

IN 2023, CAMP FOR ALL KIDS SERVED 290 YOUTH THROUGH OUR CAMPERSHIP AND FOUR STAR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS.

45% INCREASE IN YOUTH SERVED OVER LAST YEAR!

Across our partner camps,
Camp for All Kids campers were
nominated by peers for several
leadership positions this summer.
We are grateful when our campers
are recognized for their talents as
leaders in the camp community!
Several CFAK campers were
nominated to be Team Captains for
camp-wide events and one camper
had the honor of delivering the
Camper Farewell speech.
Congratulations CFAK Campers!



"...A WONDERFUL LIFE
EXPERIENCE FOR THESE
YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN TO
DISCOVER THEMSELVES IN A
SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND
SUPPORTED BY A LOVING
COMMUNITY."

-YOUTH GUIDANCE, COMMUNITY PARTNER



#### **CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM MANAGER**

Camp for All Kids welcomed Ariana Smith as full-time Campership Program Manager in September 2023. Originally from the South Side of Chicago, Ariana has a degree in Anthropology and Theater, and is completing a Master's in Education in Global Studies and Diversity & Equity from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. While attending Bowdoin College in Maine for undergrad, Ariana served as Inclusivity Coordinator, cultivating relationships with Communities of Color through outdoor activities. After graduating, she worked as an Admissions Counselor for Bowdoin supporting and recruiting BIPOC and first-generation students.

Camp for All Kids is grateful to our dedicated camp partners who provide a supportive environment offering unique opportunities for youth to thrive:















"IT IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME."

> -MASON, SECOND YEAR CFAK CAMPER

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MY DAUGHTER BUILT GREAT FRIENDSHIPS WITH
MANY NEW PEOPLE, LEARNED HOW TO PROBLEM
SOLVE SITUATIONS, BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT,
AND GET OUT OF HER COMFORT ZONE WHILE TRYING
NEW THINGS."

-JODI, FIRST YEAR CAMPERSHIP PARENT

### **CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM**

The Campership Program hosted **135 campers** this summer through relationships with partner schools, camp partners and campership families in Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland and Milwaukee. We surpassed our goal of a 20% increase in the number of camperships issued over last year; including our new partnership grant with Milwaukee Public Schools, **our total youth served increased by 44%!** 

WE DOUBLED OUR NUMBER OF CITS AND ALMOST QUADRUPLED THE NUMBER OF 8-WEEK CFAK CAMPERS WHEN COMPARED TO LAST YEAR.

When youth spend more time at camp in nature, personal development flourishes while bonds of friendship solidify across weeks, months and years, providing long-term benefits among the entire camp community.

## THIS YEAR, CAMP FOR ALL KIDS...

- offered to supply overnight camping gear kits to ALL CFAK Campership recipients.
- provided additional transportation assistance and supplies as needed to support families and ensure success at camp
- conducted pre-season DEI training at partner camps and provided year-round DEI support for all camps, campers and their families



"THE BEST PART OF CAMP WAS FINDING MYSELF AND TRYING ALL KINDS OF THINGS OUTSIDE OF MY ELEMENT."

> -BRIA'DIVINE, FIRST YEAR CFAK CAMPER

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## FOUR STAR FELLOWSHIP

Four Star Fellowship nearly DOUBLED in size this year with 155 Fellows and Mentors representing 41 Chicago schools!

This summer, Four Star Fellowship hosted a pilot program for young women for the first time. We grew from one to three host camps including: North Star Camp for Boys, Timberlane Camp for Boys, & WeHaKee Camp for Girls.

THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS: YOUTH GUIDANCE-BAM/WOW, DO THE MATH, EMBARC, E.Y.E. LEAD. HOOD HEROES, AND LEGAL PREP CHARTER ACADEMY!

**"THIS EXPERIENCE WAS EVERYTHING I NEEDED.** I NEEDED TO GET OUT OF THE CITY AND INTO NATURE."

> -FOUR STAR FELLOW, NORTH STAR CAMP

"AT HOME ALL YOU **HEAR IS GUNSHOTS.** NOT HERE."

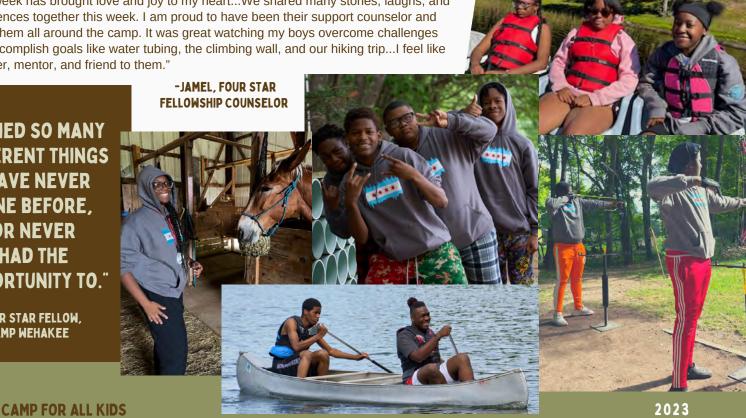
> -FOUR STAR FELLOW. **CAMP TIMBERLANE**



"This week has brought love and joy to my heart...We shared many stories, laughs, and experiences together this week. I am proud to have been their support counselor and guide them all around the camp. It was great watching my boys overcome challenges and accomplish goals like water tubing, the climbing wall, and our hiking trip...I feel like a leader, mentor, and friend to them."

"I TRIED SO MANY **DIFFERENT THINGS** I HAVE NEVER DONE BEFORE. **OR NEVER** HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO."

> -FOUR STAR FELLOW. **CAMP WEHAKEE**



# THIS YEAR, CAMP FOR ALL KIDS COMPLETED AN ORGANIZATIONAL DEI ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPED A STRATEGIC PLAN TO LAUNCH IN 2024.



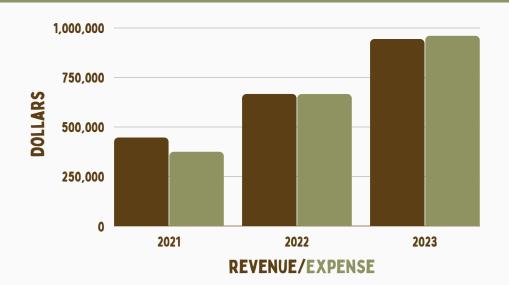
At the event, we launched a matching Challenge Fund in honor of long-time camp owners and CFAK partners, Robert and Sue Lebby. This Fund created by generous North Star Camp Alumni and Friends will provide \$228,420 in restricted support to help fund the next 3 years of growth as directed by the strategic plan.

At the event, we suprised Leb and Sue with two of their longtime campers. Tamar and Spencer have been friends since 2011 when they were cabinmates at North Star Camp. Not a year has passed when they have not seen each other

at least once.



OUR ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET HAS INCREASED BY 80% SINCE 2021 IN LINE WITH OUR GROWTH



CAMP FOR ALL KIDS INCREASED GRANT FUNDING IN 2023 BY 43% INCLUDING SUPPORT FROM: VIVO FOUNDATION, MORRISON FAMILY FOUNDATION, STEANS FAMILY FOUNDATION AND CAMP OUT FOR KIDS.

THANK You!

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