

## Trinity Day: Continued

Chris Grenier, Group Coordinator

I can't conclude my description of the day without mentioning two things. One, the temperature dropped suddenly after lunch and by mid-afternoon it poured down rain. That ended the festivities rather abruptly at about 3:00pm. Two, I was so proud of how every Trinity Center employee put his/her back into it that day with each department doing its part joyfully and as planned. Our employees continue to be a reason that people return to Trinity Center. With friends like you who read this newsletter, and those who attended Trinity Day, and with employees as devoted as ours, Trinity Center will surely stand the test of time.

Thank you again to our Trinity Day auction donors! (listed to the right)

## Trinity's Shining Stars!

The Trinity Center Shining Stars are nominated by department heads and chosen by Trinity Center's Executive Director, Penn Perry. Each person is honored with a certificate and a monetary gift and presented at Trinity Center's quarterly board meetings. The Trinity Center Board is proud to announce that Billy Lee, Point of Arrival, and Ethel Midgett, Housekeeping, were the Shining Star recipients in May. Brenda Lee, Administration, and Ella Heckman, Sound to Sea, were the recipients in September. Congratulations and thank you so much for the hard work you do to make Trinity a successful place!

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## The Way Forward:

-Penn Perry, Executive Director

Hi Friend of Trinity Center. Summer always seems really busy around here, and of course I am glad that it does. This summer seemed especially hectic to me, for two very important reasons: my sons Win and Holt. The boys are now eight months old and doing very well. They sleep a fair bit of every night, and Heather and I have become card-carrying members of the "Early to bed/Early to rise" club. We continue adapting to the boys' ever-changing rhythms and learning how best to care for them in different situations. We are being stretched, and we are stretching without breaking.



Luckily for us we both have long-term histories in childcare. Heather worked on staff at Camp Trinity for six summers, and I just completed my twenty-fifth summer at Trinity Center. While for most of those years I too was involved primarily as a Camp Trinity staffer, I now have almost six years under my belt as executive director of Trinity Center. In those six years, and especially in those six summers, I have learned a thing or two about adapting to ever-changing rhythms.

Sound-to-Sea Summer Day Camp and Camp Trinity run concurrently most of the summer, so we have two separate childcare operations going on both sides of Trinity Center property. While those programs are running, we are also doing steady conferencing business during the week and on weekends. We are blessed to have this camp and conference center at the beach, and it makes sense that so many of our groups want to come when they can take full advantage of that beach.

While the Trinity Center staff was stretching to accommodate so many guests, they also continued their commitment to the Trinity and Beyond capital campaign. Staff members did all the stuffing and labeling for the 6000-piece mailing that you hopefully received in July. In August, Trinity Center staff outdid themselves in extending radical hospitality to almost 500 members of the Diocese of East Carolina when we hosted Trinity Day. Our hope was to generate enthusiasm within the diocese by reminding them what a unique resource they have in Trinity Center. I believe we succeeded beyond our wildest dreams. I can honestly say that I have never been prouder of the Trinity Center staff.

The capital campaign has now raised just about \$1,000,000 for Trinity Center. To date, we have spent almost \$185,000 around property on maintenance that had been deferred for far too long. Roofs have been rebuilt, air conditioners and ductwork have been replaced, and a buttressing wall has been built to protect Dorm D. I walk around property and point out with pride all the work that has been completed that could not have been without the generosity of many donors.

My goal and desire as executive director is to protect the many ministries of this property, especially the children's ministries. One important way to protect those ministries is to ensure that the property can be well-maintained into the future. A successful Trinity and Beyond campaign points the way forward to a healthy endowment fund and a far healthier Trinity Center. Thanks to all who continue to help us on our way.

## Camp Trinity: Summer 2012 Success!

-Mary Beth Gay, Camp Trinity Director

Camp Trinity had another fun-filled fabulous summer! In 2012, Camp Trinity served 653 children (more than last year!) - to do so took 20 staff, 9 session leaders, 6 nurses, 15 CIT'S (counselors-in-training), and 40 Adventurers Camp Volunteers.

This year, we disbursed over \$40,000 out of the scholarship fund. Our scholarship fund allows us to continue to operate on a need-blind basis, so that all children who obtain a place at camp are able to attend camp, and so that Christian community is available to all our children. This fund is replenished yearly by individuals and churches of the Diocese of East Carolina.

I feel so blessed to continue to be a part of Camp Trinity and I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve the children of our diocese. To all who helped camp along the way this past summer, you have my deepest thanks.



# Summer Sound to Sea Day Camp: Reaches out to Alumni

Mindy Furrer, Program Director

Sound to Sea Day Camp has traditionally been offered to campers in rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This summer campers who had aged out of the Sound to Sea day camp were invited back to participate in the Sound to Sea All Stars Program! For years we have been hearing from the campers who have aged out of Trinity Center's Sound to Sea day camp about how much they would love to return to camp. This year we opened a session just for them. From July 2-6 Summer Sound to Sea ran Day Camp for campers who are in rising 7-9<sup>th</sup> grade. They enjoyed all of the things they remember about Summer Sound to Sea only at a higher level. They went into the sound and fished for critters but they also did water quality tests. They scooped macro invertebrates and other animals out of the pond and also learned about aquaculture and the importance of fresh water through hands on games. They had the opportunity to dissect a squid, learn about whales from the inside out and of course swim in the ocean. The campers ended the week by sharing with friends and family science fair projects they had created during camp during our open house. The campers had such a wonderful time we will once again offer an All Star camp next summer running July 1-5.



### Trinity Center's Vision Statement:

*"Trinity Center welcomes all people to the spiritual home of Episcopalians of East Carolina, where we share God's gifts of community and hospitality in a natural coastal environment."*

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# Trinity Day: Revived and a Huge Success!

Chris Grenier, Group Coordinator

History repeated itself on August 19<sup>th</sup> here at Trinity Center when the Diocese of East Carolina revived Trinity Day, a celebratory day in honor of Trinity Center. It was a day to invite our friends from all over the diocese to their beach retreat center as the summer waned. It was a day to gather in God's presence, hear joyful music, and be at peace.

Yes, it was another hot and humid summer day. My regrets go out to those who ended up sitting in the sun during the service.

Former group coordinator at Trinity Center, Jacque Mason, recalled in a recent email she sent how the Trinity Day idea began 20 or so years ago:

*"I have such wonderful memories of ALL the wonderful Trinity Day celebrations in the Centrum...the Pepsi wagon...etc. I remember almost every word of the conversation when I told Joe Cooper that it was SUCH a shame that nobody got to hear all that beautiful music at the end of the [annual church music] conference (except me and a few of the kitchen staff). He jumped right on it!! The very next year Trinity Day was "born"."* – Jacque Mason

Trinity Day 2012 began with the celebration of Holy Eucharist in Camp Trinity's much loved Centrum building, the only space here that can accommodate the 500 persons who were in attendance. The choir of the annual Church Music Conference presented music rehearsed during their conference weekend. Dr. David Hurd, clinician, rehearsed and conducted the adult choir. Ginger Wyrick led the youth choir, and the music of the rented Johannus organ could be heard across the entire campus. Bishops Daniel and Marray presided.

After the wonderful service we served lunch buffet style in our two dining rooms. Many persons used take-out boxes and picnicked by the pools, at the beach pavilion or in the rockers. I was pleased to see so many people taking advantage of the various parts of the property. Both the Pepsi Wagon and Cold Stone Creamery Ice Cream Truck were visited often on such a hot day, with all proceeds going directly to the Trinity and Beyond Capital Campaign.

We also used this opportunity to hold our first ever silent auction which we set up in the Main Conference Building. Thank you to all who donated and bid on items for this successful affair. (Continued on page 2)

