

FACT SHEET
CAMP NEW HAPPENINGS NORTHERN INDIANA
(Camp for Children of Prisoners)

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana

- Children of parents in prison “are invisible”.
- No government entity is responsible for them, “says a U.S. Senate report.
- The President says there are 1.5 million children of prisoners.
- The Bureau of Justice statistics say they have a 70% chance of going to prison just like their parents.

In the hope of doing something about this, Episcopal dioceses all over the country (including the Diocese of Northern Indiana) are sending the smallest victims of crime to summer camp for a week of love, learning and fun.

A resolution adopted by the 75th General Convention (2006) of The Episcopal Church of the USA, set aside \$65,000 for a three-year commitment to camps for children of prisoners. This commitment includes the charge of establishing ten (10) new camps per year over a three year period. The camp project is a program of the prison ministry of the National Episcopal Church. Episcopal dioceses sponsoring camps are: Rio Grande, Oklahoma, Northern Michigan, Mississippi, Texas, West Texas, Nevada, East Carolina, Montana, Maryland, Florida, Southwest Florida, Arkansas, Vermont, Wisconsin, Easton, Md., Connecticut, Alaska and Louisiana and **now Northern Indiana**.

With the support and blessing of the Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little, II, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, a multi-ethnic, ecumenical Steering Committee composed of professionals, clergy and community volunteers met on March 28, 2007 with the goal in mind of opening a summer camp for a week in 2008 for 30 children ages 8-11 (boys and girls). At its meeting on May 23, 2007, the Steering Committee adopted the following mission statement and goals:

Mission Statement: To provide for the pre-teen children of prisoners the opportunity to experience God’s gifts of nature, kindness and togetherness, by sharing hopes and dreams within a positive camping experience.

Goals: Provide for campers an active and enjoyable outdoor experience
Provide campers the opportunity for mutual loving and caring.
Provide a positive experience of God’s goodness and love.

The first camp session will be held August 10-16, 2008 at Sharing Meadows in Rolling Prairie, IN

At its meeting on November 26, 2007, the Steering Committee voted to incorporate and elected the following officers and board members: Mrs. Charlotte A. Strowhorn, President, Mrs. Anne Thompson, Secretary and Mr. Richard L. Beach, CPA, Treasurer. Board members: The Rev. Canon David L. Hyndman, The Rev. John Meyer, Sister Kathleen Quinn, PHJC; Dr. Aune Strom, Clinical Psychologist; Mr. Paul Wengel, Exec. Dir., Catholic Youth Organization; Mrs. Charlotte Strowhorn-Whiteside, Director, Performance Review and Risk Management Chicago Lakeshore Hospital; The Rev. Tina Velthuisen, Indiana Partners for Christian Unity and John Bell, Companions On The Journey.

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