

# Urban Kids' Camp

## Angels' Sponsorship Program

### Laura's Story by Garth Gilliam

Six years ago Laura's mother, a financially struggling single parent, was desperately looking for summer programs to keep her two young children positively engaged during the long summer. Her mom heard that The United Methodist Church was offering a low cost camp for kids who could not afford a Summer Camp experience and gladly signed her young 4<sup>th</sup> grader up for Urban Kids Camp.



To say the least, the camp experience had a tremendous impact on little Laura. The following year Laura once again attended Urban Kids Camp. The rest is history for this mature and college bound young inner city teen. Since her Urban Kids Camp experience, she has become an enthusiastic and committed participant in United Methodist Camping & Youth Ministry.



### Vision/Mission Statement

The Urban Kids' Camp is an outreach ministry of the United Methodist Church positively impacting the lives of disadvantaged urban and inner-city children who have never experienced or cannot afford the life changing ministry of Camping. Our goal is to provide a contextually high quality camp experience that uplifts children's esteem, develops new and deeper friendships and draws every participant closer to the Love of Christ.



Laura also participated in Junior High Convention, Sports Camp and the "Urban Plunge" Mexico Mission Project sponsored by the Cal-Pac Conference Council on Youth Ministries.

Laura just recently auditioned and was cast as the understudy for the starring role of "Nancy" in the AGC production of *Oliver Twist* at the Los Angeles City Theatre. The really wonderful thing about this young lady is that she has come to understand how important camp ministry is and feels the necessity of giving back something to a ministry that has impacted her in such a powerful way. Laura has come full circle from her Urban Kids Camp experience and is now serving as one of our Camp Counselors for Urban Kids Camp '05. She credits the United Methodist Urban Kids Camp, in that it was especially sensitive to her urban environment and culture, in making a difference in her life.



## Your Gift of

- \$300 covers all camp expenses for one child.
- \$150 provides room and board for a child
- \$50 provides a child with program materials, transportation, camp T-shirt and picture.
- \$25 provides a child with program materials including program booklet, arts & crafts materials and a Bible.
- \$15 covers a child's transportation to and from camp.
- \$10 provides a child with a camp T-shirt.
- \$5 provides a child with a camp picture.

## 120 Angels

"Urban Kids Camp" is funded through direct gifts. We need 120 "angels" to sponsor a child. The expense to send a child to "Urban Kids Camp" is \$300 per child. Children attending the camp are asked to pay a small portion of the registration fee. The Board of Camping, Outdoor and Retreat Ministries invites you to be a sponsoring "angel". Any size gift is appreciated. You can make a difference in a child's life.

## History

The "Urban Kids Camp" has taken place for the last six years in August, excluding 2004, for the purpose of providing a rich mountain retreat experience for those children who cannot afford or who have never experienced the wonders of church camp. The "Urban Kids Camp" is for urban/inner city children in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades and is scheduled to take place at Camp Wrightwood, July 4-8, 2005.

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