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CHELEY FOUNDATION

**Annual Report to Donors 2011**  
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*providing The Experience of a Lifetime*



# Letter from the Chair

Dear Friends and Contributors:

As you read through this Annual Report, you will see that the John Austin Cheley Foundation had an enormous impact on a record number of children in 2011. To all of you, our sincerest appreciation for your support this past year.

## *Among our many highlights in 2011:*

- **78 camperships** were awarded to children from all over the United States. These children attended one of our five associate camps who, as usual, provided experiences of the highest quality for our campers.
- **The Board of Trustees approved the use of a portion of our reserved funds to fully fund the Sis Cheley Endowment Fund, the Clay I. Colvig Memorial Campership Fund, and the Anna Belle Kritser Memorial Fund.** This brings the number of endowed camperships to nine.
- **The Board approved the hiring of our first-ever paid staff member to assist in the increasing administrative load.** With the tremendous growth in the number of children we send to camp each year, our desire to maintain the high quality of our selection and acceptance process, and volunteers spread out across the United States, it has become impossible to complete all that needs to be done in a timely and well organized manner. Our new administrative assistant, Karen Smith, lives with her husband and two children in Littleton, Colorado, attended summer camp as a child, and works part time for the Foundation from her home. She has made a tremendous difference in the efficiency of our organization, and her professionalism and dedication are very much appreciated.
- **We initiated a Fourth Summer program** that allows campers who have completed three JACF summers to apply for one additional summer. The Fourth Summer program involves campers demonstrating leadership while giving back to their community. Read more about the program on page 10.
- **We completely overhauled our website** to update it and make it user friendly. Please take a look if you haven't already, to see wonderful pictures and videos ([www.cheleyfoundation.org](http://www.cheleyfoundation.org)).

In 2011, the Board elected Alan Ater, Martha Livingston and Kirstin Eddings Sullivan as new trustees. The three new trustees have already done much work for the Foundation. Alan created the video, the link to which many of you received via email (and if you didn't, it's a must-see on our website). Martha is our liaison with Camp Kawanhee as well as an assistant with the leadership component of the Fourth Summer pilot program; and Kirstin has worked tirelessly with our campership committee to update and facilitate the application process.

Retiring from the board this year are John Enlund and Lora Stoppel. John has been an outstanding treasurer and made great improvements in our financial infrastructure. John's integrity and ethical standards assured all of us that our money is in good hands. Lora served the Foundation well as assistant treasurer and editor of the annual report for two years. Lora was creative and committed and was a true believer in the Foundation's mission. We thank both John and Lora for their dedication.

We are well into our planning for summer 2012 and another banner year for JACF. We send our heartfelt thanks for your support and generosity that allow us to change the lives of so many children.

Thank you,



**Jim Fuller**  
Chair

**Barbara Aaron Rosston**  
Vice-Chair  
Development



**Priscilla Walker Engeln**  
Vice Chair  
Camperships

## Our Mission

The John Austin Cheley Foundation serves to secure the benefits of a summer mountain camp experience for children whose family resources are not adequate to cover the costs.



# Associate Camps of the John Austin Cheley Foundation



**Camp Kawanhee**  
Weld, ME  
www.kawanhee.com



The mission of Camp Kawanhee's Frank Foundation is to provide boys and young men with experiential educational opportunities designed to encourage self-sufficiency and teamwork and an appreciation of the natural world. Our program consists of a summer session of seven weeks that promotes cooperative living in a safe and nurturing environment. We offer a rustic camp setting on the shores of a pristine lake surrounded by mountains, together with a staff sensitive to the needs of boys and a liberal arts philosophy that has stood the test of time, and yet continues to evolve. It is our hope that members of the Kawanhee community will return to their everyday lives as better, more productive citizens of the world.

**Cheley Colorado Camps**  
Estes Park, CO  
www.cheley.com



Since 1921, thousands of young people from every state and more than a dozen countries have come to Cheley Colorado Camps. The experience can change you. You become more independent and self-reliant. You face new challenges and form new relationships. You acquire confidence and initiate the lifelong process of self-discovery. The judgments and expectations that you bring from home start to drop away. You get in touch with your physical self and well-being. Fears are faced and conquered at this unique Colorado outdoor summer camp. Friendships develop and grow at Cheley Colorado Camps.

**Colvig Silver Camps**  
Durango, CO  
www.colvigsilvercamps.com



Colvig Silver Camps is a family owned, coed, residential summer camp. Our philosophy is environmentally oriented and non-competitive, and our choice based format is designed to develop self-esteem, leadership skills, responsibility, and teamwork. We believe that the challenges of outdoor education, fun, and adventure provide some of the best opportunities to achieve this goal.

**Friendly Pines Camp**  
Prescott, AZ  
www.friendlypines.com



We are a residential summer camp for all boys and girls ages 6-13. Friendly Pines Camp is a family-owned, independent camp.

The camp is accredited through the American Camp Association (ACA) and a member of the Western Association for Independent Camps (WAIC).

**Sanborn Western Camps**  
Florissant, CO  
www.sanbornwesterncamps.com



Since 1948, Sanborn Western Camps have been creating outdoor experiences of exceptional quality and depth. Our fun, relaxed atmosphere and caring staff provide a supportive environment for individual growth in self-confidence, independence, and awareness of others. Each child's contributions are valued in a community based on mutual respect and shared adventures.





# 78 Campers in Summer 2011!

## Cheley Colorado Camps

### **First Summer**

#### **Sage Bigford**

Sonoita, AZ  
Recruiter: Annette Koweek

#### **Madeline Brasher**

Paragould, AR  
Recruiter: Don Purcell

#### **Ashlynn Brooks**

Norman, OK  
Recruiter: Barbara Rice

#### **Savanna Brown**

Philadelphia, PA  
Recruiter: Ryan Lauder Milch

#### **Anisah Clark**

Minneapolis, MN  
Recruiter: Nicole Brandrup

#### **Lindsey Daniels**

Littleton, CO  
Recruiter: Karen Fowler Smith

#### **Jakubb Fahrenkrug**

McCausland, IA  
Recruiter: David Griffin

#### **Raymond Filsinger**

Pompano Beach, FL  
Recruiter: Jennifer Frehling

#### **Nasir Green**

Seattle, WA  
Recruiter: Cecile Delafield

#### **Skye Greer**

Seattle, WA  
Recruiter: Molly McGuffie

#### **Connor Hill**

New Orleans, LA  
Recruiter: Brooke Cheley-Klebe

#### **Kelli Huff**

Atlanta, GA  
Recruiter: Akil Rashid

#### **John Lancaster**

Bartlesville, OK  
Recruiter: Vanessa Drummond

#### **Dejon Love**

St. Petersburg, FL  
Recruiter: Doug Tuthill

#### **Mariah Lucero**

Littleton, CO  
Recruiter: Beth Best

### **Kalis McCubbin**

Littleton, CO  
Recruiter: Kathie Covell

### **Alex Moulton**

Fayetteville, AR  
Recruiter: Jacque Morris

### **Tatyana Parks**

Chicago, IL  
Recruiter: Cindy Hallums

### **Blue Watson**

Boulder, CO  
Recruiter: Teresa Berglund

### **Ammar Yahya**

Denver, CO  
Recruiter: Deborah Keller & Michael McGuire

### **Second Summer**

#### **Emily Allerheiligen**

Estes Park, CO  
Recruiter: Linda Hanick

#### **Claire Callaghan**

Sonoita, AZ  
Recruiter: Annette Koweek

#### **Dru Callaway**

Thornton, CO  
Recruiter: Jim Fuller

#### **McCarthy Fitch**

Lawrence, KS  
Recruiter: Lora Stoppel

#### **Alan Gonzalez**

San Diego, CO  
Recruiter: Katherine Richman

#### **Alexis Halvorsen**

Des Plaines, IL  
Recruiter: Rochelle Carman

#### **Eugene Hardy**

Denver, CO  
Recruiter: Darla Harrah

#### **Sarah Kozlowski**

Estes Park, CO  
Recruiter: Robert Dern

#### **Clarissa Leighou**

Tucson, AZ  
Recruiter: Judith Keller

#### **Kam Musser**

Columbus, OH  
Recruiter: Jackie & Andy Livingston

#### **Hannah Webb**

Minneapolis, MN  
Recruiter: John Kundtz

### **Third Summer**

#### **Dimitri Culpepper**

Minneapolis, MN  
Recruiter: John Kundtz

#### **Kevin Perez**

Dallas, TX  
Recruiter: Bob Kohler

#### **Michael Sherwood**

Lakeville, CT  
Recruiter: Katherine Gannett

#### **Carly Soden**

Milford, NJ  
Recruiter: Sally Strasser

### **Fourth Summer**

#### **Sierra Johnson**

Littleton, CO  
Recruiter: Tom McGonagle

#### **Meaghan Kay**

Costa Mesa, CA  
Recruiter: Jim Fuller

#### **Allison Radcliff**

Long Grove, IA  
Recruiter: David Griffin

## Colvig Silver Camps

### **First Summer**

#### **Tristan Babbitt-Sampson**

Richfield, MN  
Recruiter: Craig Bower

#### **Bella Bussian**

Durango, CO  
Recruiter: Lindsay Nyquist

#### **Aiden Egan**

Page, AZ  
Recruiter: Sarah Finney

#### **Dominique Ender**

Miami Beach, FL  
Recruiter: Jennifer Frehling

#### **Adrian Jackson**

Littleton, CO  
Recruiter: Lisa Snyder

#### **Alejandro Leon**

Littleton, CO  
Recruiter: Melisa Wesswick

#### **Kylie Lundeen**

Littleton, CO  
Recruiter: Sandra Adams-Berger

#### **Sabrina Neskahi**

Durango, CO  
Recruiter: Lindsay Nyquist

#### **Aspen Park**

Atkinson, IL  
Recruiter: Catherine Bishop

### **Gustav Sjostrom**

Vaxholm, Sweden  
Recruiter: Sam Frostman

### **Second Summer**

#### **Jonathan Backus**

Smyrna, TN  
Recruiter: Brianna Simmons

#### **Alessandra Cooper**

North Bay Village, FL  
Recruiter: Jennifer Frehling

#### **Cloud Spitzfaden**

Westcliffe, CO  
Recruiter: Sam Frostman

#### **Sam Wagner**

Kansas City, KS  
Recruiter: Matthew Reitemeier

### **Third Summer**

#### **India Fernandez**

Westcliffe, CO  
Recruiter: Sam Frostman

#### **Hayley Suiter**

Austin, CO  
Recruiter: Amie Podolsky

## Friendly Pines Camp

### **Second Summer**

#### **Sabien Najim**

Cave Creek, AZ  
Recruiter: Kevin Nissen

### **Third Summer**

#### **Connor Guest**

Anthem, AZ  
Recruiter: Nancy Hushek

## Kawanhee Camp For Boys

### **First Summer**

#### **Peter Gorman**

Chicago, IL  
Recruiter: Cindy Hallums

#### **Jaakob Lundy**

Weld, ME  
Recruiter: Jane Standen

#### **Randy Vu**

Littleton, CO  
Recruiter: Sarah Cramer

### **Second Summer**

#### **Jesse Clauss**

Weare, NH  
Recruiter: Kate Schoedinger

#### **Hunter Salamone**

Fairhope, AL  
Recruiter: Brenda Saltz

#### **Sean Testa**

Weld, ME  
Recruiter: Kristin Tyler

## Sanborn Western Camps

### **First Summer**

#### **Jonathan Barron**

Englewood, CO  
Recruiter: Travis Amonson

#### **Desean Bonner**

Gaitherburg, MD  
Recruiter: Valentine Davies

#### **Ariana Castagna**

Salisbury, CT  
Recruiter: Katherine Gannett

#### **Anneka Daalhuizen**

West Cornwall, CT  
Recruiter: Katherine Gannett

#### **Sam Leavitt**

Moultonborough, NH  
Recruiter: Jeff Roberts

#### **Mechaela Lundeby**

Gunnison, CO  
Recruiter: Megan McKinley

#### **Delaney McCormick**

Huxley, IA  
Recruiter: Maggie McGill

#### **Amber Ovitt**

Falls Village, CT  
Recruiter: Katherine Gannett

### **Second Summer**

#### **Cyreine Adams**

Laguna Niguel, CA  
Recruiter: Christine Fugate

#### **Alize Adams-Pugh**

Upper Arlington, OH  
Recruiter: Jackie & Andy Livingston

#### **Mimi Chapman**

Denver, CO  
Recruiter: Sara Zimmerman

#### **Rachel Flores**

Minneapolis, MN  
Recruiter: Nicole Brandrup

#### **Patrick Gordon**

North Canaan, CT  
Recruiter: Katherine Gannett

#### **Zack Hrovat**

Parker, CO  
Recruiter: Jane Sanborn

#### **Autumn Padilla**

Monument, CO  
Recruiter: Libby Malone

#### **Michael Tagani**

Kent, CT  
Recruiter: Katherine Gannett



## Kudos to Our Recruiters

A special thanks to the following recruiters for their many years of service and dedication:

Nicole Brandrup	David Griffin	Lindsay Nyquist
Rochelle Carman	Cindy Hallums	Tom McMonagle
Valentine Davies	Linda Hanick	Sally Strasser
Jennifer Frehling	Nancy Hushek	Sara Goodwin
Jim Fuller	Annette Koweek	Zimmerman
Katherine Gannett	John Kundtz	

**How does the John Austin Cheley Foundation find great applicants for our Camperships?** JACF has an extensive national network of Recruiters/Sponsors who identify potential campers who may qualify for a John Austin Cheley Foundation campership. (If you are reading this, YOU could become one of our Recruiters in the future if you are not already a Recruiter.)

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What are the qualifications for a JACF campership?**

1. The John Austin Cheley Foundation looks for youth, ages 10 – 15, who exhibit high moral character and leadership potential. This young person would benefit from a summer camp experience but simply lacks the financial resources to afford an extended-stay camp.
2. The family income needs to be less than \$65,000. The application requires verification of family finances including a copy of the first page of the income tax form or other verification of finances.
3. The understanding from the youth/family that the camper will be away from home for 3-4 weeks during the summer.

**To proceed to the application process**, there must be a Recruiter for the camper. A Recruiter is a non-familial adult who can support the potential camper/family through the application process. The application is comprehensive and requires three recommendations from non-family members including at least one from a teacher and/or school official.

**I want to be a Recruiter. How do I begin?** Identify a deserving youth. To locate deserving youth, Recruiters can ask friends and neighbors, ask people who work in schools, call the counseling office at a school, ask those involved in Scouting programs, inquire at the local Girls and Boys Clubs, check with youth pastors, or ask coaches to suggest names of boys or girls who would qualify for a JACF campership. Any of these sources can lead Recruiters to personable youngsters who would grow from a summer camp program. Go to [www.cheleyfoundation.org](http://www.cheleyfoundation.org). Click on Campers. Click on Recruiters.

**I have identified a potential camper that I think qualifies for a JACF camper scholarship. Now what?** Contact Karen Smith at [karensmith.jacf@gmail.com](mailto:karensmith.jacf@gmail.com) to proceed to the application process.



## A Partnership is Forged Between JACF, Local Schools, and Dick's Sporting Goods

In 2011, the John Austin Cheley Foundation partnered with Goddard Middle School and East Elementary School in Littleton, Colorado, to help identify deserving students who would benefit from an extended summer camp experience. After presenting the opportunity to the school administration, school staff members jumped at the chance to be able to provide this type of life-changing experience for some of their students. The administrative and counseling teams discussed and nominated students who would meet the eligibility requirements for a JACF campership award, presented the opportunity to the students and their parents, and served as the JACF recruiters for the students who were nominated. Five students from Goddard and two students from East Elementary applied and were accepted by JACF to attend camp in the summer of 2011. Three of the seven students attended Colvig Silver Camps, two attended Cheley Camps, one attended Sanborn Western Camps, and one attended Camp Kawanee for Boys.

Once the students were accepted, community members and Dick's Sporting Goods stepped in to help the students and their families acquire all of the clothing and gear they would need for their time at camp. Many individuals donated gently used top-of-the-line gear and made financial contributions, and Dick's offered us tremendous discounts on the day that JACF took all the kids shopping. Dick's had three salespeople ready for our group to help with sizing, product selection, and to answer questions from the students--for most of them, this was the first time they had ever looked at camping, hiking, and outdoor adventure gear. JACF extends our sincere thanks to Dick's Sporting Goods in Centennial, Colorado, for all of their help and support.



# Letters from 2011 Campers



“ I tried so many new things that helped me grow as a human being. If I hadn't gone to camp, I probably wouldn't have tried kayaking, archery, and many other activities. Before camp I was super scared about trying any water activities, but now I am more comfortable in the water. By going to camp I got to meet kids from all around the world and across the United States.

—Randy

“ One of the things that I got the most out of is being away from home, because I don't play outside and I play lots of video games. I also got more creative from sewing, more brave from water skiing, and got more endurance from tennis. [Because] of all of this, I got the student of the month in November.

—Sabien

“ Thank you for the experience last summer! I had the best time I have ever had in my whole life! I learned a lot more things about the outdoors and the wilderness and I LOVED it. It helped me become more mature, and it helped me appreciate more things back home that I take for granted. I learned that I can do a lot more than I thought I ever could.

—Sam

“ The challenges I faced at Cheley are helping me to grow as a person. Each time I tried something new, I worked hard to meet the challenge. This was especially true of mountain hikes because I continue to have a fear of heights, but the counselors encouraged me to keep trying. Although I did not always achieve success, I learned that it was okay and that I could always try again, which I did. I will put this philosophy to use during the coming year as I face challenges at school and in other activities.

—Connor

“ I had the chance to do things that I never would have gotten to do if I hadn't gone to camp, such as fishing, backpacking, canoeing, and horseback riding. I got the chance to try many new things and discovered that I really like hiking and canoeing! I also learned a lot about myself at camp this summer. It brought out some personality traits that I never really knew I had and helped develop them too. Some traits were that I am really outgoing, funny, positive, and persistent. I found out that people like me for just being me and I felt I could really be myself at camp without others judging me. I have been carrying those traits with me to eighth grade, and I have found that I have been making friends much more easily and in my classes I have been much more positive and enthusiastic. It has even been affecting my school work because I have been working hard and been persistent in trying to understand all of the criteria in all of my classes.

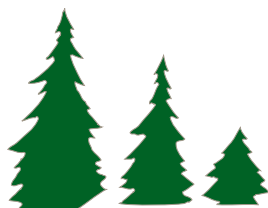
—Kylie

“ Last year's camp experience was very important to my personal growth. Each time I have returned home from camp, I understand more about how to handle things. My first summer in BTE helped me grow up. My second summer gave me the ability to see the world as if it were all mine.

—McCarthy

“ I learned that I have to be thankful and show my appreciation to my family for everything they do. I also learned that I have to work hard to get where I want to get. I noticed that after camp, I became more of a confident teenager.

—Alan





## Letters from 2011 Campers

“ Sanborn really changes me each year. This year taught me more about myself than ever. I learned that no matter how much I don't think I can do something, if I convince myself, I can do it. I also learned that when I constantly encourage others, often it turns into self-motivation for me because it makes me want to be more of a leader. Sanborn also gives me the opportunity to meet many different kinds of people with many different personalities. They teach you many things about different places. Without the campership, I wouldn't get the opportunity to learn about myself and get this wonderful experience with the best people in the world, who happen to be my family now.

—Michael



“ The one month at camp changed me in more ways than the years at my own home could. I made the best and closest friends I have ever had, and learned my own strength and my will to achieve anything. I overcame my hatred of the outdoors, and came to appreciate it, in all of its beauty and generosity, and it let me gain a new understanding of myself and everyone else in my life.

—Isabella

“ The biggest challenge I faced was when I was on my Sole Mountain trip and climbing 3 fourteeners in one week. The hardest one for me was Mount Elbert. They wanted to get me off the mountain, but I wouldn't let them because I was so close to the summit. So I pushed myself and I made it. This year has changed me and taught me new things about myself. It showed how mentally strong I am. Camp taught me that all things are not easy as you think, or as they appear to you.

—Patrick

“ I hiked 6.5 miles carrying a 45-pound pack and completed the whole trip, which was just awesome. Riding a horse bareback was something I'd never done before and the thrill was beyond belief. I outcamped which was a privilege I'd never had before and all the campers and counselors made it an unforgettable experience. I learned that no matter how weak or tired I am, I can overcome any obstacle that comes my way. From that I also learned that pushing myself beyond my limits shows how easy it is to accomplish the goals that seem impossible. I also learned that through the Code of Living I am never alone and that there is always someone there to encourage me.

—Ammar



# Letters from 2011 Campers' Parents



“ It was Tristan’s first chance to view the darkness of the night sky and realize there are so many stars. He also learned to survive without the conveniences of home and was able to make quick and common sense decisions because of it.

“ Jonathan has more confidence in himself and his abilities to be on his own and take care of himself. He’s learned to travel independently. While developing a strong sense of who he is in character and beliefs, he also has learned to blend, and enjoy people who see things differently than he does. Each summer he returns more mature, I see confidence building in him and a surety of who he is and what he wants out of life.

“ Isaac is profoundly skilled at remaining calm. I really see this skill become stronger each year he attends camp. Colvig really works at keeping campers in a respectful and kind way of communicating with one another. Isaac’s much less likely to be judgmental of his peers because of camp time working on this skill. Although Isaac is very balanced, he can struggle with leadership and speaking in public. However, when he is at camp, the new peers and environment help him to better use this part of himself. When he returns to regular life, he walks taller, leads more and leaves the insecurity behind.

“ Annika was able to travel to a new, far away place independent of her parents, but with a group of new friends and learn some self-confidence. She was able to meet new people, make new friendships and learn to be part of a large group of girls on a daily basis and to count on them and to be counted on. She learned more responsibility for herself and as part of a group, and responsibility for the horses as well. She learned to work through homesickness (and now camp sickness). She learned to cope without technology and that she didn’t miss it as much as she thought she would. She needs more stationery as she can write a lot of letters in a month! She learned that she is likable.

“ Delaney couldn’t stop talking about camp prior to going. Once she returned it was all she could still talk about. Delaney filled us in on every detail of every adventure, all of which seemed equally important and fun to her. She is a trooper who will try anything once. She tried camp, away from family and home and is eager to return. Of all her experiences, I believe she learned the most by being away from home, friends and family immersed in nature, with “strangers.” She took this opportunity to make friends and take chances allowing her to grow as a person.



“ I believe Alize learned that there are responsibilities for everyone regardless of race, finances, and age. She came back more willing to carry out her responsibilities.





## Letters from 2011 Campers' Parents



“ The camping experience meant the world to Lindsey. She was so worried about going but when she arrived at camp, she was made to feel so welcome. Everyone was so friendly. When Lindsey returned home she seemed more grown up, more confident, and more self-reliant. Her interest in horses has grown even more. You have given her an experience I could not provide her and she has blossomed with it. You showed her how very capable she really is!

“ Claire is much more self-confident now. She takes initiative now in ways she did not before (homework, housework, etc.) and she has grown socially as well.

“ This camping experience made Alan stronger and more secure than ever. It couldn't be better. He is about to start high school with so much confidence. This camp meant so much to him in every sense. He learned how to be more responsible, respectful and take care of himself better than ever. He is a young adult after camp. He LOVED every moment of it.

“ As an only child being raised by only his mother, this was an excellent time for Alex to be around other boys and men who could be positive influences on him. He had such fantastic experiences riding and training horses, hiking, and just learning to be comfortable being himself on his own away from home. When I picked him up, he was so happy and full of life—I've never seen him that way! Since his experience at camp, there have been marked positive effects in his demeanor and personality. He talks and shares more about his days and his thoughts. He's had more interest in physical activity and even joined cross-country at his new school. I think Alex learned that he can have meaningful bonds with people he might not have before even attempted friendships with. It has been a very valuable experience.





## JACF Campership: Fourth Summer Pilot Program

In 2011, the Foundation initiated a Fourth Summer program that allows campers who have completed three JACF summers to apply for one additional summer. A component of the Fourth Summer campership requires the camper to create and implement a long-term leadership project that demonstrates the characteristics of initiative, responsibility, and dependability. Fourth Summer campers are required to keep a journal to record all aspects of the experience. The journaling allows the camper and mentors to be aware of what the camper has learned from his/her service project.

In 2011, we had three Fourth Summer campers who completed projects in their local communities. Allison Radcliff worked with a Special Olympics basketball team at her local high school; Sierra Johnson created a website to list local volunteer opportunities for fellow high school students; and Meaghan Kay volunteered with Someone Cares to provide assistance to the homeless population in her community.

Many thanks to JACF Committee member Ann McCollum for her hours of mentoring these campers with their projects as the Foundation launched the highly successful initial year of this three-year pilot program.

## John Austin Cheley Foundation Raises Over \$86,000 on 2nd Annual Colorado Gives Day

Colorado Gives Day is an initiative of Community First Foundation to increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. Colorado residents were asked to “give where you live” on Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

To offer an easy, efficient giving experience, Community First Foundation encouraged individuals to use GivingFirst.org, its online resource to Colorado nonprofits. On this website, people could learn about and donate to any of the 928 participating charities, including the John Austin Cheley Foundation.\*

To motivate donors to give, FirstBank contributed \$300,000 to create an Incentive Fund that boosted the value of each donation. FirstBank, Community First Foundation, and ten other Colorado foundations covered the cost of the processing and credit card fees associated with online giving so that every dollar donated went directly to the participating nonprofit organizations.

In 2010, the inaugural Colorado Gives Day distributed \$8.7 million to 529 nonprofits across the state of Colorado. More than 52,000 individual donations were made during Colorado Gives Day 2011—an increase of 150 percent over last year’s 20,000 donations. Those 52,000 individuals donated \$12.4 million to Colorado nonprofit organizations on Colorado Gives Day 2011. After adding \$300,000 from the Incentive Fund, Community First Foundation distributed \$12.7 million to Colorado nonprofits for Colorado Gives Day 2011.

The John Austin Cheley Foundation received over \$86,000 in donations on Colorado Gives Day, including over \$2,000 from the Incentive Fund. This was a huge increase over last year’s JACF Colorado Gives Day total of \$46,000.

Thank you to all of you who donated to JACF on Colorado Gives Day, whether you live in Colorado or elsewhere. We appreciate your support and hope that you will participate in Colorado Gives Day 2012.

*\*To access the JACF profile on Giving First’s website, go to [www.givingfirst.org/johnaustinceleyfoundation](http://www.givingfirst.org/johnaustinceleyfoundation).*





## Our Endowed Camperships

An Endowed Campership is a donation of at least \$100,000, restricted to fund the costs of one or more camperships in perpetuity. Camperships may be named after the donor or anyone the donor chooses to honor or remember. This can be a living tribute to someone deserving of such recognition or a lasting memorial for a friend or loved one. The donor may also express a preference that the recipient of the campership attend a specific Associate Camp.

***If you are interested in establishing an endowed campership, please contact our Development Chair, Barb Rosston, at [barb@rosston.com](mailto:barb@rosston.com).***

- Reverdie and Jean Ater Memorial Endowed Campership
- Sis Cheley Memorial Endowed Campership
- Craig I. Colvig Memorial Endowed Campership
- The Anna Belle Kritser Memorial Endowed Campership
- The Kundtz/Tuohy Endowed Campership
- The John C. Lebor Memorial Campership
- The Carol and Ron Periard Family Campership
- The Robert Perkins Campership
- The Sanborn/Miller Endowed Campership



## Foundations 2011

- Rev. Abraham Kahu-Akaka Ministries Foundation
- John & Jacolyn Bucksbaum Family Foundation
- Butler Family Foundation
- The Chinook Foundation
- Crystal Waters Foundation
- Faegre & Benson Foundation
- Haughey Family Foundation
- Frances H. Ingham Foundation
- Jockey Hollow Foundation
- Kapp Family Foundation
- L & M Charitable Foundation
- Nelson Family Foundation
- Henry Safford Peacock Foundation
- Sam Price Family Foundation
- Upper Arlington Rotary Foundation
- The Jay Whipple Family Foundation

## Matching Gifts

- Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
- Enterprise Holdings Foundation
- Street Family Gift Fund
- Cheley Camps Staff  
The Cheley Camps staff once again donated a record amount — \$7,700, which was generously matched by Jeff and Erika Cheley, Don and Carole Cheley, Brooke and Kurt Klebe, the Microsoft Corporation and Enterprise Holdings Foundation. With the matches, the total donations reached almost \$40,000. This will allow us to send 8 additional campers for the summer of 2012.





# Contributors 2011

## Honorary Tributes

- 7 amazing years at Cheley
- Bill Deschner
- Pete & Thelma Gabel
- John Kundtz's 50th Birthday
- Debra Leibold
- Dean McCormick, Jr
- Lindsay Miller's 18th Birthday
- Erin Montgomery
- Emily Moss
- Barbara Baxter Pillinger
- Jay Smith's 80th Birthday
- Marriage of Jeffrey Tomlinson & Kathryn Quinlan
- Al & Sara Zimmerman

## Memorial Tributes

- Madonna Badger's Family
- Stephen Barkley
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- Jack Cheley
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The Summit Society recognizes and honors the extraordinary individuals whose planned gifts will provide a lasting legacy benefitting all the youth we serve. These generous people are motivated by their belief in the Foundation and their desire to help provide a camping experience for many. There are a number of ways to include JACF in your estate plans, but regardless of the option you choose, your gift will make a significant contribution to the Foundation. If you would like more information on joining the Summit Society by making a planned gift, please contact Barb Rosston at [barb@rosston.com](mailto:barb@rosston.com).

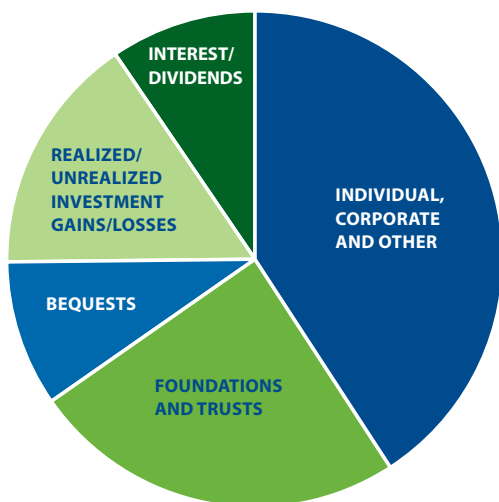


## Revenues, Gains and Other Support

For the Year Ending December 31, 2011

● Individual, Corporate and Other	60%	\$ 179,566.00
● Foundations and Trusts	36%	\$ 108,541.00
● Bequests	14%	\$ 41,125.00
● Realized/Unrealized Investment Gains/Losses	-23%	\$ -69,511.46
● Interest/Dividends	14%	\$ 41,949.00

**Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support \$ 301,669.50**

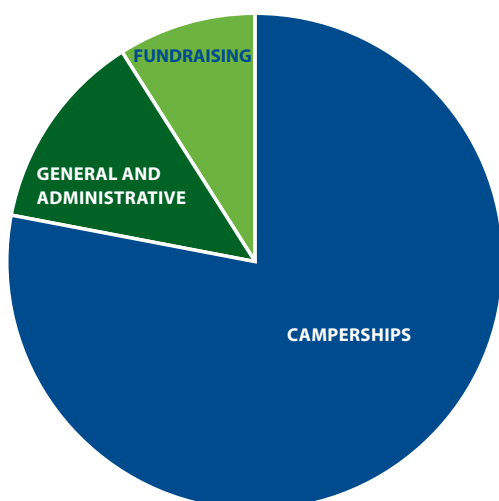


## Functional Expenses

For the Year Ending December 31, 2011

● Camperships	78%	\$ 308,228.00
● General and Administrative	13%	\$ 52,248.36
● Fundraising	9%	\$ 33,016.60

**Total Functional Expenses \$ 393,493.00**



Despite a challenging economic and investment environment, the Foundation had much to celebrate financially. Annual fundraising increased (3.2%) over 2010, which enabled us to increase the number of camperships to 78. The Board of Trustees took several steps to assure the long-term sustainability of camperships by fully funding to the the Craig I. Colvig, Sis Cheley and Anna Belle Kritser endowments to the \$100,000 "Endowed Campership" level. The Foundation also designated \$1.0 million of assets towards endowment, thus making it a reality that an additional 10 camperships will be available annually. All of this means that as of the end of 2011, the Foundation is able to provide 19 camperships in total in perpetuity.

2011 did prove to be a very difficult investment environment, as global markets continued to assess the rapidly changing perceptions of the European debt crisis and global economic growth rates. The JACF Investment Portfolio declined (1.66%) and underperformed its benchmarks, as it was positioned for a continued recovery of global equity valuations and not for the significant gains realized in fixed income securities. As we begin 2012, however, this positioning has paid off well and the portfolio has appreciated nicely and gains exceed benchmarks. We continue to monitor our investments for excessive risk and project that our portfolio will continue to appreciate to generate income to increase the number of camperships available in future years.

Core operations for 2011 showed a modest net loss for the year, as we both added staff to assist with day to day operations in our comprehensive campership award process, and contracted with a development consultant to help us expand our fundraising plans. As we head closer to our goal of sending 100 deserving kids to our five associate camps, we have begun to build the infrastructure to support and sustain our growth. It's hard to believe that over the last twelve years the Foundation has increased the number of camperships awarded by over 450%.

**Buffie Berger**  
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The financial information is unaudited at the time of the publication of our Annual Report and is thus subject to adjustments and modifications. The audited financial statements and related notes will be posted on our website and are to be included in our 990 non-profit tax filing for the year ending December 31, 2011.



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