

CAMP CONNECTION

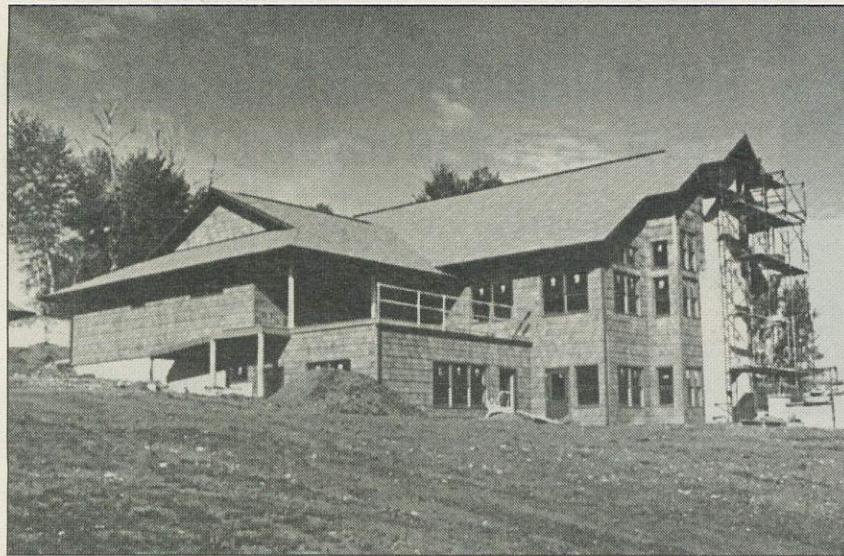
Gold Creek, Montana

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An Outdoor Experience for Children and Adults Affected by Cancer

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GRAND OPENING SET FOR JULY 21!



TOURING THE LODGE

If you can not make it out to Gold Creek, let us take you through the camp's center of activity, the lodge. This 11,000 square foot beauty is sided with cedar shakes and pine beams. Tastefully decorated in a traditional Montana ranch theme, forest greens and various woods bring the outdoors in. The lodge is fully accessible with an elevator on the northwest corner of the building. On the main level you'll find the dining room which can accommodate 130 people. The floor is tongue and groove pine, and you'll find a wall of windows from top to bottom on the north side of the building. From this vantage is a spectacular view of the Pintlar Mountains and the Clark Fork River Valley that you won't soon forget. And, for those chilly Montana nights, a field stone fireplace will warm even the coldest of toes. A sound system and stage completes the setting. The kitchen is a chef's dream with the most modern equipment available. Meeting rooms are also available on the main floor for retreats and other special events. To enjoy the outdoors, a deck and patio surrounds the front of the building with views of the swimming pool, mountains, and huge hot tub. On the lower level you'll find more meeting rooms, an exercise area, laundry and the biggest bathrooms you've ever seen. A multi-purpose room is underneath the dining room. Come take a tour sometime! Call (406) 549-5987 for a private tour.

GOLD CREEK, MONTANA

Camp Mak-A-Dream is opening this summer! Join us July 21st for a Grand "Opening Party". The party will be held from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Camp Mak-A-Dream in Gold Creek, Montana. Everyone is invited to help board members officially open the doors. July 21st is the culmination of 3 years of hard work for thousands of volunteers.



CAMP MAK-A-DREAM COMES TRUE!

Camp is almost here! After many months of construction and planning, we are pleased to announce our camp sessions. The first session will be from Saturday, July 22 to Friday, July 28. The second session will be from Sunday, July 30 to Saturday, August 5. Grab your cowboy hat and boots and hang on for a real Montana camping experience. Campers will enjoy swimming, hiking and horseback riding. And if that isn't enough, they will get to try out our brand new high ropes course or teams course. For the fledgling artist, a bead making and pottery class is planned. Campers will also enjoy meeting Betty the Buffalo and watching our very own elk herd. Nightly activities include singing around the campfire, or special visits by Montana artists. Last but not least, camp will be a time to share experiences and make new friends.

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

As of this date, \$2.6 million dollars has been raised toward the Camp's ultimate goal of \$4 million for the facilities and \$3 million for the endowment fund. During the past 4 months the Capital Campaign Committee, under the direction of Susan Klein and Bob Kelly, has been very busy. Funds and in-kind gifts have been raised through grants, corporate gifts, individual donors, and gifts from clubs and organizations. The Board of Directors is extremely appreciative of everyone's efforts and generosity.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHT CYBEX CORPORATION



The CYBEX corporation out of New York has been very generous to Camp Mak-A-Dream. CYBEX, who is the manufacturer of exercise equipment for health clubs, donated \$35,000 in the fall of 1994. Danny and Sherry Granader have been instrumental in nurturing the relationship with CYBEX. The Granaders own 16 World Gym Centers in Houston, TX, and have been supporters of the CYBEX equipment. In September, CYBEX hosted a "Danny and Sherry Granader Day" at their plant in Minnesota where they gave a check from employee and corporate donations to the Granaders, for Camp Mak-A-Dream.

The Granaders have CAMP on their mind!!! Dan and Sherry have worked hard to promote the camp through their centers. In September, they hosted a Fitness Challenge Day which raised money and awareness for the Camp. Through their efforts, Club Industry magazine featured the Camp in their April 1995 issue.

Sherry has written a "low fat" cookbook, from which proceeds will go to the Camp. She is now on her second cookbook that will feature more delicious recipes. Call the camp office to order; (406) 549-5989

\$7,000,000

\$6,000,000

\$5,000,000

\$4,000,000

\$3,000,000

\$2,000,000

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HELP US RAISE THE CAMP FLAG! HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you would like to help with the capital campaign drive, please give our office a call.

We are currently recruiting volunteers to assist in the following areas: cabin counselors, campaign workers, committee members, office volunteers, data entry, mailings, in-kind gifts, and, most of all, donors.

Call the office at (406)-549-5987 for more information.



NOTES FROM A VERY SPECIAL COUPLE... HARRY AND SYLVIA GRANADER

Harry and Sylvia Granader of Birmingham, Michigan, are the founders of Camp Mak-A-Dream. They have donated 87 acres of their Gold Creek, Montana ranch for the purpose of building a year round camp for children and adults who have cancer. Recently, they were asked to highlight some of their dreams about the camp.

Dear Friends,

Children are our nation's greatest treasure. It will take the combined partnership of caring and concerned individuals to shape a better tomorrow. When confronted with a physical illness, peace of mind has a therapeutic effect on the body. The therapeutic benefits of a summer camping experience will provide children with cancer an opportunity to learn new skills and develop friendships with other

children, all of which strengthen their ability to cope with their illness.

A child with cancer who attended a camp for children recently was asked, "What was the best thing about camp?" He replied, "The way people treat you. The worst thing about camp was Going Home!" Help send children to camp. Caring hearts can change lives. Please, open your heart. Make a pledge to the Children's Oncology Camp Foundation.

Harry and Sylvia Granader



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*A mother held her child gently on her lap.
 Dreams for him spun through her as he took his nap.
 In fields and creeks he'd never roam—
 The walls of illness held him home.
 Without the cloak of a medical team,
 Running through fields
 would be a dream.
 Tears lay upon his face
 as he ran this lonely race.*

*He longed for children who knew this place.
 An opportunity to explore face to face.
 A chance to grow, share and climb,
 Not to explain his illness every time.*



Kansas is playing for a benefit concert to be held June 24 at Buck's Club

TCI'S SUPPORT



TCI Cablevision of Montana, Inc. is active in assisting community and regional projects and organizations. Over the past year, TCI has been instrumental in assisting CAMP MAK-A-DREAM with statewide coverage by airing our promotional video throughout Montana for most of '94.

TCI has also donated and is installing a satellite dish for the camp and will provide cable services cost-free.

Statewide, they are working to coordinate a DISNEY CHANNEL promotion which will raise funds to assist the families through the "CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM."

TCI continues to support CAMP MAK-A-DREAM by airing Public Service Announcements statewide and the new manager of TCI Missoula, Mr. Mike Mason, is committed to seeing that CAMP MAK-A-DREAM receives all of the support that TCI can offer.

As Mike says, "TCI is taking television into tomorrow by taking care of our kids today."



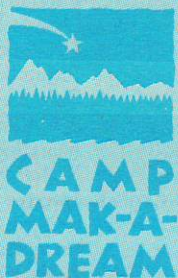
WINE FEST WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Thank you, Missoula, for your support. On February 18, 1995, a Wine Festival and auction was held at the Red Lion Inn. Sponsored by Earl's Distributing, the festival raised over \$20,000 in three hours!!! Members of the committee included: Sharon Snavely, M.J. Schutte, Lynn O'Hara, Ann Ranf, Carol Klein, Lynda Clagg, Kathy Hobbs, Melanie Nedrud, July Brodsky, and Dorthea Lambros. Thanks to Natalie Redoun and Mylananie of Montana Flasher for the great decorations.

SEND A KID TO CAMP- BUY A CAMPERSHIP!

You can help send a child to Camp Mak-A-Dream this summer. The Board of Camp Mak-A-Dream is committed to the mission of providing a cost-free camping experience for children with cancer. Help us meet our mission. The cost for sending one camper is \$500.00. You can sponsor a child you know, or sponsor a child who is unable to afford to go to camp. To send a child to camp, please fill out the form below and send to the camp office: Children's Oncology Camp Foundation, P.O. Box 7456, Missoula, MT 59807.

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 Street City State Zip
 Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
 Number Of Years You Would Like To Pledge _____



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AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY "1995 CANCERWALK"

About 1,400 people died today of cancer. At the current rate, more than 500,000 people will die this year. The numbers are staggering.

The American Cancer Society is working hard to reverse the trend. The A.C.S., as reflected in its mission statement, is "dedicated to eliminating cancer as a

major health problem...through research, education, advocacy and service."

There is a way you can help. By participating in the 1995 Cancerwalk, you can help raise funds for the American Cancer Society's mission. The Cancerwalk begins Friday, July 21st, at 6:00 p.m. Ideally, teams are between 8 and 12 individuals. Each individual is responsible for raising \$100.00. This is a great family event with 24-hour entertainment and an auction Friday at 8:00 p.m.

For more information please call: KECI TV at 721-2063.



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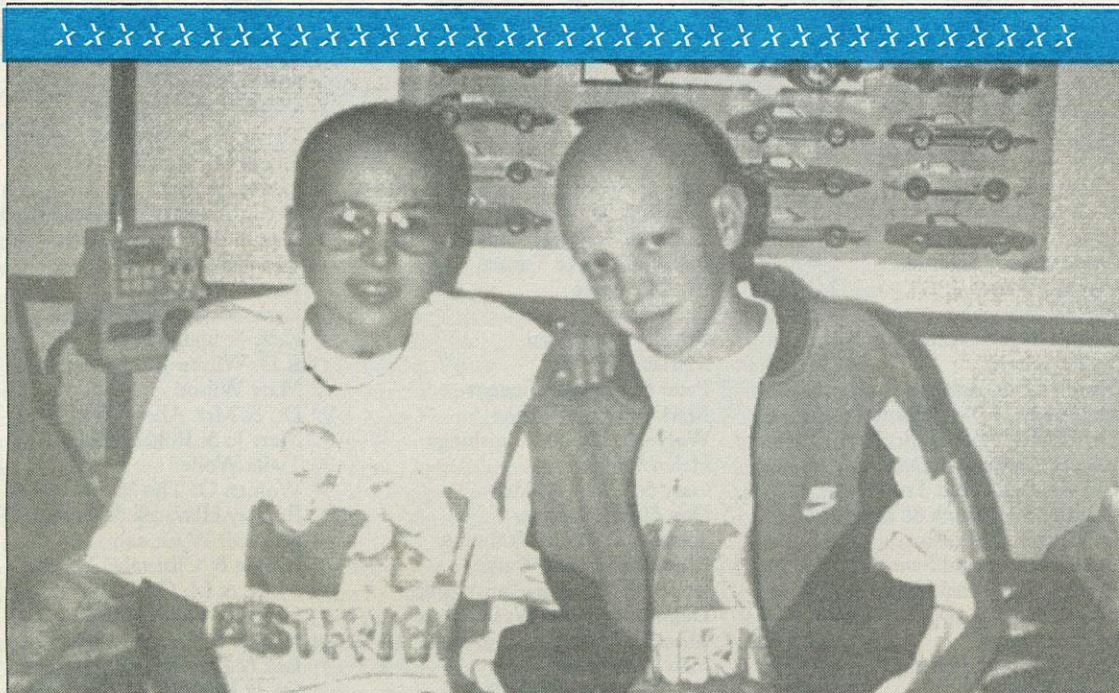
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Pictured are "best friends" Chad Woodworth and Jason Greer (right). Jason lives in Missoula, MT and is anxiously awaiting the opening of camp. Chad lost his battle with Rhabdomyosarcoma in October 1991.

I would never have wanted to have cancer and I would have been a lot more afraid if I had known exactly what cancer was when the doctor told me what I had. In spite of all that, going through cancer has given me some great experiences. First of all, it allowed me to make some of the greatest friends that I'll ever have. Some of my friends weren't as lucky as I was and they died, others are still fighting a daily battle.

At camps we had the opportunity to share some great times together. For me it was great to be with other kids that I didn't have to explain things to. We traveled to Colorado with the Sunshine Kids and skied with Big Sky Kids in Montana. All these camping experiences helped me make it through a pretty rough time.

I'm excited to be a part of Camp Mak-A-Dream because it provides these kinds of experiences for other kids fighting cancer.

Jason Paul Greer

WELCOME NEW STAFF TO COCF

The growth and success of Camp Mak-A-Dream has required two new staff to come "on board."

BRAD WILLIAMS joined the camp staff in December 1994 as Camp Director. He is responsible for hiring the staff and getting the program together for this summer. Brad is a native Texan, and graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Brad comes to the organization with a wealth of knowledge about camps for children with cancer. Brad spent the last three summers working at Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Connecticut.

CONNIE HANSON also came on board in November as the Health Director. Connie is a native of Kalispell and Missoula, Montana, and has been a registered nurse for 21 years. She is currently employed at St. Patrick's Hospital in the Day Surgery Department. Connie's excitement for Camp Mak-A-Dream shows in her warm smile. She spent 10 days in the summer of 1994 volunteering at Hole in the Wall Gang Camp to learn the ropes of camp and nursing. Connie and her husband, Keith, live in Missoula with their 3 children.

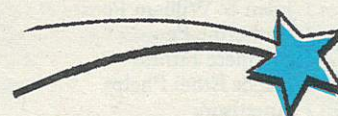
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MAKE YOUR SUMMER A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

- VOLUNTEER TO WORK AT CAMP -

Camp Mak-A-Dream is making its debut in Western Montana this summer and organizers are looking for college students, staff, faculty, and any other individuals interested in volunteering their time and expertise to the project. Volunteers and specialists are needed in the following areas: male cabin counselors, equestrian, pool, arts and crafts, woodworking, boating and fishing, theater/creative writing, high ropes, riflery, and camping. These positions are for either one or both one-week sessions: July 22-28 and July 30-Aug. 5. Camp Mak-A-Dream is located 60 miles east of Missoula off Interstate 90 in the historic town of Gold Creek, Montana. For more information, call camp director Brad Williams at (406) 549-5987.



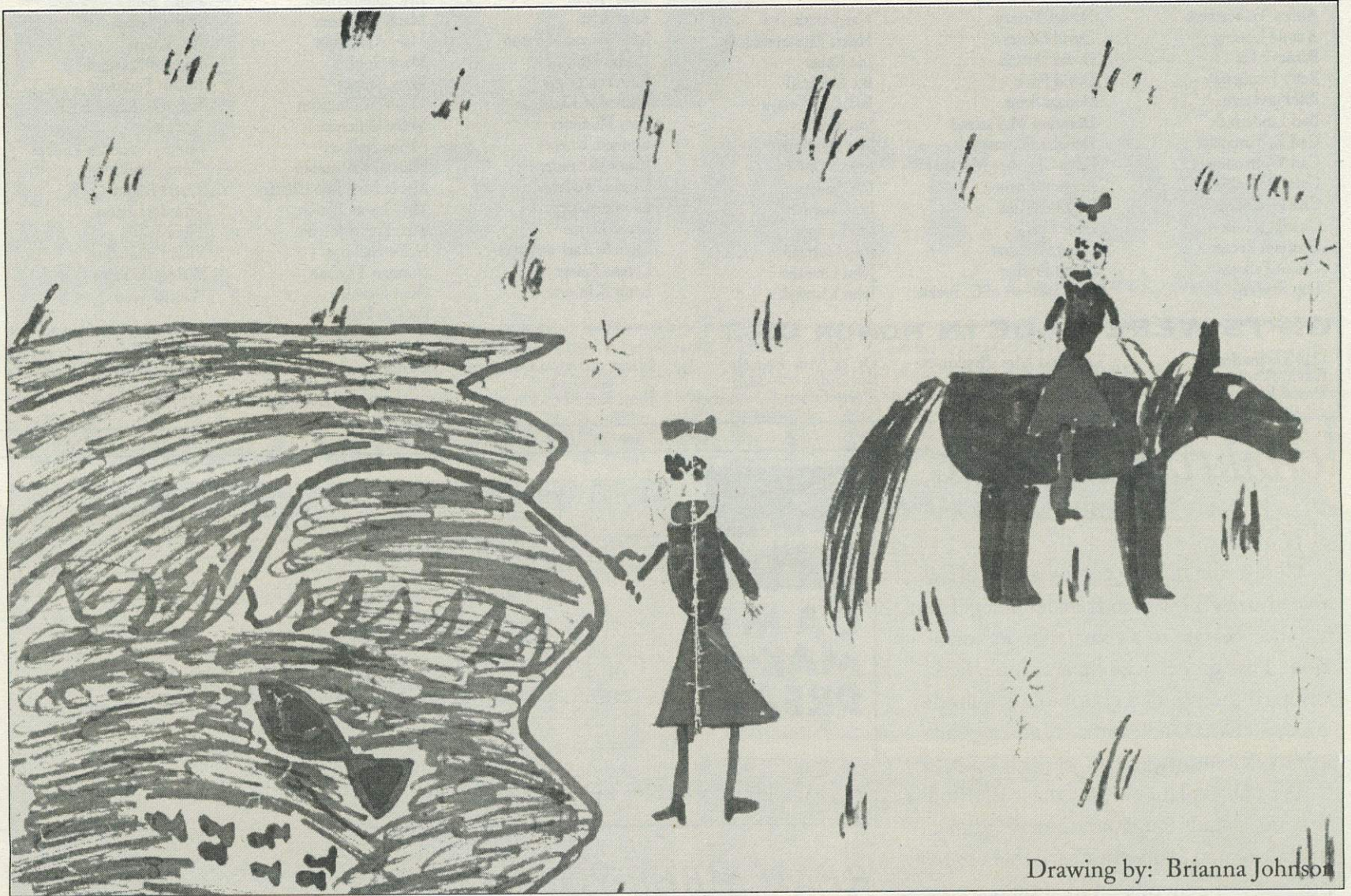
CAMP OFFICE MOVES TO A NEW LOCATION

The Camp Mak-A-Dream office has now moved to a new location. The office was previously located inside the offices of Garden City Builders in Missoula. Garden City Builders provided rent free office space for the camp to get started. Thank you very much Dave and Ed! Growth in the program and staff required a change to a larger space. Visit us at our new location in the Terrace West Office Building, 619 SW Higgins in Missoula. Our telephone remains the same at (406) 549-5987.



GIFT CATALOG

The Capital Campaign Committee has prepared a gift catalog filled with wonderful camp buildings and recreation areas that are available to be built in your honor or in the honor of a friend, relative, or business. Please call the camp office at to set up a time for a presentation.



Drawing by: Brianna Johnson

WISH LIST FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The Camp Director of Health has compiled a list of necessary medical supplies and equipment for camp this summer. Can you help fulfill our wishes?

Needed are medical office equipment, supplies and medication. To see how you can help, contact Connie Hanson at (406) 549-5987.

GARY MCFADDEN

has been an "Executive-On-Loan" from Adventure Cycling for the past 3 months, assisting with the capital campaign. Gary has been with Adventure Cycling for 23 years, and now serves as the Executive Director. He currently serves as president of the Sunrise Rotary Club, whose members are building the high ropes course at camp. Gary is an invaluable source for public relations, fund raising, and computer operations. Thanks Gary for all of your time and enthusiasm.

We have enjoyed sharing information and support with many wonderful organizations within Montana. At this time, we would like to take the opportunity to share some information about two of these organizations.

FOR ONE ANOTHER is a Montana-based cancer family network. It is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to providing a supportive and nurturing experience for Montana families who are dealing with cancer. Their family camp dates for Summer 1995 are as follows:

Camp 1: July 22 through July 27

Camp 2: July 29 through August 3

For more information about **For One Another** you may call (406) 587-8080.

EAGLE MOUNT "BIG SKY KIDS" is a program first developed in 1985 for children and adolescents with cancer. The program is part of the Eagle Mount, an organization established to provide therapeutic recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The dates of Big Sky Kids resident camp for Summer 1995 is July 6 through July 14.

For more information about **Big Sky Kids**, you may call (406) 259-3279.

BRIANNA JOHNSON, in addition to being a wonderful artist, is one of Camp's favorite spokespersons. She is 9 years old and was diagnosed with cancer on June 9, 1989. In fact, Mom says it was at 3:15 p.m. and she can even tell you what Dr. Carte was wearing. All of life changed at that moment for Brianna and her parents, Bob and Lisa. Throughout the following years Brianna had to have both of her kidneys removed and is now on dialysis. She has just returned from another bout of treatment in Seattle and lives in Missoula with her parents and sisters Jessica, 4-1/2, and Megan, 9 months. Brianna is really looking forward to camp and having fun with all the other kids.

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CHARITABLE GIVING

BY BRIAN SALONEN

Charitable Giving can be a very effective and useful way to transfer assets from a donor's estate to a charitable organization. This process can be accomplished through the use of a charitable remainder trust, a charitable lead trust, and a charitable gift annuity.

We will explain each of these methods in more detail in upcoming newsletters.

If designed properly, charitable contributions can generate an income tax deduction. In addition, a contribution will enable Camp Mak-A-Dream to provide a lifetime of fun and excitement for children with cancer in your memory.



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