Parent Advisor	Johnathon Schuster, RN Children's Hospital	Dan Fischer, JD Koley Jessen
Sharon Knudsen, Parent Advisor Elkhorn Public Schools	Bill Lastovica First State Bank – Yutan	Eric Hoie, PharmD Creighton University
Mike Skogland Patterson Dental	* CPA in inactive status	

Financial Data

The information below reflects the financial results of Camp CoHoLo for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004. Camp CoHoLo has no employees or paid staffers, and thus no salary or benefit expense is included in the financial summary. In addition, Camp CoHoLo relies heavily on in-kind donations that are not reported as either income or expenses on the financial statements. During the five-year period presented below, 92.0% of all expenses were spent directly on programming expenses, with an additional 7.1% of expenses devoted to administrative functions in support of those programs. Fundraising expenses represent 0.9% of expenses over the past five years.

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Income					
Donations	\$70,538	\$94,994	\$81,613	\$68,516	\$44,514
Registration fees	1,840	1,655	1,495	1,380	1,575
Product sales	919	2,084	358	491	1,707
Total revenues	73,297	98,733	83,466	70,387	47,796
Program expenses					
Camp food and lodging	27,865	23,938	23,388	21,453	24,854
Camp activities	23,374	12,973	15,493	6,659	12,429
Camper gifts, videos and apparel	10,730	0	1,795	2,072	10,442
Camp alumni scholarships	1,000	4,000	6,500	3,000	1,500
Volunteer processing/education	485	3,063	1,493	768	851
Subtotal program expenses	63,454	43,974	48,669	33,952	50,076
Administrative expenses					
Printing	608	538	669	545	1,856
Postage	465	244	440	106	456
Insurance	1,477	1,725	1,442	970	645
Storage	2,446	888	1,125	585	780
Miscellaneous	377	31	0	180	168
Subtotal administrative expenses	5,373	3,426	3,676	2,386	3,905
Fundraising expenses					
Public relations	0	320	166	200	322
Printing	0	0	1,239	0	0
Postage	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal fundraising expenses	0	320	1,405	200	322
Total expenses	68,827	47,720	53,750	36,538	54,303
Net increase/(decrease) in fund balance from operations	4,470	51,013	29,716	33,849	(6,507)
Investment activity					
Realized investment gain/(loss)	15,165	940	347	870	(23,319)
Unrealized investment gain/(loss)	(69,225)	44,096	10,641	19,060	36,781
Investment fees	(2,824)	0	0	0	0
Depreciation on capital assets	(1,785)	0	0	0	0
Subtotal investment activity	(58,669)	45,036	10,988	19,930	13,462
Total net increase/(decrease) in fund balance	(54,199)	96,049	40,704	53,779	6,955
Beginning fund balance, Oct. 1	336,694	240,645	199,941	146,162	139,207
Ending fund balance, Sept. 30	282,495	\$336,694	\$240,645	\$199,941	\$146,162

IRS Form 990 tax returns are available for Camp CoHoLo upon request.

Additional Information

Additional information regarding Camp CoHoLo and its operations can be requested by accessing the Camp CoHoLo website at www.campcoholo.com, or alternatively:

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