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NEWS RELEASE

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Camp Firefly Helps Children Find Relief From Grief

(Moorestown, NJ) Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice presented its third annual Camp Firefly from August 23-25, 2008 at Camp Ockanickon, Medford, NJ. The organization hosted forty children ages 7-14, who had lost a parent, sibling or another special person through death and were still coping with their grief. The children spent three days and two nights at the camp enjoying the outdoors and participating in activities designed to help them come to terms with their feelings of grief and loss. Nearly 30 local volunteers and Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice staff also spent the weekend at Camp Firefly.

This year's Camp Firefly program was fully funded by charitable contributions made to Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice. Major contributors included the Musumeci Family Foundation, The Build-A-Bear Bear Hugs Foundation, the Stewart

Family Foundation, and the Ravitz Family Foundation. Children from Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties were able to attend the camp at no charge to their families.

In addition to Camp Firefly, Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice hosts ongoing grief support groups, and offers individual and family counseling services through The Community Counseling Center of Moorestown VNA (Located at 300 Harper Drive, Moorestown.) Those interested in learning more about grief support groups and counseling services may contact the agency at (856) 552-1300 or visit www.moorestownvna.org.



Volunteer counselor Kristina DiEnno of Williamstown (right) welcomes camper India D. of Pemberton to Camp Firefly 2008. Ms. DiEnno is a full time employee of Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice who volunteered her weekend to spend time supporting children who are coping with grief following the death of a loved one.



Children from throughout Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties spent the weekend together at Camp Firefly. Camp Firefly is hosted by Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice and provides grief support to children who have experienced the death of a loved one. Pictured left to right, Jennifer Pino of Blackwood, (Volunteer Counselor,) Michaela O. of Moorestown, Rachel Messina of Cherry Hill, (Volunteer Counselor,) Rachel D. of Mercerville, Cassandra S. of Mt. Ephraim, Cierra I. of Camden, NJ.



Junior Volunteers Michael Gregory of Medford Lakes, and Joshua Ungerleider of Marlton spent the day at Camp Firefly. Moorestown Visiting Nurses & Hospice encourages young volunteers ages 14-21 to become involved in programs that support the non-profit agency's home care and community wellness mission in the community.

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