

### Celebrating Our “Unsung Heroes”

This holiday season, Camp Herrlich’s Before and After School programs decided to give back to some “unsung heroes,” our highway department workers! Under the direction of Beth Mahoskey (site director at Matthew Paterson Elementary), Doreen Smith (site supervisor at the Camp After School Program), and Heather Duben (site director at Kent Elementary), Before and After School participants in grades kindergarten through eight and their families donated items and assembled Plow Packs for our project. Each Plow Pack contained things like snacks, bottles of water, packs of tissues, hand warmers, and other items that we thought would help our highway department workers get through the long shifts ahead of them in a winter that was cold and snowy. The students also wrote thank you notes that were included in the bags.

The students assembled one hundred gift bags, and we delivered them to the highway departments for the towns of Kent, Carmel, and Patterson, and Putnam County. The bags were received with gratitude and students enjoyed giving back to the people who help keep us safe on the roads. Many thanks to everyone who contributed!

### Winter Raffle

Camp Herrlich’s 2015 Winter Raffle was a great success! We raised over \$2400.00 for our Herrlich Scholarship fund to benefit campers across all of our programs. We were so thrilled with the way our Herrlich community came together. Everyone from our School Age Child Care program participants and their families, to our e-mail contacts, to our Facebook friends, to our staff, pulled out all the stops and hustled to sell tickets for the raffle. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!

Our Winners:

- \$500 1st Prize – Chad Zeman
- \$200 2nd Prize – Rebecca Uplinger
- \$100 3rd Prize – Kayla Casailinova
- \$75 4th Prize – Lisa Pitkat
- \$50 5th Prize – Terez Mekuto



*Assembling packs*



*Happy recipients*



*Gift bags at  
Matthew Paterson*

We were also pleased to offer a second raffle incentive. Every student in our School Age programs who sold a book of raffle tickets was entered into a second raffle to win their choice of a free week of Day Camp, a free week of Vacation Camp, or a month’s Before or After School tuition.

Our Winners:

- Camp After School Program – Dylan F.
- Kent Elementary School – Abigail R.
- Matthew Paterson Elementary School – Julian U.

We could not be more grateful to all of our supporters. Thank you!

## SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

### Special Guests Visit Our Sites



*Meeting the author*

Bobby Palazzo visited our after school program at Matthew Paterson Elementary School this winter. Bobby has been a Carmel resident for over thirty years, married for over 34 years, with two sons and one grandson, Angelo, for whom he wrote Christmas for Angelo. When he is not being inspired by his grandson to write children's books, he is a realtor with World Homes Realty and a driver trainer with MV Transit in Putnam County. Bobby had been writing poems for many years before branching out into children's literature.

The children greatly enjoyed having a book read to them by the book's actual author! We are so happy to have community partners who will share their passions and work with our students. It shows our campers that they can do anything they put their minds to.



*Finding the beat*

John Arrucci, world-renowned percussionist, visited our After School Programs to bring our students together through music. John provides enough percussion instruments for every child and creates an atmosphere of acceptance so that students feel comfortable playing an instrument that they may not have even seen before—some even took solos! Many thanks to John for making music with our students. You can learn more about John and his programs at [johnarrucci.com](http://johnarrucci.com).

**We are proud to announce that Bob Gentile, our Executive Director, and Camp Herrlich are being honored by the Putnam County Land Trust with their Blue Heron Award for contributing to a culture in which respect for the natural landscape is promoted. Thank you Putnam County Land Trust, and we will continue to do our best in this area.**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!  
GOLF  
OUTING  
2015**



**Monday, June 1, 2015**  
**The Mercedes-Benz  
 Golf Invitational to Benefit  
 Camp Herrlich**  
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**Come and join us!**  
**For more information:**  
[www.campherrlich.org](http://www.campherrlich.org)

## SUMMER 2015 PROGRAMS Summer Artists in Residence

We are happy to present Camp Herrlich's first ever Artists in Residence! For four weeks of Summer 2015, we will have two amazing arts teachers with us. Here is more about them.



*Stephanie Schleicher*

Camp Herrlich's Journalism and Design program will be joined by the H. G. Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment's Media Workshop. Stephanie Schleicher, our artist-in-residence, is a freelance videographer/editor with twenty years of experience teaching young people how to harness their creative power through film. She has taught filmmaking, animation, and editing for H. G. Fairfield Arts' Young Filmmakers Atelier at George Fischer Middle School, Katonah Art Center, Pelham Picture House, Jacob Burns Media Arts Lab, French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts, Pelham Art Center, and Croton Academy of Arts. Locally, she is proud to be the Media Coordinator for H. G. Fairfield Media Workshop in Brewster and also sits on the board for the Village of Brewster Film Festival. Ms. Schleicher has established dynamic, exciting, curriculum-based video programs as an artist-in-residence for organizations and camps throughout New York State. Stephanie has also conducted numerous elementary, middle, and high school residencies, exploring everything from silent movies about immigration to documentaries about the presidential election. Working as a freelance videographer/editor, Stephanie Schleicher continues to produce and direct her own films, which have appeared in festivals internationally.

Stephanie will be working with our Sleepaway Campers during Session 1 of Sleepaway Camp, July 5-17, and with our Day Campers during Week 9 of Day Camp, August 24-28. Our campers will write, shoot, and edit their own films. We look forward to sharing them with you!

We are proud to introduce another Artist in Residence for Summer 2015! Nikki Sanders Siriani comes to us from Seven Star School of Performing Arts (sevenstarschool.com) and will be working with our Day and Sleepaway Campers. Nikki will be doing a week of Musical Theater Dance August 3-7 and a week of Hip Hop August 10-14. We are thrilled to have her as part of our summer team.



*Nikki Sanders Siriani*

Nikki is a professional performance artist and has been a proud member of Actors' Equity since 2004. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, she has worked professionally as an actress, dancer, vocalist, choreographer, vocal coach, and director throughout the tri-state region and has been developing children's theatre in Westchester County for many years. She found her love of theatre at age 8 while playing Annie and choreographed her first musical at 14 years of age, which quickly multiplied into over 25 full scale productions to date.

Her numerous credits include productions with Connecticut Repertory Theatre, Surflight Theatre, Seven Angels Theatre, and the Warner Theatre. Her favorite and most challenging role is mom to her 4 1/2 year old twins.

### Bob's Corner

#### A Message from Our Executive Director



Hi Folks,

Well, what a year it was. 2014 had many wonderful, passionate, and simply amazing people who were a part of the Camp Herrlich family. We developed new donors, volunteers, staff, campers, students, and well-wishers. In Camp Herrlich's usual way, we helped staff become leaders and good role models, we worked hard to make sure our donors and volunteers were proud to support Camp Herrlich, and most importantly we served many new and returning children and families in a caring, safe, friendly, and loving camp environment.

We are truly grateful for the many people who believed in us over the years and will continue to work hard to make a positive difference in this world, as they say.... one child at a time.

*Peace,  
Bob Gentile, Executive Director*



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## **Camp Changes Lives**



*Fun and  
Fellowship*



*Fashion  
Show*

For the third consecutive year, over 135 camp people and their friends gathered in New York City on Friday, February 27, 2015 for a night of reconnection to Camp Herrlich and fund raising for the Herrlich Scholarship Fund. Helmed by the Gentile children—Alicia, Michelle, Nicole, and Greg—this exciting event held at Proper West raised over \$13,000 to send inner-city kids to camp. Guests enjoyed an open bar, dance music, and delicious passed hors d'oeuvres. They were also entertained with an interactive runway fashion show by Tremper T Apparel. Beautiful models showcased their 2014-2015 apparel line by dancing down the runway to funky music. The silent auction had amazing prizes donated by Trump

National Golf Club, Cross Fit Bell, STARR Restaurants, Ace Endico, and many more. The bidding war played out all evening and we congratulate all the winners. We heartily thank everyone who attended the event in support of camp, with a special thanks to Putnam County Savings Bank for being a Maple Sponsor. We look forward to next year!

Tremper T Apparel is a new fashion brand born out of the idea that fashion and camping can coexist. 100% of the proceeds go directly to Camp Herrlich. Please visit them at [www.tremperapparel.com](http://www.tremperapparel.com) or on Facebook and Instagram.