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each. Total enclosed \$ _____.

OR

Please accept my contribution of \$ _____
to help support summer programs for the
children.

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Your contribution is eligible for a federal charitable tax
deduction, since you are receiving neither goods nor
services in return for your donation.

*Please make checks payable to:
The Children's Center of Hamden*

THANK YOU!

A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your
convenience

Donations can be made online through
PayPal at www.childrenscenterhamden.org

*If you are interested in learning more about
The Children's Center of Hamden, contact:*

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The Children's Center of Hamden is
Connecticut's oldest chartered child-
caring agency. Founded in 1833 as The
New Haven Orphan Asylum, the private
nonprofit organization today provides a
wide variety of services to clients.

The Children's Center of Hamden, Inc.,
offers a full array of services ranging
from outpatient therapy to afterschool
treatment programs, special education
and residential programs addressing a
variety of conditions and circumstances.
While each program provides its own
specialty, generally speaking the children
suffer from one or more of a variety of
problems; psychological and social prob-
lems; physical and/or sexual abuse; learn-
ing disabilities; substance abuse; and
family trauma. Approximately 200 boys
and girls between the ages of 3 and 18
are served on a daily basis.

The Children's Center of Hamden, pro-
vides a State approved Special Education
school; individual, group and family ther-
apy; nursing; and therapeutic recreation.

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*177 years of service to children
and their families*



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Summer Star

Summer Programs

W O R K P R O G R A M

All youth aged 14 and over, involved in the Residential Treatment and the START (sub-acute) programs, participate in the Summer Work Program. The program, run by our staff, strives to teach our young people a work ethic by providing them with meaningful work experiences. Their work projects, which all occur on our grounds, are considered contributions to The Children's Center of Hamden community. Youth are divided into small work groups, each led by an adult counselor. Once assigned a task, they research how to get the job done,

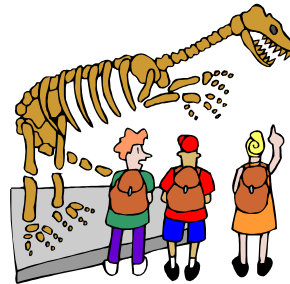


create a materials list, shop for the materials, and ultimately complete the task. Through this experience, they have learned to use a variety of tools, the value of researching the task and the power of completing a

project. Our young people have designed and built a Frisbee golf course, brick sidewalk outside the school, wooden closets and trunks to hold their own possessions, just to name a few. They are also actively involved in gardening—weeding, mulching, planting and growing beautiful flowers. The program lasts for six weeks over the summer. Youth can earn up to \$1,000 each during the program and The Children's Center of Hamden operates a faux "bank" for them. Through the course of their Summer Work Program, the children are encouraged to save money, learn how to fill out a deposit and withdrawal slip and, in general, feel good about having their own money to spend. The Summer Work Program has been a huge success.



Our residents, from 7-13 years of age, participate in a highly structured, therapeutic Camp Program. Each child is assigned to a small camp group and experiences a variety of activities. On grounds, the children participate in Arts and Crafts, Swimming, Volleyball and many noncompetitive activities aimed towards improving peer relationships. Our children are also provided the opportunity to participate in camp programs, under the supervision of our staff, in the community. They may join a camp for a special activity or experience in New Haven. Our Camp Program has allowed children, under supervision, to participate in The Sound School in New Haven, for example. In addition, once each week, they pack their back packs and go on field trips to a variety of beaches and parks.



Looking to Donate Items?



Please consider the following (new items only)

- Flip flops
- Beach towels
- Bicycle helmets (adult M-L)
- Sunscreen (PABA free/SPF 30 or more)
- hygiene supplies
- Game balls—basketball, softball, football
- Softball gloves (adult size) & bats
- Baseball caps (adjustable)
- One piece bathing suits for girls (M-XXL)
- Swim trunks for boys (M-XXL)
- Socks and Underwear (for ages 8-18)

How Can I Help

The programs described in this brochure are an important component of our therapeutic treatment designed to enhance our children's well-being, self-esteem and to help them become responsible citizens when they eventually move back into their community.

To continue the programs your donation of \$100 will provide employment skills and recreational and cultural experiences to one child. Please consider becoming a **Summer Star** by making a charitable contribution.