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Tabernacle Teen Gives “Sweet 16” Gift to Grieving Children

In an act of true generosity, Megan Dicus of Tabernacle, NJ, a junior at Holy Cross High School, will be making a substantial donation to Camp Firefly, Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association’s annual camp for grieving children held each summer at Camp Ockanickon.

Megan’s parents recently hosted a “Sweet 16” party for Megan and over 35 friends and family members. Touched by the grief and loss of the children who attend Camp Firefly, Megan requested that party guests bring donations in support of the camp in lieu of purchasing birthday gifts. The family has been overwhelmed by the generosity of their friends and family. They continue to receive donations for Camp Firefly from invited guests who were unable to attend the event.

Megan first heard about Camp Firefly after reading an article calling for volunteers in her local newspaper. She had recently learned of a serious illness in her own family, and felt great

empathy for the children who attend the camp, and wanted to help ease the grief from the losses they have suffered. With her “sweet 16” just around the corner, Megan suggested the idea of donating her birthday gifts to her parents, who quickly agreed to let guests know of her plan to support the camp. In addition to her donation, Megan is looking forward to working as a Camp Firefly Junior Volunteer, assisting Moorestown VNA staff in preparing for the three-day event.

Each year Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association hosts up to 50 local children ages 7-14 at Camp Firefly. This year’s camp will be held from August 29-31. There is no charge for the children to attend. The donation from Megan Dicus will help provide camper accommodations, meals and activities throughout the weekend.

In addition to her volunteer work, Megan has been a varsity starter for the Holy Cross girl’s softball team for 2 years. She is on the Holy Cross bowling team, participates in the Holy Cross Choir and is an active volunteer reading to children at her local library. This fall she will be joining the school volleyball team for the first time. She also plays travel softball for the Marlton Thunder.

According to parents Laura and Don Dicus, “Don and I could not be prouder of Megan, and the wonderful young woman that she has become. She is a true blessing to us and to anyone who is lucky enough to know her. Anywhere we go, people always remember Megan and ask for her; she can light up a room with her smile and contagious laughter. Megan is so happy for the opportunity to volunteer this summer for Camp Firefly and to help to make these children’s lives a little brighter.”

Marking its 105th anniversary in 2009, Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association is a non-profit organization that provides home care, private duty, hospice, counseling and community wellness services to families in Burlington, Camden and Gloucester counties. Information about

the agency is available at (856) 552-1300, e-mail services@moorestownvna.org, or online at www.moorestownvna.org.



Megan Dicus of Tabernacle at her “Sweet 16.” Her contribution to Camp Firefly will help local children develop skills to cope with their grief following the death of a loved one.

Photo courtesy Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association and the Dicus Family



Megan Dicus and mother Laura Dicus visited the offices of Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association to deliver their donation in support of Camp Firefly. They are pictured in front of the Camp Firefly quilt. Each square on the quilt was created by a child in memory of a lost

loved one. Photo courtesy Moorestown Visiting Nurse Association



Bereaved children at Camp Firefly bond with peers and counselors.

This photo is from Camp Firefly 2008.

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