



Young Adult Oncology Retreat Painting Workshop



Wendy Paisley crossing finish line at NYC Marathon



Horseback riding with Suzan Chavez



Universally Accessible Ropes Course

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When 18-year-old Korey Rose lost his battle to bone cancer in 2004, his father Tim Rose chose the ultimate way to honor his son's memory: he founded a summer camp for children with serious illnesses and life-altering medical conditions. Located at beautiful Carnation Farm just east of Redmond, Camp Korey provides a safe haven for children and their families. Camp Korey emphasizes safety, respect, love, empowerment, along with just plain fun. Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Camps (which were established in 1988) were Tim Rose's primary inspiration - and for the past 6 years Camp Korey campers have been doing exactly what Newman had hoped for his

own campers: letting loose and "raising a little hell." Today, Camp Korey provides residential summer sessions, year-round outreach programs, and weekend retreats, all of which are completely free of charge to campers and their families.

Suzan Chavez, a resident of Clyde Hill, is one of many dedicated Camp Korey supporters who has worked tirelessly to make Tim Rose's vision a reality. "We have known Tim for over 25 years, and Korey was the same age as my oldest daughter. I wanted to find a way to give back to the community and I fell in love with Tim's passion to build a camp in honor of his son." Chavez, who has been involved with Camp Korey since its beginning, was present when Paul Newman made a special trip out to Carnation Farm to tour Camp Korey's stunning grounds. Chavez sits on the board of directors and also heads up a special group known as the Camp Korey Ambassadors.

Here is their mission statement: "The Ambassadors' main goal is to raise funds and create community ties with camp. Together, we reach out to share the Camp Korey story with friends, neighbors, co-workers and community members. We plan and execute events and fundraisers that build awareness about the camp and the wonderful benefits it has for children with very special needs." The Ambassadors' biggest fundraiser, the Prescription Laughter Luncheon, raised over \$100,000 last year. This year's fourth annual Prescription Laughter Luncheon, chaired by Nancy Koefoed, will be taking place at the Bellevue Hilton on March 15th. It is an event filled with laughter and inspiration. This year's entertainment will feature Camp Korey camper, 11-year-old Christopher, "the next Jerry Seinfeld," taking the stage to perform stand-up comedy.



Camp Korey Ambassadors and Board Members

Attending last year's luncheon inspired Wendy Paisley of Medina to support the Camp Korey cause. "I love the Camp Korey story. As a parent of teenage boys who went to summer camp for many years, I find it heart breaking that all kids can't go to camp. I love that Camp Korey makes this dream a reality for so many kids who have suffered so much." In an effort to both raise funds and achieve her goal of running a marathon in partnership with her husband, Paisley joined Team Korey, a group of 30 runners (lead by board member Chris McReynolds) that trained for the 2011 New York City Marathon in support of the camp. Paisley got her whole community involved with her fundraising. "I had a party in September. We called it 'Run With Wendy' and I invited friends, family and neighbors. We did a 2 1/2 mile fun-run through the streets of Medina. About 30 people, from 8-78 years old, participated. I asked for donations and was overwhelmed at the support of my friends."

Paisley and Team Korey collectively raised approximately \$300,000 for Camp Korey, and made some incredible memo-

ries in the process. "Marathon day was amazing. There were a few times when I felt like tears were going to stream down my face, but they were tears of joy, not pain - joy that I was accomplishing a major goal for me, and helping out the kids and Camp Korey at the same time. The finish line seemed so far away, but we made it!"

The Mowat family of Medina is also involved with the Camp Korey mission. Mark is a board member alongside Suzan Chavez. The Mowat family was instrumental in creating and building the camp's universally accessible ropes course. Mounted high in the trees and made up of a network of ramps and zip-lines, Camp Korey's ropes course is wheelchair-friendly—one of a few of its kind in the world!

Camp Korey's mission is only possible thanks to the efforts of its community supporters and volunteers. Please consider joining your Points' friends at the Prescription Laughter Luncheon on March 15th. For more information about the luncheon or on how to get involved with Camp Korey, visit www.campkorey.org.

THE Story of CAMP KOREY