



Associated Grant Makers
SUMMER FUND

Annual Report 2008

2008 SUMMER FUND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Associated Grant Makers and the Summer Fund Committee are pleased to report on the 2008 Summer Fund. The Summer Fund (SF) is a model donor collaborative that serves as an outstanding example of the effectiveness of leveraging resources to achieve maximum impacts when the philanthropic community is united by a common interest. The Summer Fund provides opportunities for collaboration and learning among leading grant makers. The shared expertise and knowledge of the Summer Fund donor community ensures that the pooled resources not only provide programs with much needed operational dollars, but also contributes to building a stronger network of summer programs because of the support and opportunities that the Fund generates. Since its inception in 1971, the Summer Fund has provided more than \$33,000,000 in direct operational support to summer programs and camps.

The Summer Fund had one of its most successful fundraising campaigns in 2008 and received donations in excess of **\$1.6 million, a 17% increase from 2007**. The Summer Fund Committee and staff would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest gratitude to our funders for your continued support and commitment to the Summer Fund and its mission. As the Summer Fund moves into its 38th year of operation, the dedication, partnership and support of our funders remains the cornerstone of the Fund's longevity and success.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity and steadfast support of our funders, the Summer Fund served over **27,000 youth (22,848 children ages 5-12 and 4,578 teens 13-18)** from Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea and Somerville by providing access to enriching summer programs and camps. Additionally, SF camps provided job opportunities for **1,560 teens**.

In 2008, the Summer Fund successfully raised **\$1,631,575**, the most money ever raised in the Fund's history.

The Summer Fund continues to draw on the collaboration and expertise of our funders to leverage resources and make access to summer camps and programs possible for the most disadvantaged youth from the neighborhoods of Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea and Somerville. The 77 nonprofit organizations, operating 106 summer program and camp sites, supported through the Summer Fund have opportunities made available to them that could not exist if they were supported by individual foundations working independently. The Summer Fund provides support and training to address the unique needs of urban summer camps, as part of an effort to build the strongest, most sustainable summer camp network serving greater Boston.

One of the key strengths of the Summer Fund is its ability to quickly respond to the diverse and changing needs of the greater Boston community and the diverse needs of the youth we serve. The Summer Fund consistently monitors its portfolio to identify programs and service gaps. Over the past several years, we have addressed summer program needs for immigrant and refugee populations, children with physical and learning disabilities, and non-traditional aged "campers"-- teens and older youth-- by actively working to include camps that serve these populations into our existing portfolio. We recognize that one model or type of program does not suit all children and we seek to offer a breadth and range of program options to meet a diverse range of needs. The Summer Fund places a premium on diversity in our summer program portfolio and by looking through a broader lens we ensure that opportunities are available for all youth.

As the out-of-school time research continues to underscore the need to bridge summer time learning loss particularly for disadvantaged and at-risk youth, the Summer Fund remains perfectly positioned to provide resources to ensure that thousands of Greater Boston youth have opportunities to bridge that potential loss by supporting diverse and broad ranging quality summer programs that meet the needs for the diverse and broad range of children we serve throughout Greater Boston.

The breadth and range of the 106 camp sites in the SF portfolio meet the diverse needs of the communities we serve or as we say “offer a camp for every kid”.

Corporate and Foundation Donations	\$1,631,225	35 Foundations	\$1,253,650
		7 Corporations	\$377,575
Individuals, Private Donations	\$350	4 Individuals	\$350

In addition to providing direct operational grants to 106 summer programs and camps, the Summer Fund also supported the following special initiatives and activities:

The Cultural Day Initiative committed \$63,000, a 13% increase from 2007, to support arts, cultural and educational field trips and off-site activities. In 2008, Summer Fund campers attended over **290 field trips to 19 cultural organizations**. Over **9,000 youth** participated in Cultural Day sponsored field trips and experienced some of Boston’s best cultural, educational, and historical institutions.

The **Educational Initiative** piloted a **U.S. Department of Education** endorsed math and science curricula. The SF engaged Intercultural Center for Research in Education (INCRE) to implement their curricula using science activities and investigations for youth in non-formal education settings. **The curriculum was piloted at 25 summer programs serving over 1,300 youth.**

The **Homeless Campership Fund** committed \$75,000 to provide free camperships for homeless children to attend summer camps. Through the HCF, over **400 weeks of camperships** were made available at no cost to homeless families. The SF partnered with **23 homeless shelters and transitional assistance agencies** for homeless youth to participate in summer camps.

Site Visits: Staff, Summer Fund Committee Members, and Donors conducted visits to **22 program sites**. Overall, site visits showed summer programs and camps meeting or exceeding expectations by providing safe, adequately staffed, enriching summer programs.

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SUMMER FUND PROGRAMS

The Summer Fund provided over **\$1.4 million** in direct operational support grants and resources for special initiatives to **77 nonprofits operating 106 summer program and camp sites** in 2008. Grants made through the Summer Fund ranged in size from \$5,000 to approximately \$40,000. We anticipate the need to provide operational support to our camps and summer programs will be greater than ever in these challenging economic times. Our goal for 2009 is to maintain level funding in an effort to continue to provide resources to our current camp portfolio. Our funders' continued support is critical to ensure that thousands of Greater Boston's most disadvantaged and at-risk children have access to quality summer programs and camps, particularly as we all face economic uncertainties.

In addition to providing operating support grants to camps, the Summer Fund aims to continue to provide additional resources and technical assistance to the camps and their staff through special initiatives like the Cultural and Educational Initiative and the Homeless Campership Fund.

In 2008, more than 27,000 youth attended camp through the Summer Fund

CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE

Cultural Day

The Summer Fund provides youth with increased cultural and educational program opportunities through Cultural Day. This summer, through the generous support of our donors, the Cultural Day Initiative provided **\$63,000**, a 13% increase in funding from 2007, in support of cultural and educational activities, allowing camps to 293 field trips to 19 organizations, serving **9,000 youth**. The Summer Fund continued its partnerships with a number of Boston's best cultural and educational institutions, including:

Boston Children's Museum	Museum of Science
Boston Harbor Islands*	MyTown
Butterfly Place	New England Aquarium
Concord Museum	Old South Meeting House
Boston University Reach Summer	Puppet Showplace Theater
Dance Program	U.S.S. Constitution Museum
Extras for Creative Learning	Urban Improv*
Hale Reservation	Youth Enrichment Services
Historic New England	Zoo New England
Metro Lacrosse	

*The Summer Fund added two new organizations in 2008, ***Boston Harbor Islands*** and ***Urban Improv***. Boston Harbor Islands offered summer camps the opportunity to explore the islands and interact with National Park Service rangers and learn about the environment. Urban Improv provided on-site innovative, interactive structured theater improvisation to teach: violence prevention, conflict resolution, decision-making and impulse control. The Cultural Initiative is the Summer Fund's most popular special initiative.

The Cultural Day event provides the opportunity for the Summer Fund to partner with some of Boston's best museums, art and cultural institutions to fully subsidize admissions cost for our campers. This partnership makes field trips and on-site cultural activities a reality for Summer Fund camps, and exposes youth to the wealth of culture and rich experiences in their city. For many camps, this initiative is a key resource and often the only avenue camps will have to enhance and enrich their curriculums and programs with cultural, educational and arts activities. Cultural Day also provides critical resources for many of the local arts and cultural organizations.

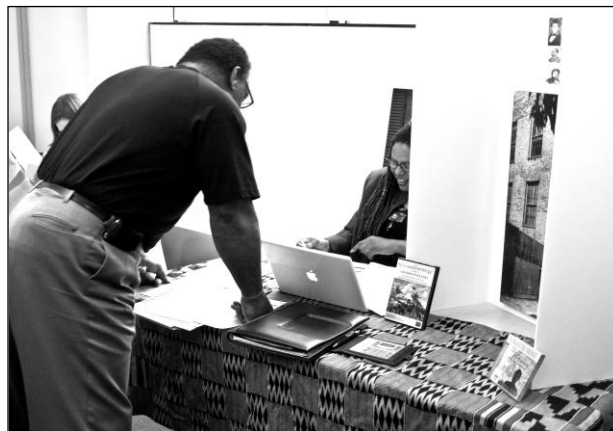
“The Summer Fund has a great impact in reaching [youth] who because of financial barriers could not visit and access the many resources available at the Museum of Science. The Summer Fund gives the museum the opportunity to enhance relationships and start new ones with community based organizations. There's only homeruns in this partnership”...

Maria Cabrera, Museum of Science.

The Summer Fund is deeply committed to the ongoing success of this initiative and our goal is to maintain our funding level so that opportunities for youth to participate in arts and cultural field trips continue to be accessible. The Summer Fund has been challenged in its efforts to broaden our funding for this initiative as resources to support arts and cultural programming continues to shrink. In these challenging economic times, we will continue to work with our partners and funders to ensure that resources remain available to provide children with access to arts and cultural experiences.

Supporters

- The Barr Foundation
- The Fidelity Foundation



Camp staff signing up for field trips at Cultural Day 2008.

Educational Initiative

In June 2008, the Summer Fund engaged Intercultural Center for Research in Education (INCRE) to implement their U.S. Department of Education endorsed math and science curricula at 25 summer programs. INCRE is a non-profit organization dedicated to research, development and technical assistance to promote quality and equity of education. The curricula provided for engaging hands-on science activities and investigations for youth in non-formal education settings. The thematic units piloted were selected to promote a fun, non-formal approach to learning. The curriculum was piloted **at 25 summer programs serving over 1,300 youth**. Based on preliminary evaluation results the curriculum was well received by staff and campers alike. Please see data below:

"We get to experiment with stuff, and we get to learn, and we get to write stuff," said Nina Mazzella, 7, of Dorchester, who described that morning's science experiment. "I learned that when you put vinegar on baking soda, it bubbles."
Source: Boston Globe, August 8, 2008

Pilot Groups

- 25 summer program sites participated and served over 1355 youth
 - 885 children grades 2-4
 - 470 youth grades 4-7

Thematic Units Piloted (by age groups)

- AXIS Crime Scene Explorations (grades 4-7)
- Sunflower Human Body (grades 2-4)

Training

- Camp staff received a full day training on implementing the curriculum. The training model was designed to be a train-the-trainer model.
- All camps that participated received the following materials at no cost: individual children's activity books, leader guides, and materials kits.

Preliminary Evaluation Results

- **85% percent of pilot programs successfully implemented Sunflower weekly** (between 2-5 times per week);
- **94% of programs successfully implemented the AXIS curriculum on a weekly basis.** (activities generally took between 30-60 minutes to complete).
- **The majority of camp staff was able to use and present the materials as designed.** It should be noted that the diversity and range of backgrounds, education and career experience was quite significant among the camp staff participating in the pilot. **Most staff implementing Sunflower and AXIS reported that they found the science and math activities easy or very easy to lead.**
- **Overall, all of the site directors and staff felt the Sunflower and AXIS curricula worked well within their summer camp environments.**
 - 91% of camp directors felt the programs fit the structure of their sites, while the remaining nine percent felt they worked 'somewhat.'
 - 70% of camp staff using Sunflower and 81% of those using AXIS felt the curricula worked well in their programs, while the remaining individuals felt it somewhat aligned.

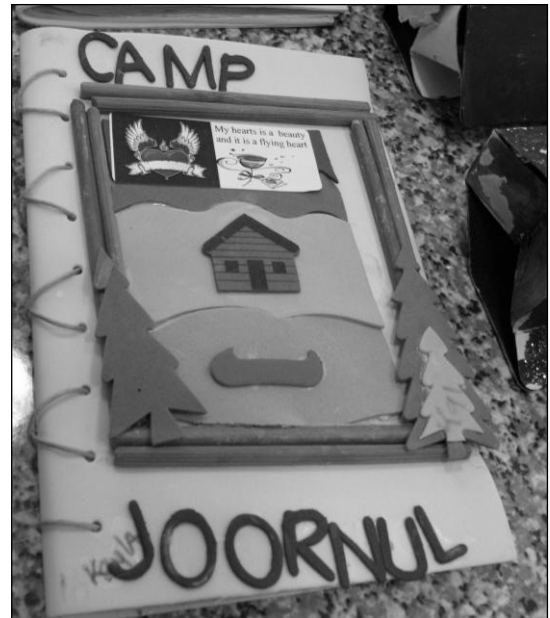
IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- Camps reported that aligning age requirements of curriculum with age groups at camps were a challenge as multiple ages groups are combined during summer
- Some camps have very structured curriculums that make it difficult to incorporate into existing program model.
- Training challenges. Most camps have a short window between end of school year and start of summer programs for training camp staff. There were challenges around scheduling academic training so that it did not interfere with camp training schedules.

Overall, this was a tremendously successful pilot program. We received direct feedback from the Boston Centers' for Youth and Families (BCYF) program directors indicating a high degree of success among both their camp staff and youth. BCYF expressed an interest in continuing the academic curriculum as a component of their year-round after school programming. The Summer Fund connected BCYF with INCRE after learning that grant funds were available for afterschool programs. BCYF was able to offer the Sunflower curriculum (grades 2-4) to students attending selected afterschool program sites.

Supporters

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The Clowes Fund



Campers' writing and math journals on display at Boston Center's for Youth and Families, Archdale Summer Program site

Homeless Campership Fund

The Summer Fund Committee developed a special project in 1988 to aid children and families facing the homelessness crisis by utilizing the Summer Fund camp network to supplement services for Greater Boston's population of homeless children. Now in its 20th year, the Homeless Campership Fund (HCF) continues to be a vital resource for homeless shelters and the families they serve by making camperships available for eligible children to attend camp at no cost. The Homeless Campership Fund utilizes Summer Fund camps to provide opportunities for children in homeless shelters to participate in supportive, recreational, and educational programs during the summer months. Through the HCF, participating shelters and camps are partnered to facilitate the placement of homeless children in quality summer camps free of charge. The Summer Fund is able to provide free camp slots or "camperships" for homeless children through the generosity of our corporate, foundation and individual donors who support the Homeless Campership Fund.

In 2008, the Homeless Campership Fund committed more than \$75,000 to provide free camperships for homeless children to attend summer camps. Through the HCF, over 400 weeks of camperships were made available for homeless youth to attend summer programs and camps. The HCF is unique because it is designed to allow homeless families and case workers the flexibility to use our camp network to chose the best camp for each child to ensure that these children are afforded enriching, safe, stable summer experiences. Summer Fund camps that participate in HCF program partner with the SF to underwrite a portion of the costs of this program. The Summer Fund caps reimbursement to camps that participate in the HCF program at \$150 per week for day camp and \$450 per week of overnight camp. These caps are significantly less than the actual costs to send a child to most camps. The success of this program hinges on the support the Fund receives from both our funders and camps.

The number of homeless families living in Boston area shelters jumped 22% in 2008. There are currently 2,288 children living in homeless shelters.

Source: Boston Globe, January, 6, 2009

The Summer Fund successfully negotiated a partnership with the Greater Boston YMCA whereby all of their summer camp sites accepted children through the Homeless Campership program. In prior years, only YMCA camps that received Summer Fund grants were eligible to participate in the HCF program. By opening the opportunity up to all of the Greater Boston YMCA camps, we were able to increase access to camps for homeless youth and provide more program choices, particularly, for shelters serving populations outside of Boston. Shelters outside of Boston had struggled with limited camp options due to their geographic locations and a lack of transportation options to get their youth to Summer Fund camps.

The Homeless Campership Fund remains a critical resource for providing summer experiences to homeless children and offering support to their families during periods of instability and extreme transition. Through the final reports submitted by camp and shelter staff, the SF continues to document positive outcomes for the children who participate, their families, as well as the camps and staff.

“Homeless children are more likely to have come from dysfunctional families, with parents who have a history of domestic violence, substance abuse, and mental health problems. These children are in desperate need of a refuge from the pressures of daily life, where they can run freely, engage with other children their age, and express themselves in a healthy and supportive environment, such as a summer camp provides. ...These children may never have roasted s’mores, may never have slept out under the stars, swam in a lake, or hiked through a forest. These children can form meaningful bonds with their peers and explore the limits of their personalities in a safe and inclusive environment, without having to bear the often shameful label of “homeless child.”

Laura Louise Plummer, Elizabeth Stone House

The SF will continue to build our efforts to partner with local homeless shelters and SF camps to provide rich summer camp opportunities for homeless youth.

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Campers engaged in story time at a Phillips Brooks House Summer Urban Program site.

SITE VISITS

The Summer Fund continues to play a key role in ensuring that summer programming for urban youth is met. Support leveraged through the SF is instrumental in keeping children involved in structured, healthy activities that both complement and supplement their school-year education. Site visits to the Summer Fund camps and programs in 2008 showed youth engaged in structured, fun, recreational and educational activities. A number of camps were also employing creative programming for older teens and youth. Summer Fund camps provided more than 1,500 teens, with summer employment opportunities in collaboration with programs like the City of Boston's Youth Fund Initiative and Boston Private Industry Council job programs.

Last summer, 22 camps were visited by SF committee members, staff and donors. All of the programs we visited were operating at or exceeded the Summer Fund's criteria in the areas of programming, staffing and safety. Most camps reported that the number of campers enrolled for summer 2008 either met or exceeded their projections. Many camps were challenged by the weather this summer, and had to find creative solutions to deal with the far more rainy days than normal. As D'Mon Bills of Camp Hale, remarked during the site visit "Two rainy days in a row, you can deal with, but five?" One day, after multiple rainy days, Camp Hale's campers finally decided to go hiking in the rain rather than stay inside any longer. Many urban camps rely on the ability to use open outdoor spaces, like parks and open public spaces, to provide youth with outdoor activities and recreation.

In general, site visits demonstrated that our camps are doing great work in the areas of providing fun, recreational activities for youth as well as supporting life and social skill development. However, in order to address summer time learning loss, particularly for disadvantaged and minority youth, there is an opportunity to infuse typical recreational camp program models with more formalized academic enrichment as a component of the program. While many camps and summer programs are engaged in some type of educational programming, resources and training are critically needed to supplement these efforts. The Summer Fund Committee is interested in offering such resources and intends to continue with the academic enrichment curriculum initiative contingent upon funding.

Site visits to 22 camps and programs showed youth engaged in a variety of recreational, structured, and safe activities that supported life and social skill development.

We also revisited the one camp that was identified to be in need of technical assistance based on the 2007 visit. Summer Fund staff met with the executive director last winter to suggest recommendations for programming and safety standard improvements. We also provided the executive director with resources and connected him to individuals and organizations that demonstrated model programming in the areas the camp was seeking to improve. The camp successfully implemented most of our recommendations. The camp improved programming by adding academically focused activities into and by dedicating a library room equipped with new books. In addition, the camp redesigned their teen counselor program and made use of shorter work shifts and mentoring to keep teen counselors better engaged and more effective as junior camp staff. Working with this camp is an example of how the Summer Fund is able to provide resources and draw on best practices from our camp network to support and sustain the highest quality camps and summer programs.

Funding continues to be the camps' greatest challenge, typically resulting in less overall staff and resources for direct scholarship support for families in need. Programs continue to find creative ways to continue their important services to the community.

Many camps took advantage of free programs offered throughout Greater Boston during the summer months and enhanced program curricula through collaborative partnerships utilizing other nonprofits, and city/state resources. The Summer Fund Cultural Day program also continues to be a key resource for camps through access to free field trips with many camps reporting this as their only means to participate in off-site field trips. Camp staff and leadership remain committed to finding creative and resourceful avenues to provide thousands of children with camp and summer program opportunities.



Youth participating in outdoor learning and recreation at Camp Hale in New Hampshire. Camp Hale offers boys from Boston's inner-city opportunities for cognitive, physical, and social development. The camp offers structure, support, positive male role models, educational opportunities, and a safe, challenging learning environment



Geographic Analysis of Greater Boston Neighborhoods

The Summer Fund remains committed to serving Greater Boston youth and continues to be at the forefront of the out of school time movement. In 2008, the Summer Fund conducted a geographic analysis of the neighborhoods we serve. Our goal was to get a better sense of how well the SF is serving those neighborhoods by providing access to summer program opportunities for youth. The geographic analysis also served to enhance the Summer Fund's ability to be more strategic in its grant making, provide a clearer picture of Boston's neighborhood conditions, measure community changes over time and strengthen the capacity of the Fund to be more responsive in our grant making initiatives to have greater impact on the children and families in Greater Boston neighborhoods.

The results of our geographic analysis are included as an addendum to this final report. We are in process of making this report available online on the Summer Fund's website. Additionally, as the Summer Fund remains committed to ensuring that the Fund and the Committee functions at the highest levels of efficiency, and has the best available data we seek to expand this project. We hope to offer enhanced capabilities in the future through the use of GIS mapping technology. The Summer Fund extends a special thanks to Jennifer Stange, former Summer Fund intern, for her outstanding work on this project.

Through the Summer Fund's ability to quickly identify and respond to trends, camps are provided with many opportunities to collaborate and take advantage of additional resources thus creating a stronger and more diverse network of summer program opportunities for low and moderate income urban youth. The Summer Fund remains committed to meeting the needs of the communities we serve while providing area grant makers with a strategic, efficient and coordinated means to support quality summer programs.



*Campers from Phillips Brooks House,
Cambridge Youth Enrichment program
operating a lemonade stand.*

2008 Summer Fund Camps By Camp Type

Traditional⁴

African Community Economic Development of
New England (ACEDONE)⁵
Allston/Brighton APAC Summer Program
Agassiz Neighborhood Council
 Outback Summer Program
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
 Chinatown Summer
Cambridge Adventure Day¹
Cambridge YMCA
Camp Jubilee
Chelsea City Wide Special Summer Program
Charlestown Boys and Girls Club
Cowemoki Enrichment Program
Commonwealth Tenants Association
Dorchester Super Summer³
East Boston Social Centers
East Boston YMCA³
East End House
Franklin Park Development Tenants Assoc
 Sunrise Camp
Hattie B. Cooper Community Center
 Camp Unity
Hyde Square Task Force
Inquilinos Boricuas en Accion
 Cacique Summer Program
Jordan Boys and Girls Club¹
Lena Park
Margaret Fuller Neighborhood House¹
Mazemakers¹
Mission Pride
Mystic Learning Center
Phillips Brooks House³
Salesian Boys and Girls Club
Somerville YMCA
South Boston Collaborative³
St. Katherine Drexel Summer

Drop-In

Dan Marr Boys & Girls Club³

Off-Site Day Camps

Bird Street
Camp Ponkawissett
Elizabeth Peabody House
 Camp Gannett
Ponkapoag Day Camp¹

Education Focus

Algebra Plus¹
Bell Foundation^{1, 3}
New England Aquarium
Harbor Discoveries¹
St. Anthony/St. Columbkille
 Summer Program
Trinity Education for
 Excellence Program⁵

Boston Community Centers⁴

Agassiz Community Center
Archdale Community Center
Blackstone Community Center
English Community Center
Grove Hall Community Center
Hennigan Community Center
Holland Community Center
Jackson/Mann Community Center
Madison Park Community Center
Mildred Avenue Community Center
Murphy Community Center
Nazzaro Community Center
Ohrenberger Community Center
Orchard Gardens Community Cent
Roslindale Community Center
Tobin Community Center
Vine Street Community Center

Special Needs

(Physical/mental)
Handi Kids¹
Camp Allen¹

Special Needs

(Emotional/Learning Disabilities)
Alliance for Inclusion & Prevention³
Camp Shriver⁵
Camp Starfish¹
Day Break¹
Youth Care Summer
Wediko Summer Program¹

Arts

Ailey Camp
Community Arts Center
Days in the Arts
EXTRA ART
Writers Express³

Residential¹

Agassiz Village
Camp Hale
Camp Mitton
Camp Nawaka
Camp Starfish
Camp Wing/Stockade
Goodwill Fresh Air Camp
Days in the Arts
United South End Settlements
 Camp Hale

Teens²

Just-A-Start
Project Victory
Summer Leadership Program

Girls Only

Patriots Trail Resident Camp
Patriots Trail Cedar Hill

Other

New England SCORES'
 Summer SCORES
Massachusetts Audubon
 Boston Nature Center
MetroLacross Summer SCORES³
Sportsmen's Tennis Club⁵
Tenacity³
Youth Enrichment Services
 Outdoor Adventure Camp

Key:

1. *Does not offer after-school programming.*
2. *The majority of all camps offer a CIT/ Jr. Staff program for teens.*
3. *Operates more than one camp site.*
4. *Many of the traditional camps and Boston Community Centers provide educational components within their camp curriculums, including after-school programming.*

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

	2007 Revenue	2007 Expense	2007 Fund Balance	2008 Revenue	2008 Expense	2008 Fund Balance
Camp Operating	\$1,080,926	\$980,846	\$108,080	\$1,354,951	\$1,131,065	\$331,958
Cultural & Educational Initiative	\$160,589	\$63,852	\$96,737	\$113,750	\$116,671	\$93,816
Evaluation	\$11,222	\$968	\$10,254	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Homeless Campership Fund	\$157,096	\$61,350	\$95,746	\$89,000	\$45,906	\$138,840
Marketing	\$6,631	\$587	\$6,044	\$0	\$1398	\$4,646
Administrative Fees	\$82,028			\$80,600		

Note: Due to the remarkable fundraising success the Summer Fund has experienced over the last two years and the Summer Fund Committee's strategic fiscal planning, the Fund has been able to establish a reserve. A reserve fund allows the Summer Fund to operate more efficiently and mitigates the risk that the Fund will have to reduce grant support to summer camps and programs or eliminate special initiatives during these challenging economic times.

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****New Summer Fund Donor in 2008***

Associated Grant Makers and the Summer Fund Committee would like to extend our sincerest thanks to our Donors for their commitment to provide enriching summer experiences for youth and teens in Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea and Somerville.

SUMMER FUND in 2009

In 2009, the Summer Fund is facing the same economic challenges as our funders and the nonprofit organizations we support. Our goal is to maintain a funding level of at least \$1.4 million to continue to support our current portfolio of 77 nonprofit organizations, operating 106 camp sites. While the Fund experienced a 17% increase in 2008 and raised over \$1.6 million, given the current economic state we do not anticipate exceeding our fundraising goal over the next two years.

The Summer Fund expects to continue to offer the educational curriculum pilot over the next two years contingent upon available funding. The goal is to provide Summer Fund camps with the training and tools to incorporate a formal academic component into summer programming. We will work with Intercultural Center for Research in Education (www.incre.org) and use their “Sunflower” (grades 2-4) and “AXIS” (grades 4-8) U. S. Department of Education endorsed science curriculum.

The curriculum will be offered to one-third of the camp portfolio each summer (approximately 25 organizations per year). Camps will receive training, materials and an evaluation component at no cost. We anticipate offering two workshops each on the Sunflower and AXIS curriculum to 25-35 participants per workshop May-June 2009. We project approximately 2,500-3,500 youth annually will be exposed to the curriculum as part of the camp experience. We anticipate a total of 10,000 to 12,000 youth will use the curriculum by the end of the year three initiative.

The Summer Fund Committee is committed to increasing donor communications and engagement to elevate the Fund’s profile among existing donors as well as raise awareness and cultivate new donors. The Summer Fund Committee and staff are currently engaged in a major donors’ initiative to elevate the profile of the Summer Fund among high net worth philanthropists in an effort to broaden our funding base and seek opportunities to engage potential donors about the benefits of supporting Summer Fund.

The Summer Fund is well positioned to provide resources to ensure that thousands of Greater Boston youth have opportunities to bridge the summer learning loss by supporting diverse and broad ranging quality summer programs. The Summer Fund aims to utilize technology, enhance our administrative processes, and continue to partner with other groups/organization (e.g. The Boston Education Funders, American Camping Association) to maximize the ways in which the current Summer Fund portfolio meets the evolving needs of Greater Boston youth.

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