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Carrie L. Newton

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I'm writing to share good news from Camp of Dreams: as of today, Camp of Dreams has its first full-time, year-round Executive Director, Carrie L. Newton.

This is good news for at least two reasons. First, Carrie brings a wonderful combination of skills and attributes to the position. Carrie has practiced as a corporate lawyer, worked on numerous political campaigns and in local government, and served on several philanthropic boards in Chicago. She is deeply committed to improving the community around her. We're delighted that she's joining us, and we look forward to her leadership as Camp of Dreams grows to serve more young people in even deeper, more creative ways.

Second, the fact that we as an organization have reached this point is itself a sign that much goes well. Since our inception as a non-profit organization at the end of 2004, we have seen significant annual growth in every meaningful category: our oldest Dreamers have successfully made the transition from camper and student to counselor and instructor and are preparing to head off to college; a large number of counselors-in-training are making their way through high school; and we are seeing a yet larger group of younger Dreamers following enthusiastically in their footsteps. On the organizational side, we continue to welcome strong additions to our board of directors, and we have raised more money from a wider range of sources each year that we've been around. We are very confident that Carrie's hiring will help all of these trends continue.

While I'm writing chiefly to let you know that Carrie has joined us, I also want to thank you for helping us get here. We strongly believe that the success of our programs depends on the strength of our community, and I want to thank you for everything you've contributed to this community.

I am happy to say, in closing, that I will still be a very active part of the Camp of Dreams community. I'm looking forward to serving on the board and to continuing to work with our excellent teachers and counselors, with our Dreamers, and with Carrie.

I hope you get a chance to meet or communicate with Carrie before too long. She can be reached by e-mail, at carrie@campofdreams.org, or phone, 312.643.5549. In the meantime I want to thank you—again—for all your help in getting us here.

Sincerely,

Adam Davis