

# Harmony Heart Camp



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*Harmony Heart*, located in the Pennsylvania Poconos, serves children, youth and families from World Impact's East Coast ministries. Campers learn about God's creation, enjoy games and activities, and worship through singing, drama and teaching.

Vera and her family, from our Chester ministry, have come to *Harmony Heart* for summer camp, teen retreats, family camp and Christmas at *Harmony Heart*. God used the partnership between our city ministry and the camp to change Vera's life.

Vera had been arrested by the police twice and suspended from school for fighting. She cut classes, cursed people out and had to be restrained by Chester High School security officers.

Then, Jesus changed Vera's heart. Now, Vera refers to a World Impact missionary as "sister." Vera is a leader at the weekly teen Bible study. She helps others and is excited to serve. Recently, Vera broke up a fight, getting a teen to go for a walk and cool down. Vera is a different young lady.

Much of Vera's transformation took place while she worked at *Harmony Heart* last summer. She grew in ways that would have been difficult in the city.

God has used *Harmony Heart* as His agent for change in countless lives such as Vera's.





## Christmas at Harmony Heart

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Each year *Harmony Heart* celebrates the birth of Christ with families from World Impact's church plants in Newark, NJ and Chester, PA. The families decorate Christmas cookies, make crafts, play board games and snow tube. The children go on a hay ride at a Christmas tree farm in search of two perfect trees, which are brought back to camp. Then, the families cover the trees with homemade decorations. Children, dressed in costumes, perform the nativity scene.

## Summer Camp

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Inner-city children, teens and families study God's Word, memorize scripture and discuss the focus verses for the week. They explore God's creation and learn about His unique purpose for all He has made. Relationships are built, skills are gained and fears are overcome as campers paddle canoes, catch fish, shoot a bow and make crafts.



## School Retreats

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Children from our urban Christian schools learn skills for avoiding and handling conflict. Team-building and challenge activities put these new skills into practice. Discussing their experiences during the activities helps students to assimilate their new skills into daily life.



We focus on James 1:22, "Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." Our goal is for students to regularly practice the Biblical truths they are learning at home, church, school and camp.

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## Church Plant Retreats

*Highland House*, our Highland Gardens church plant in Chester, PA, enjoys an annual family retreat at *Harmony Heart*. Missionaries and the camp staff lead Bible studies, crafts, games and activities. Adults spend valuable time in Bible study, prayer and discussion, building spiritual growth and relationships.

## Summer Staff

Teens from our city ministries grow in their relationship with Christ as they serve on our summer staff. They lead games, activities and small group discussions, write and perform dramas, serve meals and wash dishes. Many summer staff return to volunteer for *Christmas at Harmony Heart*.

During this year's Christmas event, a six-year-old snuggled onto Denise's lap, our director's wife. He looked up with his big brown eyes and asked, "How old must I be to work at camp?"

"You must be 14 to work on staff," Denise said. He began to count on his fingers: "That's a long time!" he said sadly. "But you can come as a camper when you are eight. That's only two more years. That's not too long to wait," Denise encouraged him. "I guess so," he said, as he snuggled back into her lap. "I'll be back to work here. I can't wait!"

The children from Chester and Newark watch older siblings and friends work at *Harmony Heart* and return with changed hearts. They look forward to that same experience.



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## We need your help

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*Harmony Heart's* rich and long history underscores the importance of maintaining the facilities and expanding the program.

Our 80-year-old lodge and our boy's dorm need new roofs (\$55,000). And we need to add adventure activities—a climbing wall, a low-ropes course, improved waterfront activities and a nature center (\$22,000).

- \* \$36,000 will house, feed and pay a modest salary for all our summer staff.
- \* \$20,000 will build a pole barn to house our maintenance equipment and shop.
- \* \$39,000 will purchase utility vehicles for snow removal, maintenance and program use.

*Harmony Heart* is a place to rest and be renewed in God. Safe, comfortable, inspiring and well-maintained facilities, creative activities and godly service create an environment where people step away from the burdens of daily life and find newness in relationship with Christ. Please help us continue to provide this oasis in a dry and weary land.

It costs \$150 to sponsor a camper, like Vera, for one week at *Harmony Heart*; \$450 to sponsor a family of four for a week's vacation full of fun, centered in God.

Please give generously as we continue this strategic camping ministry.

Yours in Christ,

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