



Cameron Daycamp

60th Anniversary Reunion

Date: Saturday, June 30, 2012

Time: 11am - 3pm

Location: Golden Gate Park,
Log Cabin (Near Stow Lake)

RSVP kindly requested @

www.cameronhouse.org

Bring a blanket, picnic basket, lawn chair, and share good times with old and new friends.

Reunion Schedule

11am - 1:30pm: Daycamp cookout delights, a craft shack to make God's Eyes, a giant four-square game on the grassy area.

1:30pm - 3pm: Traditional campfire program with songs, skits and stunts, and a tree dedication ceremony will pay tribute to the "Honorary Cabinet," a long list of Cameron House staff that served as directors with all Cameron House summer youth programs for the past 60 years.

On Saturday, June 30, 2012, Cameron House will celebrate a 60-year old tradition: Cameron Daycamp. It does not matter if you were a day camper, leader, staff person, daycamp parent, or even if you never made the silent trek on MUNI to a foggy Golden Gate Park for a game of Red Rover; Cameron Daycamp stands the test of time and continues to be a life-changing, memorable experience for thousands since the 1950's. Some things have changed but many things remain the same. Perhaps the most powerful constant in the history of Cameron Daycamp is the generations of young people who learn about giving of their time and talents without any expectation of rewards and to learn to lead and serve. This tradition continues today.

In honor of Cameron Daycamp, a memory book will be sold and launched at the June 30th reunion. The book features biographical sketches and favorites (songs, stories and memories). It will also include pages for Daycamp pioneers like Al Sing Yuen, Jack Schaupp, Keith Choy and other organizational leaders. Hardcopies of the book will be sold at the Reunion for a nominal price to cover printing costs, however, when an email address is shared, a virtual subscription can be emailed periodically with updates from contributors. The digital version also allows for the submittal of video, pictures, and other interactive media.

Send us your personal memory page by emailing your content to info@cameronhouse.org.



Al Sing Yuen
1950-60s



Jack Schaupp
1960-70s



Keith Choy
1970-80s



Laurene Chan leads Daycamp Training Week 2012 with almost 100 volunteers



Sky of Blue Sea of Green



ASKY OF BLUE, with warm balmy temperatures, hovered over San Francisco on the first Saturday in May, *cinco de Mayo* 2012, giving way to a **SEA OF GREEN** at the 64th Annual Cameron Carnival. Over 200 volunteers donned lime green t-shirts that displayed a golden dragon captioned, "Home of the Jade Waffle", a tasty **GREEN** concoction that has become a favorite treat at the Cameron House Carnival.

Like the 60 plus years before, the Carnival ensured **GREENBACKS** to fund Cameron House's summer programs for youth and social service ministries, most of the proceeds to provide financial subsidies to immigrant families who need recreation, tutorial, counseling, support groups and other vital services.

But **GREENBACKS** are not the only reason or result of six decades of a church carnival. The Cameron House Carnival has always been an event where leadership is bred, volunteerism flows and creativity abounds. A loving faith community makes a statement to the greater neighborhood, city and region: working together, serving others, demonstrating a leading and giving attitude to yet another generation. But nothing displays the living mission of Cameron House more than the end of a Carnival Day.

... After the Carnival closes, nobody walks away, calls it quits or goes home. Instinctively, these volunteers form a fire bucket brigade, short and tall, male and female, side-by-side, in every venue to shut the Carnival down and clean-up. For weeks, the yards are closed, littered with loose lumber, paint, hammers, nails and within 120 minutes after closing, the entire yard is cleared and cleaned to an almost spotless polish.

...and there was still a **SKY OF BLUE**.



Carnival and Carnival Setup/Cleanup 2012

(more photos @ www.cameronhouse.org)



5pm Friday, May 4th: BBQ Pit Volunteers setup to make over 400 meals.



7:30pm Friday, May 4th: Pre-Carnival rally and dinner for Carnival volunteers and helpers.



9:30pm Friday, May 4th: Final preparations for Carnival concessions at Main yard.



Noon Sat., May 5th: Carnival in full swing



3pm Sat., May 5th: Kei Lun Martial Arts performs a traditional Dragon Dance.



8:30pm Sat., May 5th: Faithful volunteers cheerfully help cleanup and close Carnival, see you again on Sat. May 4th, 2013!

About Giving and Giving Back: Introducing... Ming and the Friends of Cameron House

They call themselves "The Friends of Cameron House", F.O.C.H. for short. Back in February, dozens of Chinese women (whose first language is *NOT* English) and never having had a dance lesson in their life, took on a challenge: do a line dance and lead the Macarena at the annual Cameron House fund raising event in front of an audience of 400. Who *ARE* these dancing ladies? And how did these inherently shy dancers perform with such prideful smiles?



You first need to meet and know the story of Ming Quan Chang, Cameron House staff member with the Social Services Ministries. In 1986, Ming came

to the Cameron House staff as a 27 year old Southeast Asian refugee from Cho Lon, Vietnam. Now called Ho Chi Minh City, Ming grew up in this enclave of ethnic Chinese who lived in Vietnam. Ming's command of 3 languages made her ideal for the outreach to refugees and immigrants in the '80s, '90s, '00s. But it has been the multi-talented Ming who used 3 special gifts to form the Friends of Cameron House: an outgoing personality, a passion for dancing, and an engaging smile.

F.O.C.H. was established as an alumni group of the Cameron House Social Services Ministries. Many of its members are women who struggled with challenging social service issues including immigration, domestic violence, illness, single parenthood, and raising children in a totally foreign culture. As their lives

stabilized and as their children grew, many of these women no longer needed social services but continued to maintain the relationships formed with the Cameron House support groups and with the professional staff of Cameron House like Ming.

The weeks prior to the February fund raiser saw the F.O.C.H. "occupy" Culbertson Hall and St. Paul's: rehearsing, foot tapping and "ah-1 and ah-2 and ah-1,2,3". They designed and sewed their own costumes. They were even there on Friday nights, sharing Cameron House with Friday Night Club and Kitchen Medicine.

The Friends of Cameron House formed because these women received services and experienced the spirit of GIVING. This group seeks to GIVE BACK.



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Introducing the Friends Asking Friends ASK-A-THON

Yes, it is that time of year again and YES, volunteers will be jumping the phones at the end of summer to dial for dollars to support Cameron House. New this year is an opportunity for volunteers to give online and invite other friends to do the same on the internet. Many of us have participated in a walk, bike, or run-A-THON of some sort, so this will be very familiar for you. The 2012 Cameron House ASK-A-THON will be launched on the 4th of July and will conclude with our traditional PHONATHON during the last week of August.

It's easy. It takes seconds to give. It takes minutes to invite others to do the same. The \$100,000 goal is well within reach because \$80,000 was raised in 2011. Please join the friends asking friends ASK-A-THON this summer.

For details, contact Cheri Choy, Mission Investment Officer at info@cameronhouse.org.



Fierce Compassion

The Life of Abolitionist Donaldina Cameron

Just released! A new book by Kristin and Kathryn Wong about Donaldina Cameron. Proceeds will support Cameron House Youth Programs. Books are available now and can be purchased on our website:

www.cameronhouse.org/fierce

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Let me know how to share pictures, stories and memories of my experiences at Cameron House for the Daycamp Reunion Memory Book!

Sign me up as a Friends Asking Friends Campaigner. I would like to invite my friends to join me in supporting Cameron House!