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### **DYF Dinner and Silent Auction Nov. 18**

How would you like to support the Diabetes Youth Foundation and get a jump on your holiday shopping at the same time? You can do both by coming to the DYF's fourth annual dinner and silent auction on Friday, Nov. 18, at the Mansion at Oak Hill, in Carmel, Indiana.

The business attire evening begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails, appetizers and live music. You can visit with friends and supporters of DYF while you browse the more than 100 unique items for sale. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. followed by a short program and the conclusion of the auction. Individual tickets are \$100 and a table for eight is \$1,500.

This is the only fundraiser the DYF holds all year and it is critical for the continuation of camp. "The generosity of our guests and donors makes camp a reality for us every year. This dinner is our way of saying thanks to our supporters and also a way for us to continue to serve children with diabetes and their families in Indiana," said DYF Board Chairman, Dan Bartholomew.

Plenty of seats are still available and silent auction items are needed. If you would like to attend this event, donate an item for the silent auction or help with the evening, please contact Julie Shutt at 317-750-9310 or via email at [dyfjulie@yahoo.com](mailto:dyfjulie@yahoo.com).

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### **Baskets of Hope Honor Diabetic Loved Ones**

Would you like to honor or celebrate the life of someone you know with diabetes? By making a basket of hope in their honor you can celebrate that person's personality and interests and help the Diabetes Youth Foundation in the process. The baskets will be for sale at the DYF dinner and auction on Nov. 18.



"I loved the idea of making a basket in my son's honor. It is a great way to recognize all the things in his life besides diabetes and a way to help raise money for the DYF," said Lori Kinder. Kinder and her son, Nick, held a party this summer and invited all their friends and family members to attend. Each guest was asked to bring a DVD for Nick's basket. Kinder also is collecting items for a basket in memory of her brother

who died from diabetes complications.

In addition to inviting friends and family members to participate, Kinder sent out more than 50 letters to local and national companies requesting a donation. She personalized each one and included a short note from her son.

So far, Nick's basket contains several DVDs, books, an eyeball lamp, a Scooby Doo slinky dog and a Smallville T-shirt.

"We are still hopeful that we will get a response from all our letters," Kinder said. "I plan on attaching a note on the outside of the basket stating the significance of the items that are included. The basket I'm doing in memory of my brother is based on his personality. He liked game shows and restaurants. He worked in a hotel, played in a band and collected Matchbox cars," she said.

If you would like more information on this program or would like to create a Basket of Hope for the DYF dinner and auction on Nov. 18, contact Julie Shutt at 317-750-9310 or via email at [dyfjulie@yahoo.com](mailto:dyfjulie@yahoo.com).

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## DYF Celebrates 50 Years of diabetes camping in Indiana

*by Dr. Sam Wentworth*

On August 19-21, nearly 150 people from all of the "generations" of campers came together at Spring Mill State Park to celebrate 50 years of diabetes camping in Indiana. The attendees traveled from all over the United States (and one from Russia) to reunite with their camp friends.



Nancy Wielgos, Nancy Sturgeon, Mark Cronk, Ron Dostal, Jennifer Hutton, Julie Schantz, Sam Wentworth, Bill Powell

Tim and Pat Hutson were the chairpersons of the event with Jennifer Hutton and Joe Wooten helping to track down former campers and counselors. Pat and Lynda Brearton assembled a "Memory Room" of pictures, documents and items from all 50 years of camp in Indiana. Gib and Sue Soder were in charge of hospitality and Mark Cronk provided a campfire and vespers on Sunday morning.

Most of the time, past campers and their families had an opportunity to share stories of camp and catch up on the many years apart. Jan Luellen Cox, Bill Zeigler and Dr. Jack Hall were at the reunion representing campers from 1955. Dr. Bob Gregory and Ken Sobbe were among some of the other "old timers" who were able to attend.



Jan Luellen and Ron Cox

I would like to give a special tribute to all of the committee who put this event together. Having 50 years of camp in Indiana puts Indiana among a very small number of states that can claim this many years of diabetes camping. The people at the gathering showed just how important camp was and is to their lives. This celebration was one of the biggest events in recent Indiana diabetes history.

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## Eastern Europeans Help at Camp, Prepare for Winter Camp

by Dr. Sam Wentworth

The Diabetes Youth Foundation began hosting teens from Eastern Europe in 1993. From 1993 to 2002, almost 100 teens participated primarily in the DYF summer camp program and the bike trip. At the same time, a Winter Camp was established by the DYF in Russia. To date, this camp has brought together about 135 teens. Every year the Russian and Lithuanian teens have taken more responsibility for running the winter program.



The group met with Congressman Mike Pence and Mayor of Muncie, Dan Canan, during their stay in Indiana.

Consequently, when Eastern European students visit the United States to participate in our programs they come to learn what it truly means to be a counselor and to gain some necessary skills. This is a change from when they used to come as campers to experience camp and the bike trip.

This year 13 individuals involved with the planning and operation of the Winter Camp were invited to come to our camp to learn more about what it truly means to be a "counselor." The group was divided into counselors or counselors in training (CITs) depending on their ages and what they will do at the camp in Russia this winter.

The group included 11 from Russia and 2 from Lithuania. After camp the teens joined host families for a month of "American Life." The group indicated that this was the best part of their visit. Close bonds were formed between the hosts and their guests. The group was very busy during their last week discussing the things they wanted to do at Winter Camp.

The exact dates of the Russian camp are in the process of being set. If teens are interested in participating, they should contact Sam Wentworth, 1300 E. Main, Danville, IN, 46122.

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## DYF Founder honored for lifetime achievement in diabetes care

On September 7, Eli Lilly honored DYF Co-founder and board president, Dr. Wentworth, for his contributions to the diabetes community with the LillyforLife Award in the Professional Hero category.

The Professional Hero award is one of four that makes up the LillyforLife Achievement Awards. These awards were established by Lilly in 2002 to recognize the outstanding achievements of people with and without diabetes, who make significant contributions to the diabetes community. Winners were selected based on nomination essays and were chosen by a panel of past winners and health care experts.

LillyforLife is a national program. Dr. Wentworth is the first Indiana professional to be chosen.

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## **Camp Until A Cure Bracelets Available**

The new Diabetes Youth Foundation cause bracelets are available and they are the perfect, no-carb, Halloween treat. The navy, rubber bracelets have the DYF logo on them and the words, "Camp Until a Cure." The other side of the bracelet has the St. Vincent Children's Hospital name and logo on it. The bracelets are two for \$5 or one for \$3. To order contact Julie at 317-750-9310 or email at [dyfjulie@yahoo.com](mailto:dyfjulie@yahoo.com). Special thanks to the St. Vincent Children's Hospital in Indianapolis for sponsoring these bracelets.

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## **DYF Celebrates Successful Camping Season**

This summer the DYF entertained, educated and encouraged more than 150 youth from 20 counties in Indiana, the states of Illinois, Ohio, California, Maryland and Kentucky, as well as, the countries of Austria, Russia and Lithuania.

We were blessed with cool temperatures for the first week and remarkable children for all sessions. The kids swam, climbed high ropes, conducted science experiments, and dazzled us with their creative art projects. They played in Hinkle Creek, learned funny camp songs, complete with hand gestures, and made new friends. We all feasted on fabulous, healthy food and snacks, learned how to make hooked rugs and braided necklaces and watched in awe as Michael Hunter, the only diabetic stunt pilot in the United States, performed his aerial acrobatics.

On Sunday, June 26, more than 200 people were at camp to celebrate the 50th anniversary of diabetic camping in Indiana. The day was filled with crazy games, a special dinner and delicious birthday cake. Later that week, the kids enjoyed a night of music and karaoke and entertained us with a talent show.

Throughout our time at camp we learned from each other, marveled at our uniqueness and celebrated our victories, whether it was the first time giving a shot, accurately counting carbohydrates or completing the high-ropes course. The kids were kept safe and healthy through the many donated medical and diabetic supplies and an amazing volunteer medical staff.

Holding camp truly takes a team effort. We could not do all that we want and need to do without the time, talent and generosity of so many. We thank you for your support of the Diabetes Youth Foundation and look forward to working with you in 2006.

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## **2006 Dates for Spring Family Weekend, Camp**

Mark your calendars now. The dates for the next Spring Family Camp Weekend will be Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21. The first week of camp will be June 11-17 and the two-week session of camp will run from June 18 – July 1.

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