

## Homeless Campership Fund – 2008

The Homeless Campership Fund (HCF) is a special initiative of Associated Grant Makers Summer Fund (SF). Each year a limited amount of funds are raised through the generosity of SF donors to provide campership slots to children and youth living in shelters in the greater Boston area.

### Timeline

- By early-March, the Fund will notify participating shelters of approximately how many slots have been allocated to them for the summer. The slots assigned to each shelter will be based on **a)** how much money is available in the HCF, **b)** average slot usage over the last two years, and **c)** the preliminary requests received from the shelter.
- During July, shelters will be contacted to see how many slots have been used to date, and what the estimated needs are for your shelter. Based on these check-ins, slots may be reallocated to better serve the needs of individual shelters as well as the overall program in an effort to serve the maximum numbers of homeless youth.
- You will be required to submit a final report by September 17, 2008 to account for the slots and provide a brief narrative of the impact of the program.

### Process

- Each shelter will receive an allocation of slots. Each slot will be numbered and will provide **one child with one week of camp**. Overnight camp slots start with an “N” & Day camp slots start with a “D”.
- You must keep very careful track of these slots. ***If you place a child at a camp without a valid slot number, your shelter will be responsible for those camp costs.***
- Shelters will receive a HCF Directory of camps that have expressed interest in participating in the program. **ONLY CAMPS IN THE HCF CAMP DIRECTORY ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HCF PROGRAM!**
- Shelters are responsible for making contact with camps to determine space availability and helping families register for camp.
- Camps **MUST** receive a **HCF slot number from the shelter for each week a child is attending camp!** ***Remember: One slot = one child for one week of camp***
- Shelters **may not trade or give their assigned slots to any other shelter or organization.**

### Other information

- We expect demand for slots to be higher than available funds, so please contact the Summer Fund Manager ASAP if you have slots you are not using.
- The majority of camps that are participating in the HCF program have agreed to accept the health information form that is available in your packet.
- Camps that are in the HCF CAMP DIRECTORY have all agreed to accept the HCF 2008 reimbursement rates of \$150 (day)/\$450 (overnight) per week.
- Contact Summer Fund ASAP if there is staff turnover at your shelter resulting in a different contact for the HCF.