



2013 Annual Report

Camp iHope Mission

"To enrich the lives of children with cancer and their siblings through a week filled with exciting new adventures in a safe, supportive, joyful environment that instills hope and gives every camper the opportunity to grow in independence and self-esteem while creating a lifetime of memories."



The third summer of Camp iHope was an overwhelming success. Camp iHope serves children with cancer and their siblings between the ages of 7 to 16 years old who are treated at Medical City Children's Hospital. This summer Camp iHope experienced growth in the number of camper's served, volunteer participation, and community support. Because of the generous support of our community, children with cancer and their siblings were able to enjoy a summer camp experience. We are eternally grateful to all of our supporters who helped make this year's camp possible. We would like to extend a special thank you to Young Texan's Against Cancer (YTAC), NCR Corporation, and Cancer Recovery Foundation for their generous support of camp.



We are so blessed to have the support of our community through financial support, in-kind donations, and volunteers who ensure that children touched by cancer have the opportunity to spend a week at camp and “just be kids.” Through the camp experience, children with cancer were able to gain confidence in their abilities, strengthen their relationship with their siblings, and make new friends. Each child had the opportunity to learn and grow from other children faced with similar challenges. The feedback from our team, our counselors, and most importantly, our campers, and their families is that camp was an overwhelming success again!



Our Story:

On Sunday, June 23rd, one hundred and four excited, maybe just a little nervous, children with cancer, their siblings, their gear, and their parents descended upon Collin County Adventure Camp in Anna, Texas to go *Dashing Through the Decades*, our theme for 2013. With the camp only 45 minutes from their treatment center, more children participated in camp than ever before. Parents

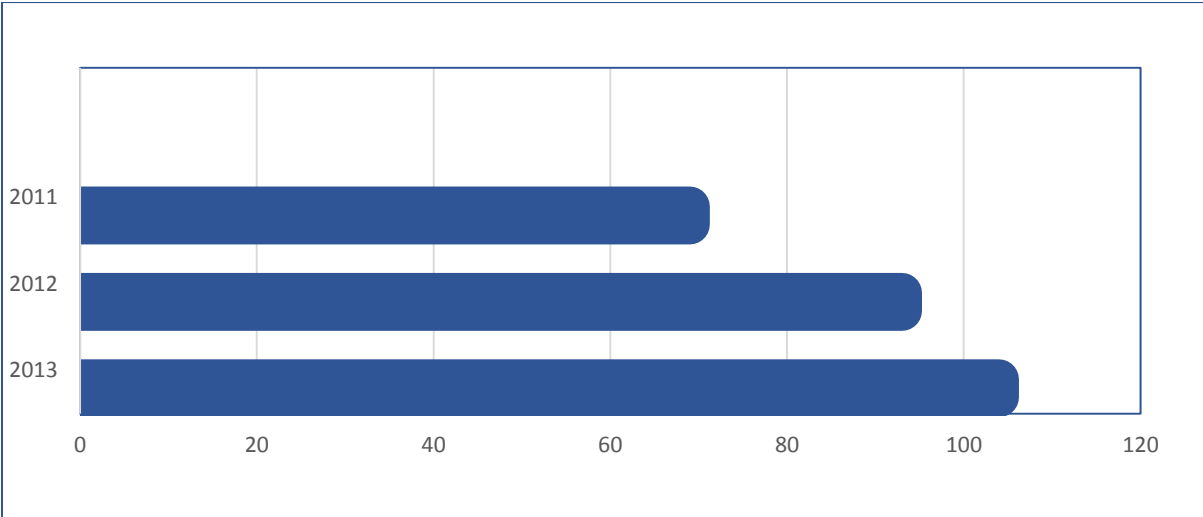
were able to drop their children off at camp, see the facilities and meet the counselors who would be caring for their children. Several of the parents have expressed their appreciation at being able to meet the staff, and see where their children were staying. Registration has become a highlight for everyone...with the opportunity to greet friends, and begin to make new ones.



Camper Demographics:

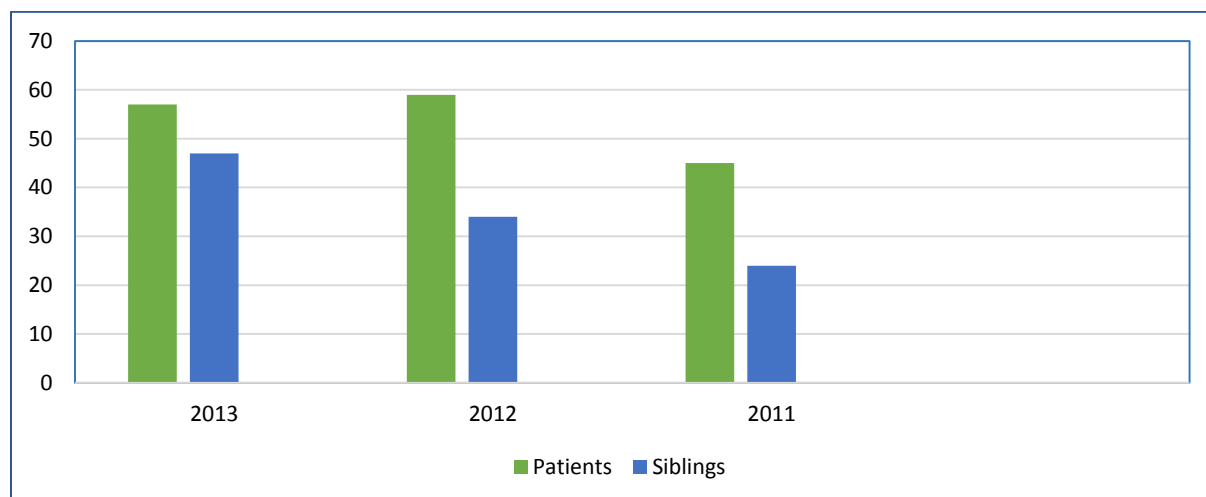


Table 1: Total Number of Campers for 2011-2013



2013	104
2012	93
2011	69

Table 2: Number of Oncology patients and Siblings



Campers	2013	2012	2011
Oncology patients	57	59	45
Siblings	47	34	24

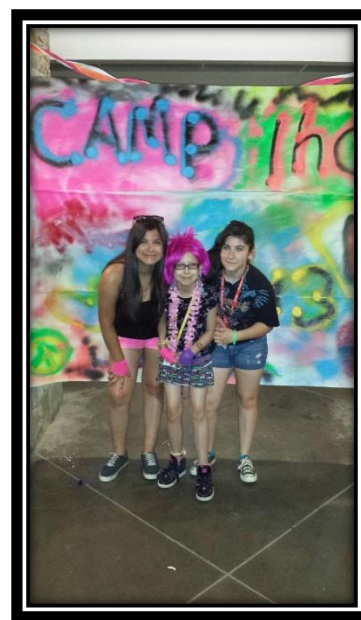
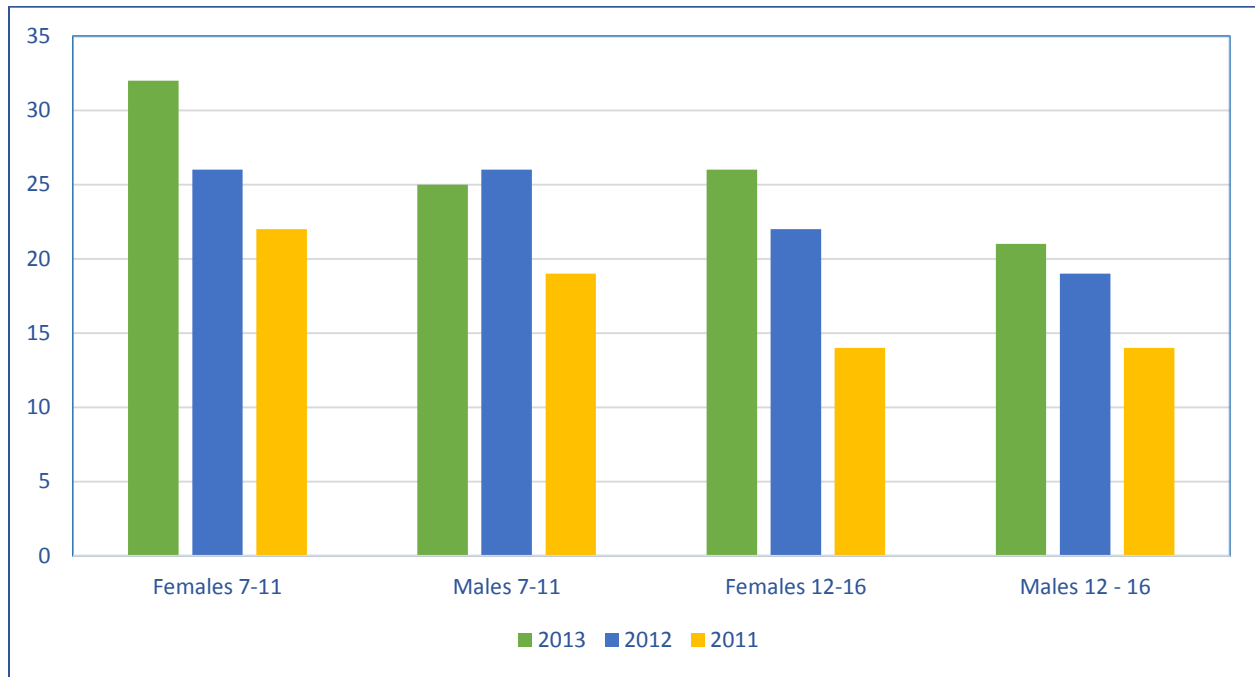


Table 3: Age/Sex of Campers



Age/Year	2013	2012	2011
Females: 7-11 years old	32	26	22
Males: 7-11 years old	25	26	19
Females: 12-16 years old	26	22	14
Males: 12-16 years old	21	19	14



Our Volunteers:

We were very fortunate to have a dedicated planning committee and wonderful volunteer staff. We were privileged to have twelve of our long term pediatric cancer survivors join our staff. Our volunteers came from all walks of life. We had teachers, business executives, insurance professionals, retirees, and healthcare providers.



Our staff has vowed to come back year after year, saying the experience “*made a difference in my life*”. To become a counselor volunteers underwent an interview process, a background check, a comprehensive orientation, and wholeheartedly embraced the mission of camp ensuring the safety and well-being of our campers...while making sure they had the *time of their lives*.

Table 4: Volunteer Demographics

Year	2011	2012	2013
Total Volunteers	65	77	51
Program Staff	9	12	9
Male Counselors	10	11	13
Female Counselors	12	12	16
Community Special Activity Volunteers	25	32	52
Medical Staff	9	10	7

Our Community Volunteers:

Camp iHope has also benefitted from the dedication of several community partners. These partners have assisted through donations of goods, services, time, and money. Heroes for Children provided coolers and tents; employees from a local insurance company came together to create “Spa Day” and treat the girls to hair, make-up, and manicures the day of the dance, and then provided the DJ team so they could dance the night away! Employees from Cisco Systems, Inc. have faithfully joined us since the beginning of Camp iHope to provide funding and volunteers for our carnival. Volunteers from YTAC were with us again and joined by volunteers from the NCR Corporation. Another new group this year was MetroTex Realtors who sent volunteers to help run our water games. We are so thankful to all of our community volunteers!



Our Activities...

Our day started with “flagpole” where we would show our pride with silly cabin cheers, sing, and get excited about the day. We had four activity periods that allowed each cabin to rotate through all of our daytime activities. *Jell-O Wars* (a huge Jell-O & Whip Cream fight) is one of our special daytime activities where the kids have a blast. After they have depleted the supply of Jell-O & Whip Cream—the Westminster Volunteer Fire Department is there to hose us down!

Table 5: Daytime Activity Evaluation Rankings (1=no fun, 5=Super fun)

Daytime Activity	Average Score
Swimming	4.8
Canoeing/Kayaking	4.6
Fishing	4.3

Archery	4.0
BB Guns	3.9
Climbing Wall	3.8
Low Ropes	4.0
Arts & Crafts	4.5
Cabin Time	4.4
Jell-O War	4.7



Table 6: Evening Activity Evaluation Rankings (1=no fun, 5=Super fun)

Evening Activity	Average Score
A Scavenger Hunt Thru the Decades	4.7
50's Themed Carnival	4.9
60's Water Games	4.5
80's Themed Dance	4.9
Closing Ceremonies	4.5

Our evening activities involved the entire camp...

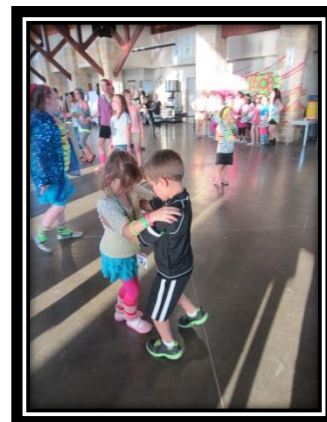
we played...



We competed...



... and we danced!



Our Budget

Category	Expense
Camp site (lodging, food, activity fees)	\$58,363.00
Medical Supply Costs	\$375.00
Program: Supplies (arts and crafts, shirts, evening activity costs, decorations, activity costs, sunscreen, cabin box materials (sunscreen, deodorant, chlorax) playground equipment, walkie talkies)	\$2,367.00
Miscellaneous expenses during camp (water/snacks/ice/gas)	\$493.00
Annual Storage Rental	\$2,118.00
Contracted services (music program rentals, special activities, fireworks)	\$5,205.00
Transportation (to from camp for campers – air travel, vans and golf carts):	\$1,184.00
Camp Planning (meeting expenses, volunteer expenses, training materials, background checks,)	\$300.00
Camp/Staff Gear (T-shirts, water bottles, hats)	\$4767.20
Total	\$75,172.20

Highlights:

- Highest number of patients from our center ever to attend a camp experience.
- Counselor-in-Training Program grew from 2 CIT's in the inaugural year to 4.
- CIT's from last year returned in counselor roles.
- One camper went to the hospital mid-week to have her stem cells collected for her upcoming transplant...and was back the next day to finish out the week of camp!
- Seven campers graduated from camp this summer...will be invited back to attend CIT Program next summer!

Closing Ceremonies...

During our closing ceremonies volunteers and graduating campers were recognized. David, our fabulous music director, led us in songs...and we continued our traditions. Each camper and volunteer at camp was given the opportunity to write down a wish...walk across the bridge...share memories with the group...and throw their wish into the fire and watch it fly away carried on the wind. The bridge symbolizes the journeys we take in life...and the hope for our future...and bringing us all back together next summer. Appreciation for wonderful counselors and a great week of camp were expressed...as well as love for siblings and a hope that all would remain healthy!

We sang, we cried, we laughed, we oohed and aahed at the fireworks and we celebrated the week with old and new friends...the memories created...another wonderful year at Camp iHope.



Family/Camper Thank you's:

"Camp has been such an invaluable experience for the kids...really has helped Brennan so much to see other kids in the same situation. Let me know if you need anything at all from us!"

Maleena can't wait to get back to camp each year...she talks about her experiences all the way home!

*Camp iHope Campers and Staff are eternally grateful to all of our Supporters!
We could not have done this without your generous donations.*

Thank you for all you do to support the fight against cancer!



Know you are making a difference in the lives of children with cancer!

