The mission of the Children's Oncology Camp Foundation is to provide an appropriately supervised, cost-free camp (Camp Mák-A-Dream) for children and young adults with cancer.

The camp will be available on a prioritized basis to children with cancer, young adults with cancer, and adults and families dealing with cancer.

In addition to these groups, Camp Mák-A-Dream desires to accommodate, as much as possible, groups of children with other medical needs interested in a camp experience.

**CAMP MÁK-A-DREAM 2001 SCHEDULE**

**WINTER YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER (AGES 16-25)**
January 6-13

**DIABETES YOUTH RETREAT FOR TEENAGERS WITH DIABETES SPOONS BY THE DIABETES ASSOCIATION**
June 29-July 1

**KIDS CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER (AGES 6-17)**
July 6-13

**YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER (AGES 16-25)**
July 10-23

**SIBLINGS CAMP FOR BROTHERS & SISTERS OF CANCER PATIENTS (AGES 5-17)**
July 26-August 1

**YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER (AGES 16-25)**
August 5-12

**KIDS CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER (AGES 6-17)**
August 16-23

**HELP MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE. CALL (406) 549-5987. WWW.CAMPDREAM.ORG**

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**Make a Difference**

**AT CAMP MÁK-A-DREAM**

Each summer 250 to 300 children and young adults with cancer visit Camp Mák-A-Dream. They come to play in the art studio and try their hands at the ropes course. They come to be among people who understand what it's like to face cancer. They come because Camp Mák-A-Dream is one of only a handful of camps in the country where they can have fun in the midst of cancer treatment. They come most of all to be "normal."

This experience would not be possible without the 200 or more volunteers who dedicate their time each summer to help make a difference in the lives of kids. We rely on volunteers to assist in the planning of camp activities, to stay in cabins and facilitate fireside chats, to be part of the "Dream Team" that keeps camp clean and safe, to serve on our medical staff. Without volunteers, there would be no camp to give young cancer patients the hope and energy to face tomorrow.

Volunteers at Camp Mák-A-Dream get to work with a diverse team of talented, energetic people from all over the US. More important, they have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children and young adults with cancer. Volunteers form meaningful friendships with campers. They become bright lights in our campers' lives.

Camp Mák-A-Dream is currently accepting applications for a limited number of summer positions, including Dream Team members, cabin counselors for Siblings Camp, and doctors and nurses. All volunteer positions require a nine-day commitment, plus an intensive interview and application process. You may obtain an application from our Web site, www.campdream.org, or call our foundation office at (406) 549-5987 or e-mail camp@montana.com. Spaces are limited and will be filled as interviews are conducted, so please call to confirm the availability of the position(s) for which you are applying.

**Volunteers are bright lights in our campers' lives.**
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**In memory of the children and young adults who enriched our lives.**

Each year we are reminded that the smiles and friendships that are formed at camp cannot last forever. Please join us in honoring the lives of the seven children and young adults who have lost their lives due to cancer in the past year. We extend our deepest sympathies to their families and friends and are honored to have known them through their experiences at Camp Mak-A-Dream.

The following children and young adults have passed away since the printing of our Spring 2000 Dreamcatcher:

- **Melinda Carlson**
  - Lakewood, Colorado
  - 20 years old
  - Died: February 23, 2001

- **Justin Matthews**
  - South Surrey, BC, Canada
  - 19 years old
  - Died: June 6, 2000

- **Miki France**
  - Victoria, BC, Canada
  - 21 years old
  - Died: December 1, 2000

- **Samuel Nobel**
  - Dorr, Michigan
  - 18 years old
  - Died: October 7, 2000

- **Meara Hargrave**
  - St. Charles, Illinois
  - 10 years old
  - Died: July 23, 2000

- **Michael Reyna**
  - Delano, Minnesota
  - 18 years old
  - Died: November 2000

- **Monika Stern**
  - Macungie, Pennsylvania
  - 18 years old
  - Died: February 1998
  - (We only recently found out about Monika’s death.)

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**Do You Have Frequent Flyer Miles?**

Camp Mak-A-Dream would love to talk to you about accepting your unused frequent flyer miles to assist campers who are unable to afford transportation to camp. These miles can also help make it possible for Camp Mak-A-Dream to bring in national speakers to conduct workshops for our campers.

If you have 25,000 or more miles that you’d like to donate or on any of the following airlines, we’d love to talk to you. Please contact Shirley Hammer at (406) 545-5987 or by e-mail: camp@montana.com.

**Northwest:**
- We can also accept miles from KLM and Continental for travel on Northwest.

**Delta:**
- We can also accept miles from United for travel on Delta.

**Horizon / Alaska Air:**
- We can also accept miles from KLM, American, TWA or Continental for travel on Horizon.

(Restrictions do apply. Please call us for details.)
WE'VE MOVED!

Camp Mak-A-Dream is thrilled to announce that we've recently moved our foundation office in Missoula to a new location. You can find us at Fort Missoula on the old officer's row, Building X2. Stop by and say hello if you're in the area.

Our mailing address is still: Camp Mak-A-Dream
P.O. Box 1430, Missoula, MT 59806
And our phone number is also the same: (406) 549-5987.
Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Executive Director's Report

This time of year I always marvel at how fast the camp season approaches. Although this is only April, we are very busy planning our 7th season at Camp Mak-A-Dream. The tremendous effort and long hours that go into pre-camp preparations become a distant memory as soon as the first camper walks across the "Bridge of Dreams" and into the land of Camp Mak-A-Dream.

Planning for camp consists of many things: finding and interviewing approximately 200 volunteers, scheduling activities and presenters for every day of the summer, and preparing meals to accommodate 100 people for three meals a day, just to mention a few. I wish everyone reading this newsletter could experience the feeling of being part of something that makes life a little better for someone else. Providing that "something" for children and young adults with cancer is what Camp Mak-A-Dream is all about. I know that it's impossible for everybody to participate in helping at camp, but we can only go forward because of the thousands of people like you who have volunteered either at camp or in our foundation office, donated time, goods or funds, or been ambassadors for us in other ways. We could not continue without your support. So on behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, and especially the children and young adults who attend Camp Mak-A-Dream, thank you. I hope your summer will be as great as ours promises to be.

Gregg Doerrler, Executive Director

President's Message

As I write this note the temperature reads 58 degrees, and the sun is shining brightly in Montana. Spring is in the air, and that means preparation for this summer's camps is in its final stages. It does feel good to be talking and thinking of summer.

We anticipate hosting more kids this summer than ever before, yet doing so in the unique atmosphere that our campers have come to know and love as the "Camp Mak-A-Dream experience." With great kids, seasoned staff, and excellent volunteers and concerned patrons like you, we look forward to providing our campers with a wonderful week largely free of the trials that cancer brings to their lives. The kids tell us just that the week at camp provides them with new friendships, a fun and refreshing experience, and most important, renewed strength.

To our supporters, thank you very much for your time, talents and treasures; you are making a difference. For those of you who are new to Camp Mak-A-Dream, please give us a call and find out what you can do to make a child's life better. We have a list of things that you can do to help!

Tom Copley, President, Board of Directors

Founders' Message

The power to fight cancer comes from the heart and the human spirit, but most of all it comes from being able to imagine a day when you are cancer free. Dreams don't come true just because you want them to. You must hang in there and be tenacious until you are finally able to turn your dreams into reality. Appropriate physical activity can help by fighting fatigue, improving immunity, boosting energy, alleviating anxiety and heightening self-esteem.

We would like to thank our volunteers, counselors, staff, doctors and nurses who have given of themselves so unstintingly. We tell our volunteers that the biggest paycheck they will ever receive is knowing that they have improved someone's life. By serving others we can find true happiness in our lives.

We feel blessed to be able to devote ourselves to this remarkable cause. Life is a precious gift that should be shared with others. We can all give our compassion, understanding and love to others. A dream of a better world will, in a moment of connection, turn into a lifetime of commitment.

Harry and Sylvia Granader, Founders

Friends

Chelsea was able to finally meet a friend she'd been chatting with over the Internet at the Young Adult Conference. Here's what she says about the experience:

"Three years ago I was diagnosed with Stage III ovarian cancer. I was 15 years old.

I am in remission now, but during my battle with cancer I talked with a girl over the Internet named Alicia. She was 20 and also battling ovarian cancer. It was so nice to have someone who understood what I was going through who was around the same age. Alicia and I talked through e-mails, phone calls and letters for about a year but never met in person. She lived in Texas, and I am from Washington. Then we heard about Camp Mak-A-Dream and figured this might be our only chance to meet. We spent a week together at the summer camp in 1999, losing every second of it. When it was time to go, we cried our eyes out.

On July 5, 1999, Alicia passed away at the age of 21. If it weren't for camp, I don't think we would have even gotten the chance to meet in person. I would have never gotten to meet my soul friend. Because of camp I got to have the best experience of my life. And I can't tell you how much that means to me."

Chelsea
Young Adult Conference Participant

Lots of new friendships are formed at Camp Mak-A-Dream.
Friday, July 13
2nd Annual Patay O'Neill Classic Golf Tournament, Butte Country Club, Butte.
Golf tournament sponsored and put on by the family and friends of the late Patay O'Neill in her memory, with proceeds going to charity.

Saturday, July 28
2nd Annual Tournament of Dreams Golf Tournament, Village Greens Golf Course, Kalispell. Four-person team scramble sponsored and put on by Judy and Terry Anderson, owners of Harley's Breezeway and Grill in Kalispell, MT.

Saturday, September 15
2nd Annual Quick Draw Gala Dinner & Art Auction, DoubleTree Hotel, Missoula. Formal dinner followed by live and silent auctions of fine art in various mediums by local and regional artists. Tickets are $100.00 per person and include admission, social hour and dinner. Reserve your table now by calling the foundation office.

October – Date to be determined
Andrea Levine Foundation Golf Tournament, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Tournament sponsored and put on by one of our camper's parents and their law firm in New Jersey.

Saturday, November 10
1st Annual Glove & Gown / Camp Mak-A-Dream Starry Night Ball, DoubleTree Hotel, Missoula. Formal ball and gala evening benefiting Camp Mak-A-Dream. Tickets will be available soon at both Glove & Gown Bridal in Missoula and through the Camp Mak-A-Dream office. Sponsored in part by KPAX-TV, Missoula's CBS affiliate station.

For more information about any of the above events, or if you have a fund raising idea for Camp Mak-A-Dream, please contact Jennifer Benton at the foundation office at (406) 549-5967 or e-mail camp@montana.com.

All donations to Camp Mak-A-Dream / the Children's Oncology Camp Foundation are tax deductible.

Other Ways You Can Give to Camp Mak-A-Dream:

Camperships
Sponsor a child or young adult for a week of camp with a $500 donation. You can also have your name permanently engraved on a brick in the walkway at camp for an additional $25.

Memorial or Honorarium Donations
Make a donation in memory of a friend or loved one, or in honor of a holiday or special occasion. Camp Mak-A-Dream will send a keepsake card to the family or honoree.

Make a Pledge
Pledge an amount to be paid over a period of time (monthly, quarterly, annually).

Give an Item from the Camp Wish List
There are lots of everyday household items and goods that we need each camp season. Please see the Wish List on page 5.

Planned Giving
You can name Camp Mak-A-Dream in your will or as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy. Planned giving is an easy way to make a big difference.

Help Build Our Endowment
Utilize the current Montana Endowment Tax Credit law in effect until December 2001 and help Camp Mak-A-Dream build an endowment fund large enough to pay for future programs and operations. See www.EndowMontana.org for more information on this law.

Help a Child with Transportation to Camp
Many campers cannot attend camp simply because they cannot afford to get to Missoula, Montana, from other parts of the country. You can pay for a plane or bus ticket, or even donate unused frequent flyer miles. Please see the article on frequent flyer miles in this issue of the Dreamcatcher.

Transfer Matured Stocks
You can also make a donation by transferring matured stocks to Camp Mak-A-Dream.

Shop at Albertson's Grocery Store
Giving is as easy as shopping at Albertson's grocery stores across Montana with a "Community Partners" card. With this free card, a portion of each purchase amount is donated to Camp Mak-A-Dream on a quarterly basis. Call the foundation office to obtain your free "Community Partners" card.
Camp Mak-A-Dream is always in need of various items for summer camps. The following items are things we are looking for, broken down by category. If you have one or more of these items and would like to donate them to camp, please call us and tell us what you would like to donate. Our phone number is (406) 549-5987, or e-mail us at camp@montana.com with your donation. All donations are tax deductible.

If you are mailing or delivering items to our foundation office in Missoula, our NEW address is: Building 32, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59804. Smaller items may be sent to: P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806.

**Equipment, Tools & Furniture:**
- Old-fashioned popcorn cart
- Snowcone machine
- 500-watt generator
- Log splitter
- 6 & 12-volt battery charger
- 20" chainsaw (in working order)
- 1.5 hp air compressor (No. 50 gas tank)
- Cordless drill (Makita or DeWalt)
- Assorted hand tools (call for details)
- Large recycling bins with lids
- Iron “Montana style” floor lamps for cabins
- Portable CD / tape players for cabins

**Kitchen & Dining Room:**
- (12 ea.) Washable 96" square table linens, solid colors
- (12 ea.) White linen tablecloths, 54" x 96"
- (12 ea.) White linen tablecloths, 54" x 120"

**Housekeeping:**
- (2) Twin-size rollaway beds

**Decorations:**
- New candles (pillar, taper, vortex)
- Solid color paper napkins (assorted sizes & colors)
- Solid color paper plates (assorted sizes & colors)

**Camp Activities & Programs:**
- Hand percussion instruments: tambourines, maracas, bells, cymbals, etc.
- CDs (popular & classical music)
- Nerf balls & small rubber balls for outdoor games
- Fly-fishing rods & reels
- Life vests (PFDs), child & young adult sizes
- Air horns
- Costumes for dress-up
- Balloons (various colors & sizes)
- Photography & art picture books
- “Montana wildlife” plush toy animals (NEW; please)

**Board games & decks of playing cards**
**Flashlights with batteries**
**Used VCR movies (appropriate for children & young adults)**
**Kites**
**Cross-country skis, boots & poles**
**Pool toys & flotation devices**

**Art Supplies:**
- Stickers
- Pottery clay
- Construction paper
- Rubber art stamps
- Confetti
- Jewelry-making beads
- Packages of new markers
- Fun, shaped-edge scissors

**Nature Education Tools:**
- Truck casting plaster
- Bows
- Fun nature books
- Flower press & paper
- Binoculars
- Star charts
- Nature posters
- Gardening tools

**Medical Items:**
- Unopened boxes of fun Band-Aids
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Insect repellent

**Little Things:**
- Individually wrapped candy items:
  - Life Savers
  - Mini candy bars
  - Hershey kisses
  - Mints

**Other:**
- Airline tickets for campers

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**HELP MAKE DREAMS COME TRUE. CALL (406) 549-5987**

**The Palette**

Will, Young Adult Conference participant, with a mask he created at camp.

Each year our campers create wonderful works of art at camp. The Palette will feature a different piece of artwork by a different camper in each issue, perhaps a painting or poem.

This issue’s Palette features Will, a Young Adult Conference participant who last September flew across the country to take part in a fund raising event called the Camp Mak-A-Dream Quick Draw Gala & Auction. The event featured several professional Montana artists and Will from Minnesota. Each artist painted his or her image of Camp Mak-A-Dream in a period of three to four hours. The original works were auctioned off at a gala dinner later that evening, with the proceeds benefiting Camp Mak-A-Dream.

We thank all of the artists who participated and congratulate Will for selling his piece and raising more than $1,200.00 for camp.

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**Tiles painted by campers hang on the wall of the art studio at camp.**
Rent Gold Creek Lodge,

HOME OF CAMP MÁK-A-DREAM

In this last year, many groups have taken advantage of the beautiful Camp Mák-A-Dream facility in Gold Creek for their business meetings, team-building retreats, group gatherings and family reunions.

Some of the groups that have rented the facility include: St. Patrick Hospital, Benefit Health Care Services, Missoula Chamber of Commerce, University of Montana Advocates, Montana Conservation Corps, American Diabetes Association, Arthritis Foundation, quilters' guilds and Creative Memories groups, plus several other medical and health-related groups.

When you choose to hold your business, family or group retreat at Gold Creek Lodge, you'll be enjoying more than just a fine facility in a mountain landscape. You'll also be helping to support the programs of Camp Mák-A-Dream. The facility is available for rental groups of 10-120 people, for day-long meetings or for several-day retreats from September through mid-June.

In addition to providing wonderful service and great menu options, you may also hire the professional staff of Camp Mák-A-Dream to conduct team-building workshops on our high ropes course or spend a day in the well-equipped art studio. If you like, we can also plan a complete program for your retreat.

The facility is also equipped to provide medical care for groups that have unique medical needs. This service can be designed and arranged to fit a variety of needs. Please contact the foundation office for additional information.

Let us host your next meeting or gathering at Gold Creek Lodge. Our calendar fills quickly, so call (406) 549-5987 today to reserve your dates or e-mail campmontana.com. Prices and additional facility photos are available on our Web site at www.campdream.com.

A WONDERFUL WAY TO REMEMBER THOSE YOU LOVE

Help make a dream come true for a child or young adult with cancer. If you or someone you know would like to make a generous gift in a loved one's name, just fill this out and forward it along with your gift to the Camp Mák-A-Dream office at P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806. All gifts will be acknowledged with a personalized keepsake card.

This gift is made in honor of ____________________________

Given by ____________________________

Send the card to:

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________

City / State / Zip: ____________________________

Credit card contributions may be made by calling (406) 549-5987 or by fax at (406) 549-5933.
Sixth Annual Women's Cancer Retreat · October 11-14, 2001

Each October Camp Mak-A-Dream offers a retreat for women ages 18 and older who have been diagnosed with cancer. This is a wonderful opportunity for women from across Montana and the Pacific Northwest to come together to share their experiences and stories, and learn from one another. This year's retreat will include guest speakers, recreational activities, fireside chats, art studio sessions, fabulous food and entertainment at the lovely Gold Creek Lodge. Registration forms will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis up to a maximum of 75 participants.

If you or someone you know would like to be part of this enriching experience, please complete the form on the right and return it to us as soon as possible. The registration fee of $175 covers all accommodations, meals, entertainment and retreat activities. Transportation is not included.

Take this time to care for yourself. Join us for four special days at Camp Mak-A-Dream.

Registration form

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip: __________
Phone: (________) __________ E-mail address: ____________________________

Do you require vegetarian meals for this retreat? Yes  No

Please include the registration fee of $175 and return this form to:

Women's Cancer Retreat, c/o Camp Mak-A-Dream, P.O. Box 1450, Missoula, MT 59806.
We accept cash, checks and credit cards (Visa, MC, American Express, Discover).

Credit Card: Acct. # ________ Exp. date ________

Name on card: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

If you would like information on the 5th Annual Ovarian Cancer Retreat, Sept. 6-11, 2001, complete this section, or call or e-mail us for a registration form.

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip: __________
Phone: (________) __________ E-mail address: ____________________________
A Day at Camp MAK-A-DREAM

Sharing stories at camp-out.

Finding courage on the ropes course.

Covering new ground.

Floating the Clark Fork.

To the beat of our own drums.

Making music together.