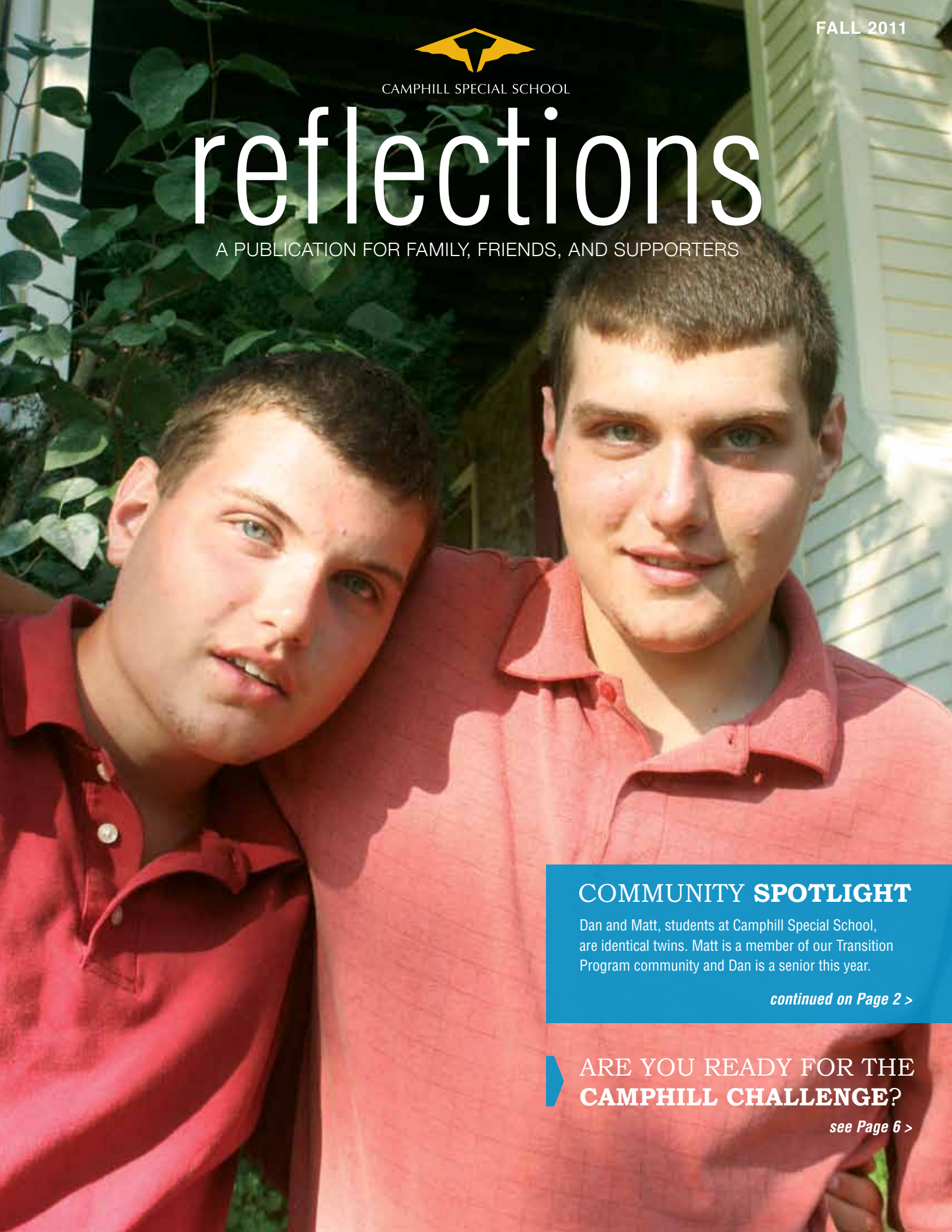




CAMPHILL SPECIAL SCHOOL

# reflections

A PUBLICATION FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND SUPPORTERS



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Dan and Matt, students at Camphill Special School, are identical twins. Matt is a member of our Transition Program community and Dan is a senior this year.

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## ARE YOU READY FOR THE CAMPHILL CHALLENGE?

*see Page 6 >*

By Guy Alma

Matt and Dan were born just minutes apart on September 25, 1993. Matt, as the eldest, always has watched out for Dan. So it was unusual that in the spring of 2008 it was Dan who led the way to Camphill.

Dan had begun to find a classroom environment stifling and was unhappy and anxious. Mike and Jodi, his parents, were searching for a school that included a full range of program options and permitted plenty of time away from a desk to perform real-life tasks. Their search ended at Camphill Special School.

Dan is thriving here, which Mike and Jodi attribute to coworkers being present during the school day, in the evenings, and during weekends. This seamless flow of support for Dan gave him the much-needed stability he was seeking. As his anxiety level dropped, he began to enjoy our rich and varied curriculum.

When Matt went through a similar crisis a year later, Mike and Jodi knew that Camphill was the answer for him, too. Arriving at Camphill in the fall of 2009, it became

apparent that Matt was looking for real-life responsibilities that were meaningful, required lots of energy to complete, and had a predictable rhythm. He began working on vocational crews at Beaver Farm, commuting back to Whitestone at Beaver Run at night. He soon gained the sense of self-worth and independence that Dan already had achieved.

## GIVING BACK

Mike wanted to help complete our expansion at Beaver Farm as a way of contributing to the success of the School. His employer, The Brickman Group, is a full service landscaping company. Brickman agreed to design the landscaping around our new buildings, donate much of the plant material, and install it all! A large crew from the company's management team visited the farm and completed the work in just one morning. Greg Odhner, Division Vice President, said, "The Brickman Group has been a part of local communities since 1939 and we are proud to support non-profits like Camphill Special School that serve those communities."



Matt has found self-worth and independence working on vocational crews at Beaver Farm.

# JUST DO IT. COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

(CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER)



Silver Maple, a new student residence, and The Sarah Jane Herman Education and Resource Center will open officially on September 24, 2011. The new buildings serve eighteen to twenty-one-year-old students in our Transition Program at Beaver Farm.

Volunteers from The Brickman Group designed the landscaping, donated much of the plant material, and installed it around our new buildings in just one day.

◀ EDITOR'S NOTE: COVER PHOTO OF DAN AND MATT BY ROBIN KAIP.

▲ DAN EXUDES A CAN-DO ATTITUDE NOW!

We



you to

with us.

Ribbon-cutting and Formal Opening of **Silver Maple** and **The Sarah Jane Herman Education and Resource Center**

**September 24, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.**

The Transition Program at BEAVER FARM  
551 West Seven Stars Road  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

If you plan to attend, kindly respond to Courtney Coffman by September 19. [c Coffman@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:c Coffman@camphillspecialschool.org) 610.469.9236 ext. 132

The record-breaking crowd enjoyed sneak previews of our new student residence and education and resource center.



# RED BARN BALL SURPASSES ALL EXPECTATIONS

By Courtney Coffman

A gorgeous location (our own Beaver Farm); perfect spring weather and fabulous ambience; a record-breaking crowd of 375 people; mind-boggling auction items; and over \$143,000 raised for Camphill Special School.

Everything came together to make our June 3rd RED BARN BALL a tremendous success!

The next day at White Manor Country Club, children of all ages and abilities enjoyed our first-ever Tennis Clinic. Everyone had a chance to practice their forehand with Camphill ProAm founder Anthony DeCecco,

winning T-shirts and cash in the process. Anthony then went on to beat Andreas Schuschke in a hard fought exhibition match.

In tournament play, the team of Brian Zanzitis and Brenna Mendelsohn beat White Manor Pro Jeremy Speicher and his partner Celes Panichelli to become 2011 Camphill ProAm

Champs. "Owners" of the team, Hank and Theresa Beekley, won the Beaver Farm Bonus Basket!

Camphill Special School extends its heartfelt appreciation to every single person who made our signature fundraising event a success. **If you'd like to join the team of people who make it all happen every spring, contact Courtney Coffman, Events and Volunteer Manager, at [ccoffman@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:ccoffman@camphillspecialschool.org) or 610.469.9236 x132.**



Anthony DeCecco, Camphill ProAm founder, congratulates tournament winners Brian Zanzitis and Brenna Mendelsohn.



(L to R) Architect Tom Carnevale, Van Morgan, Kirsten Van Vlandren, and architect Lauren Eustis are thoroughly enjoying the Red Barn Ball. Tom and Lauren are the principals of Carnevale Eustis Architects, Inc., designers of our new buildings at Beaver Farm.



New on tournament day this year was a tennis clinic for kids of all ages and all abilities!

# THE CAMPHILL CHALLENGE ON OCTOBER 16

By Courtney Coffman

You are invited to spend an autumn day with fellow bikers and lovers of Camphill on Sunday, October 16, at the fifth annual Camphill Challenge cycling event!

This year our new 50, 25, and 10 mile rides, together with a new family ride that includes fun with the animals at Beaver Farm, all begin and end at Kimberton Waldorf School on West Seven Stars Road in Kimberton. Our new routes, created by Bob Ingram of Chester County Cycles, are available at [camphillchallenge.org](http://camphillchallenge.org) in [MapMyRide](#) format.

The Camphill Challenge is a terrific way to meet other cyclists while enjoying stunning fall foliage and the Chester County countryside. It's also an ideal opportunity for novice riders and families to experience cycling in a supportive environment. The Challenge isn't a race, so you set the pace!

Best of all, all proceeds from the Camphill Challenge benefit Camphill Special School and our sister communities in Chester County, Camphill Village Kimberton Hills and Camphill Soltane.



Perfect weather and fabulous foliage attracted nearly 300 riders at last year's Camphill Challenge.

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

### SADDLE UP AND RIDE!

Visit [camphillchallenge.org](http://camphillchallenge.org) to register online or cut out the registration form on page 7 and mail it to Camphill Special School.

### SPONSOR THE CHALLENGE!

You can sponsor online or by using the form on page 7. Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$15,000 and include specific benefits for you and/or your company. Call Courtney Coffman, Events and Volunteer Manager, for details. (610.469.9236 x132)

Camphill Challenge routes include rest stops equipped with drinks and snacks, and at the end of your ride we'll have a picnic lunch, drinks, and live music. Non-riders can purchase lunch for \$9.00.

**Bike for a cause, not just because!**

## NEW THIS YEAR!

At the Camphill Challenge website, you can create your own individual fundraising page and ask your friends and family to sponsor your ride, all in support of Camphill Special School!

# REGISTRATION

REGISTER ONLINE AT [CAMPHILLCHALLENGE.ORG](http://CAMPHILLCHALLENGE.ORG)

## SPONSOR THE CAMPHILL CHALLENGE

<input type="checkbox"/> Presenting Sponsor (incl. 25 cyclists)	\$15,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Gear Sponsor (incl. 6 cyclists)	\$1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Premiere Sponsor (incl. 20 cyclists)	\$10,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Spoke Sponsor (incl. 4 cyclists)	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakaway Sponsor (incl. 15 cyclists)	\$7,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Station Sponsor (incl. 2 cyclists)	\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Prime Sponsor (incl. 10 cyclists)	\$5,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Pedal Sponsor (incl. 1 cyclist)	\$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Axle Sponsor (incl. 8 cyclists)	\$2,500		

## REGISTER TO RIDE!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## HOW MANY ARE RIDING?

\_\_\_\_ Rider age 16 and older      \_\_\_\_ Rider age 10 to 15      \_\_\_\_ Children under age 10\*

<b>FEES</b>	<b>EARLY BIRD</b> (effective until September 30)	<b>STANDARD</b> (after September 30)	* Children under age 10 are <b>FREE</b>
	Ages 16+ <b>\$30</b> Ages 10-15 <b>\$18</b>	Ages 16+ <b>\$36</b> Ages 10-15 <b>\$24</b>	

DAY-OF REGISTRANTS WELCOME

## INDICATE T-SHIRT SIZE/QUANTITY

\_\_\_\_ Small      \_\_\_\_ Extra Large  
 \_\_\_\_ Medium      \_\_\_\_ Extra Extra Large  
 \_\_\_\_ Large

Sizes are adult; T-shirt **guaranteed only** for paid registrations received by 9/30

## MY ADDITIONAL DONATION

\$25     \$50     \$100     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Return this form and payment to:

Camphill Challenge  
 1784 Fairview Road  
 Glenmoore, PA 19343

## I want my sponsorship/registration/donation to benefit:

Camphill Special School     Camphill Soltane  
 Camphill Village Kimberton Hills

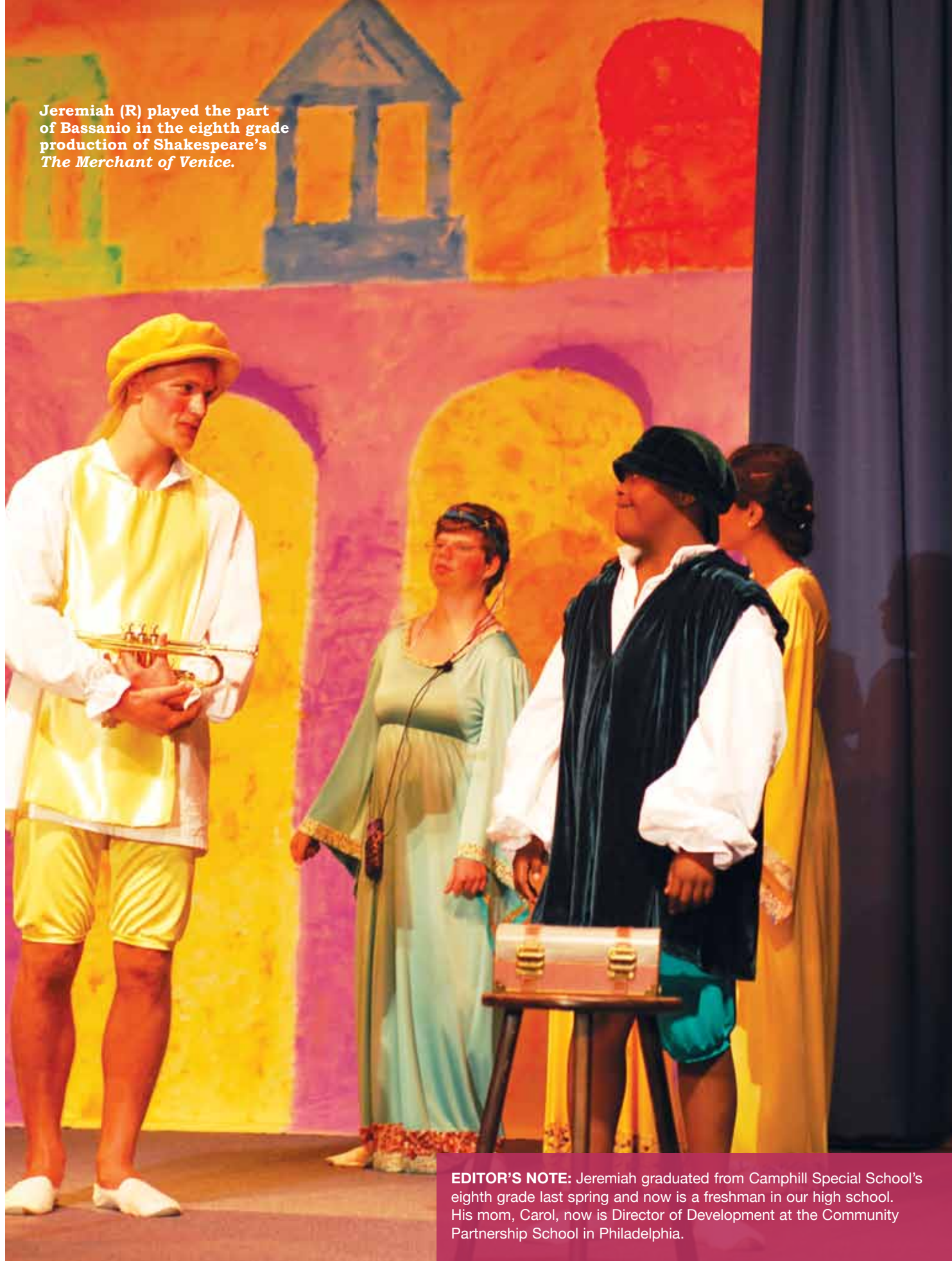
## PAYMENT METHOD

Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (make payable to Camphill Challenge)

Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my  Visa  MasterCard  
 American Express  Discover

Card no. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Jeremiah (R) played the part of Bassanio in the eighth grade production of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*.



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Jeremiah graduated from Camphill Special School's eighth grade last spring and now is a freshman in our high school. His mom, Carol, now is Director of Development at the Community Partnership School in Philadelphia.

# THE JOY AND PEACE OF CAMPHILL

By Carol Hill

It's a story I tell often. About the contrast of life before Camphill and the peace and joy that Jeremiah has experienced, for the first time in his life, since joining the Beaver Run community last September.

Before Camphill there was a public middle school with a bus that came at the ungodly hour of 6:30 a.m. to take him clear across town to school. When he got there he had to entertain himself without being able to join the breakfast line because he wasn't a free and reduced lunch eligible child. I got a lot of phone calls during that time.

At the end of his very long day that began at 5:00 a.m., Jeremiah was one of eighty seventh and eighth graders in a combined gym class with the teacher on a microphone. It was during this chaotic class that Jeremiah would have regular meltdowns. He even hit a teacher once, giving Jeremiah his first police record. Every month, he was expelled for meltdowns in gym class. I got a lot of phone calls during that time.

Now, at Beaver Run, Jeremiah gets up at the time he used to get into trouble, eats breakfast in community, and then ambles over to the schoolhouse

by nine. He returns to his house for dinner from one to two, quiet/nap time from two to three, then a return to school for music, movement, and baseball. What a life! What a stark contrast! For the first time in his life, Jeremiah has true friends. And what takes my breath away is hearing his laugh and his giggle, which he never had before. You can see it in his eyes, you can hear it in his voice—Jeremiah has found his joy and peace at Camphill Special School.



Now, this single mom is tasked with joining Jeremiah at his new home, because I don't want to miss another birthday, piano recital, or assembly presentation. On June 11th, Jeremiah and I moved into a new home in Pennsylvania, marking a new chapter in the fourteen-year-long saga of the Hill Family's struggle for equity in education, in living, and in being in a world filled with joy and peace.

**Jeremiah and his mother Carol enjoy their new world "filled with joy and peace."**



**(L to R) Madeleine, Jeremiah, and Elizabeth celebrate Jeremiah's birthday with a "hamburger" cake!**



(L to R) Bernie Wolf, Annette Lambeth, and Jan Goeschel.

## ANNETTE LAMBETH NAMED SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

By Carol Goetz

### Annette Lambeth, Ed.D., recently was named as Camphill Special School's Supervisor of Special Education.

After spending twenty-two years concentrating on special education in public schools, Annette brings a wealth of training and experience to Camphill. Her objective is to help the School to better meet the needs of local school districts in the areas of programs, services, and standard aligned IEPs (Individual Education Plans) while continuing to meet the diverse needs of our students.

When asked what attracted her to Camphill Special School, Annette said, "I had heard of the School and its program and I was intrigued by why there was a need here for someone with my public school experience.

"What I found," she continued, "is that special education in public schools is not all that different from special education in Approved Private Schools, such as Camphill, in one important way: We all need to follow and work within the guidelines of special education law

and special education standards while meeting the needs of our students."

### Will the kind of education offered at Camphill Special School change?

"Absolutely not," asserted Annette. "I am here to work collaboratively with sending school districts, the teachers at Camphill, and parents without compromising the integrity of the Waldorf and curative education philosophies that make Camphill Special School so unique."

Annette will work closely with Bernie Wolf and Jan Goeschel, whose responsibilities and titles are changing a bit. For many years Bernie has handled Student Admissions, Special Education and IEPs, and working with foreign coworker immigration/visa issues... a lot of work for one person! Bernie will continue to carry his Student Admissions and immigration/visa responsibilities but also will work closely with Annette as she transitions into her new position.

Jan will take on the title of Program Director and serve as a resource for Annette in all issues related to Waldorf and curative education. (See accompanying story about Jan.)

**What's the best thing about working at Camphill?** "Everyone is very open here and very welcoming," said Annette. "Staff members are receptive to what I bring to the table, and I know we can move forward together."

Annette is a native of Hummelstown, PA, and received her undergraduate degree from Shippensburg University, her M.Ed. in K-12 special education from the University of Pittsburgh, and her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Immaculata University. She also received her Supervisor of Special Education certification from Immaculata. She is married to Tom Lambeth, a Site Project Manager for Harkins Builders, Inc. The couple has two children: Troy attends college in Colorado and Micaela will be a senior in high school this fall.

**Annette encourages anyone desiring additional information about Camphill Special School's special education or IEP services to contact her at [alambeth@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:alambeth@camphillspecialschool.org) or at 610.469.9236 x142.**

## GOESCHEL EARNS PH.D.

By Carol Goetz

### Jan Christopher Goeschel, who first arrived at Camphill Special School as a coworker in 1999, recently was awarded his Ph.D. in Special Education and Rehabilitation Sciences from the University of Cologne in Germany.

Jan earned his advanced degree from the Faculty of Human Sciences, which includes one of the largest research cen-

ters in Europe devoted to the study of special education, rehabilitation services, and other disability-related topics.

The title of Jan's dissertation is The Biographical Mythos as Leading Image for Pedagogical Action: Transdisciplinary Child Study on the Basis of the 'College Meeting' in Anthroposophic Curative Education. In it Jan develops a model for a transdisciplinary child study process grounded in anthroposophic curative education and Waldorf education. The goal of such a child study is to provide a methodologically sound foundation for the work of teachers and therapists that is based on a deep understanding and recognition of a child's unique and unfolding life story. This is in contrast, of course, to the more conventional

reduction of a child's life situation to an analysis of developmental deficits and pathologies that condense a child's life situation into a set of measurable variables.

Originally from Munich, Germany, Jan lived in Edinburgh, Scotland, before coming to Beaver Run. In Scotland he completed an M.A. (Hons) in Psychology at the University of Edinburgh and a Diploma in Waldorf Education at the Edinburgh Rudolf Steiner School. In addition to wearing the hat of Program Director and working closely with Annette Lambeth, our new Supervisor of Special Education, he also is Director of the Camphill School of Curative Education and Social Therapy and a house parent at Whitestone.



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Camphill Special School consists of *The Children's Village and School at Beaver Run, The Transition Program at Beaver Farm, and The Camphill School of Curative Education and Social Therapy.*

Our mission is to create wholeness for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities through education and therapy in extended family living. The Camphill School of Curative Education and Social Therapy offers a four-year professional course of studies in anthroposophical curative education, youth guidance, and social therapy in a practice-integrated environment. Camphill Special School does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, or disability.

## PLEASE JOIN US

- September 24** **Beaver Farm Ribbon-cutting Celebration**  
10:30 a.m.
- October 15** **Admissions Open House**, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Beaver Run Campus
- October 16** **Camphill Challenge Biking Event**  
Begins and ends at Kimberton Waldorf School
- November 26** **Christmas Café**, 10:30 a.m.  
Blue Room, Karl Köenig Schoolhouse

VISIT [CAMPHILLSPECIALSCHOOL.ORG](http://CAMPHILLSPECIALSCHOOL.ORG) FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT ALL EVENTS.

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