



The seeds of Hoosier Boys' Town are blossoming in Campagna Academy!

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CAMPAGNA CONNECTIONS

Restoring Hope...Building Dreams

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Restoring Hope...
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Helping youth and families
create a **better future**
for themselves

MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM CEO



Dear Campagna Friends and Supporters,

For over 64 years, Campagna Academy has provided services for youth in our community. Much has changed since 1947 when the price of gasoline was 10 cents per gallon. At Campagna, some things have remained constant. Father Campagna had a very clear purpose; and today, that vision continues to guide our purpose. Our mission, Restoring Hope and Building Dreams, has evolved from Father Campagna's initial vision, and grown into a broad reach of programs, services and educational opportunities. By providing services

for young men and women, as well as their families, we build a brighter future for our entire community.

At the outset of World War II, Father Campagna began to develop his concept of reaching out and helping socially maladaptive youth. He writes in his book, "I had not gone far enough in helping those who most needed my help...but perhaps it might be possible to be a good neighbor." Today, we compete with some of the same challenges. I often wonder if we are responding with the same empathy. In a time when wireless communication and 24/7 access is the norm, in some ways it seems we have become less connected than when Father Campagna started Hoosier Boys' Town in 1947.

We are committed to the advancement of our mission and wish to engage a community that shares our same commitment. We know that Father Campagna's success began with his understanding that there was an unfulfilled need for our young men. He also understood his work could not go forward without a community that shared his vision. We are reaching out to that same community that came together beginning in 1947 to reach those most in need. As we begin the holiday season, we ask you to join us in bringing to life our mission of Restoring Hope and Building Dreams, one child at a time.

Sincerely,

Elena Dwyre
Campagna Academy, Interim CEO

Charter Students Help Spread The Love



Every year our Indiana Food Bank of NWI gives away more than 96,000 jars of peanut butter to local food pantries and after-school programs. The Food Bank had a goal to collect 50,000 jars of peanut butter for hungry kids and families. Campagna Academy Charter School students wanted to give back to the community and help out a great cause. This past September our students

joined forces with the Food Bank of NWI to collect 100 jars of peanut butter to donate to the Spread the Love campaign. Our charter school kids were excited to help spread the Love in Northwest Indiana.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

In each issue of Campagna Connections, we feature an interview with one of our youths. Among our Charter School Students is Craig, who shares his experiences.



What year are you in high school? I am a senior and am set to graduate in January a whole semester early.

Why did you choose to come to Campagna Academy for High School? I was at another public high school in the area in my junior year. It was really big, I was getting lost in the kids and my parents thought my grades could be a lot better. My cousin had just started at Campagna and her grades had improved a ton, so my parents suggested we come take a look at a different option for finishing up school.

What did you think when you first arrived here? That the charter school was small compared to my old school and I was ready for a change and ready to excel.

What do you think now? I love it. I tell my friends if they are struggling that they should look at transferring to Campagna.

What is your favorite class and why? My favorite class is Psychology because it is really interesting and I want to go into the Criminal Justice Field.

Who is your favorite teacher and why? Ms. Galante. She goes above and beyond. At my other school teachers would tell you here is your grade this is what you need to do to raise it. Ms. Galante knows you. If your grade slips she will ask you what is going on and work with you to understand the material and help you achieve your goal.

What is your favorite thing about Campagna? The small classes, the structure, and the discipline.

What do you think that Campagna is providing that is different from your old public school? At Campagna we have a more structured environment. At my old school there would be thirty kids in my class all talking and not paying attention. Here we have much smaller class and much more one-on-one attention in the classroom with the teachers.

Do you think you have changed or grown while at Campagna? Personally my attitude has changed dramatically. Before I would just react and get sucked into the drama at school. Now I think first before I react. The teachers at Campagna have helped me to see things differently.

What do you plan on doing after you graduate? I am graduating a semester early. So in January I plan on going to a local community college and then in the fall attending one of the larger state schools and want to study science. I want to become a CSI agent after I graduate and work crime scenes.

Is there anything you still want to work on while you are here at Campagna? Educationally I want to stay focused on my goal of graduation at the end of the semester.

Do you have a favorite memory at Campagna? Being tight with the kids here. We text and call each other all the time it is nice to have a network for homework.

What's one thing or experience you want to take from here? One thing that has been great is the amount of support we receive from the teachers at Campagna.

If you could share anything about Campagna with the public what would it be? Campagna Academy is like a public school but it is not run like a huge public school. We get so much support and great motivation from the teachers. There is a lot more one-on-one time for learning. Campagna staff truly care and they want the best for us.



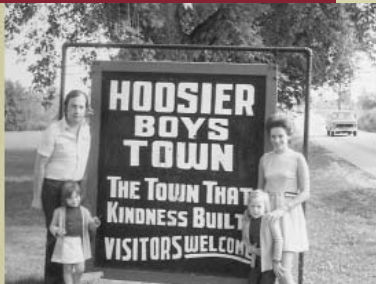
Go RED Day with Keller Williams Realty Leaders. Keller Williams Agents volunteered for the day giving cottage 5 a makeover with a fresh coat of paint.



A local Mommies Group delivered spa bags and craft donations for our Foster Care Adventure Summer Camp.



Community Hospital's Community Connects Committee dropped off a huge back to school donation. Our kids started the school year off right with their generous donation.



CAMPAGNA ALUM COMES BACK



This spring we had a surprise visit from local alum passing through town on military leave. Brian was a resident with us when he was a 14 year old boy. He had spent several years with us in our residential program after bouncing around foster homes. With staff support and encouragement Brian received his GED and went on to college at Vincennes University. While at Vincennes University he had a friend that was in the Army. Brian decided to enlist to help pay for the rest of his college education. While in the Army Brian served two tours of duty overseas in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Brian went back to college and continued his education in Criminal Justice at Murray

State University, not too far from the base he was stationed at. He wants to work with juveniles and get his masters degree in the field. When we asked Brian what the best part of his visit back to Campagna was he shared "Seeing the staff. There are several staff that are still here from back in the day when I was here, they are still here caring for the kids and sharing their time".

ANGEL MANFREDY SPEAKS TO THE YOUTH OF CAMPAGNA

In September we welcomed Angel Manfredy to campus to speak to the youth of Campagna. Angel was born and raised in Northwest Indiana and went on to become the WBU Super Featherweight Title Holder in boxing. Angel spoke to the youth of Campagna about his childhood, his boxing career and the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Angel also shared his story of success and troubles in hopes to inspire our youth. Campagna staff and students enjoyed the message Angel shared and also posing for photos with his title holding belt.



2011 UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING



In August we welcomed over 200 volunteers to campus as host of the Lake Area United Way Day of Caring Kick Off Breakfast. Our guests enjoyed a fun filled breakfast prepared by our own Chef Rich and kitchen staff, great presentations and a energizing mini warm up by the emcee Matt Valuckis AKA Mr. Pierogi demonstrating painting, sweeping and mowing the lawn activities. After the breakfast Campagna welcomed a team of 35 volunteers from Centier Bank, BEHR Paint, St Michael the Archangel Parish and Team Nikki. Our

volunteers shared their day transforming cottage four with a fresh coat of paint. The cottage makeover was made possible by the generous paint donation from BEHR Paint and all of our volunteer's hard work. Thank you to everyone that made this project a huge success.



Adventure Summer Camper reads to a Power Paw Dog and volunteer. Power Paws was part of our two week Adventure Summer Camp. Our younger campers enjoyed reading to the dogs and our older campers enjoying assisting with dog obedience and commands.



Hand painted mural done by the youth at our Adolescent Day Treatment Program as part of a campus wide beautification project.



Chef Jack Mix of Comforts Catering teaches a independent living class to the youth of Campagna on formal table settings.



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DID YOU KNOW...

■ We recently had a resident enter a online shoe design contest for Nike. His winning shoe design was featured on Nike's website and was available for purchase.

■ We get paid for our recycling. Stop by and drop off your paper in our large green and yellow recycling bins on the south end of campus near Cline Ave. This is a quick and easy way to help the environment while raising funds for the youth of Campagna!

■ Area business people enjoyed our Business After Hours 'Cook Out' on Thursday, August 4, 2011. The event was coordinated with the chambers of Schererville, Crossroads, Dyer, St. John and Lakeshore. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, music, door prizes and games were featured. Campus tours were also available for our guests to enjoy.

HELP US SPREAD SOME HOLIDAY CHEER



We are asking for nonperishable food items and fabric shopping bags to create Thanksgiving gift baskets for our families that we serve. Please drop off items by Wednesday, November 16th at the administration building, 7403 Cline Ave. in Schererville, M-F from 8:30am – 4:30pm.

We are also looking for individuals and organizations to fulfill 'wish lists' for our children during the holiday season. Wish lists can range from toys, clothing, books or games. Our goal is to provide holiday gifts for over one hundred children. For

most of our children, these will be the only gifts they receive. Please join us and make the holidays special for the youth of Campagna.

There are several easy ways to fulfill a wish list. Beginning November 12th you can pick a name off the Giving Tree at Westfield Southlake Mall located on the lower level near JC Penney. Starting November 14th you can choose a name from our Giving Trees located at Campagna Academy's Administration Building, Keller Williams Realty Leaders, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church or St. John the Evangelist Church. A wish list can also be emailed to you by giving us a call. You can even drop off a gift card at our administration building and let us do the shopping. Gifts need to be dropped off unwrapped by December 13th to either Campagna Academy's administration building at 7403 Cline Ave. in Schererville, M-F 8:30am – 4:30pm or the location you picked up the wish list from.

We have been blessed by the generosity of the community in past years and hope that your kind and caring hearts enable us to provide special holidays for all of our children again this year. For more information give us a call at 219.322.8614.