



Michael Scholz Memorial Charitable Fund

HONORING MICHAEL'S MAGIC

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Campers swimming back after observing a historical schooner which sank in 1930



MICHAEL SCHOLZ OF KEY BISCAIYNE

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Campers Snorkel to Discover a Sunken Historical Schooner

The campers, donning preservers, snorkels and masks, jumped off a boat, feet first, into the waters of Biscayne Bay. They grabbed on to a long tether attached to the boat. Once obtaining their sea legs, they dove down into the water's depths to observe and marvel at the shipwreck called the Half Moon, a schooner built in Germany in 1908. The schooner sank in 1930 after a storm broke her moorings.

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What a Wonderful World

A sweet faced, little 7 year old girl confided in me that she used to panic in deep water. "After coming to Michael's Magic Camp, I now love snorkeling and learning about stingrays, manatees and seahorses."

I asked a 13 year old boy, "What would you be doing if you were not at camp?" He said, "I am so happy to be here. If I weren't here, I would be at home in bed sleeping because there is nothing to do."

Michael's Magic Camp brings children from the inner city to the fresh air of the seaside where they have fun, create, swim, laugh and learn during their summer break. Michael's Magic Camp offers four weeks of happiness that creates life-long memories for over 85 children each year.

Let's Keep Michael's Spirit of Giving to Children Alive!

This month Michael would be celebrating his 37th Birthday on October 27th. He died at the young age of thirty. In the spirit of Michael's passion for the outdoors and love of children, Michael's Magic Camp will celebrate its 8th season.

Despite the fact that our organization has deeply felt the economic hard times, we have not lost touch with our commitment to carry on Michael's legacy of empowering our inner city children with an appreciation, knowledge and enjoyment of the treasures of our Floridian seaside.

We depend on you, now more than ever, to help keep this magical camp flourishing. Please consider making a gift so that we can continue to reach out to offer knowledge and fun to the under-served children in our community.

Suzanne Bellucci
Executive Director



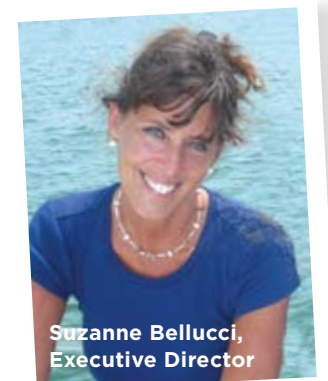
Suiting up to go kayaking



Key Biscayne Lighthouse



Campers learning to kayak on Biscayne Bay



Suzanne Bellucci, Executive Director

"I liked kayaking because you depend on the other person and have to communicate to make the boat go straight."
Vincent, 12 years old



"I want to come back—I love the food at camp. I also like art because I made a rose out of clay."
Kimberly, 10 years old



Boating to the Half Moon shipwreck



Examining a millipede



Campers dissecting a squid



"We can enjoy swimming like Michael did and see what he saw when he was alive and little."
Lachante, 9 years old



Art project

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Seagrass adventure

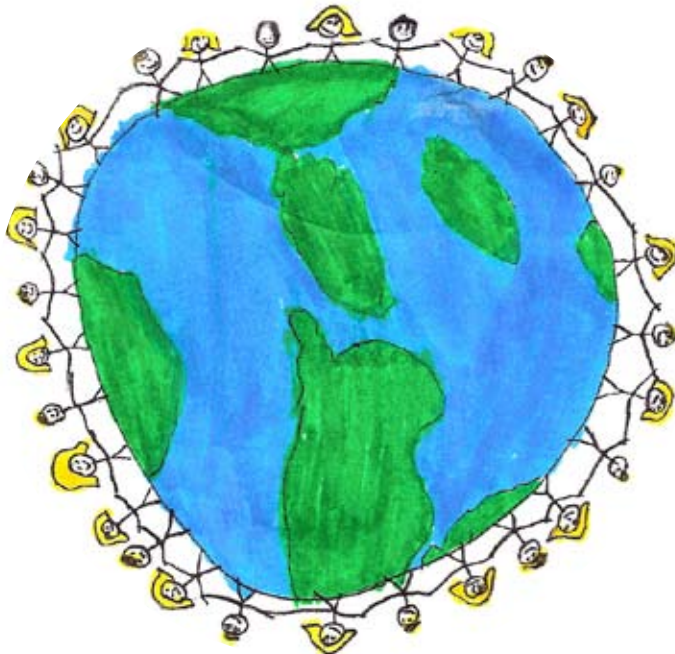
A Special Thank you From Susan

“We have many treasured moments of our Michael. In this picture, Michael and I were celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of his brother, Kevin. He was 10; similar in age to so many of the campers we have served for the last 7 years. During the next 20 years of his life Michael grew into the wonderful and loving man whose legacy now gives to these deserving children. We thank you for remembering and honoring him with us.”

Susan Scholz-Rubin



Michael and his Mother celebrating his brother's Bar Mitzvah



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OUR MISSION

The Michael Scholz Memorial Charitable Fund was established in the spring 2003 to celebrate the passion for the outdoors displayed by Michael Scholz during his lifetime. In Michael's memory and honor, the Fund exposes youth from diverse backgrounds to the natural beauty of places such as Key Biscayne and teaches them about South Florida's fragile environment through enriching hands-on experiences. The Fund is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization.