



2007 Annual Report



Camp Fire USATM

Today's kids. Tomorrow's leaders.

ALASKA COUNCIL



A Message from the CEO and President of Camp Fire

Camp Fire's mission is to build caring, confident youth and future leaders. We see the results of our work each and every day as children learn to make decisions, develop new skills, and learn more about themselves, others and the natural world around them.

In reflection, we are delighted with the valuable services we have provided for our youth and families. Over the past year we opened additional after school programs in Anchorage and Eagle River. Our Rural Alaska program welcomed two new villages, Noorvik and Stebbins, and taught swimming and cold water survival skills to 700 Alaskan youth. The Service Learning Initiative expanded to provide youth at four Anchorage middle schools with opportunities for leadership and civic engagement. Additional long term plans for facility improvements at our beloved Camp Kushtaka will ensure that current and future generations of young Alaskans have the opportunity to experience and care for our natural environment.

We have accomplished much over the past year, but we must also report that there are challenges that Camp Fire faces. We see parents struggling to afford services so that they can go to work and provide for their families. Requests for financial assistance from Camp Fire increased two-fold and we provided over \$100,000 in fee assistance. We continually grapple with how to keep our programs affordable, when 35% of all Alaskan families are low-income and 30% are headed by a single parent. We pledge to continue our work in ensuring children from all economic backgrounds have access to our programs.

As we reflect on 2007 and look to the future, we are again reminded of how deeply grateful we are for our caring staff, dedicated board of directors, volunteers, generous donors, Camp Fire families, and community partners. Your support to Camp Fire touches individual lives in ways you may never know, but in ways that make a world of difference. Together we are stronger.



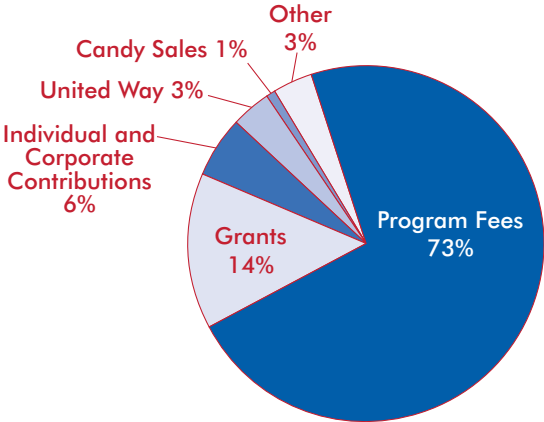
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CEO



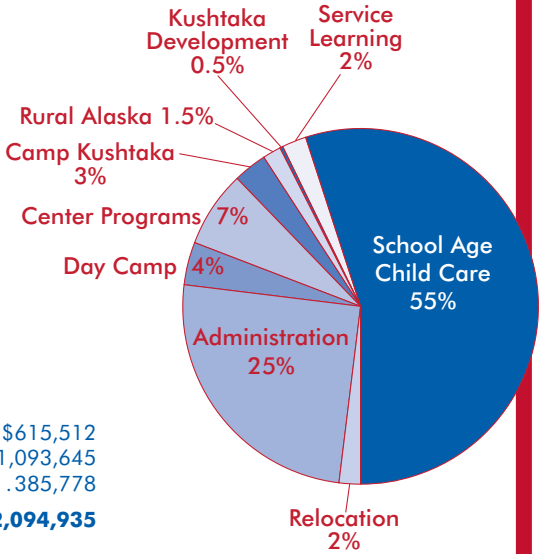
Kenneth M. Lord
President

Statement of Financial Position – December 31, 2007

2007 Revenues: \$4,837,058



2007 Expenses: \$5,191,734



Assets

Current	\$615,512
Long-term	1,093,645
Property	385,778
Total Assets	\$2,094,935

Liabilities

Current	\$312,453
Deferred Revenue	12,405
Long-term	28,003
Total Liabilities	\$352,861

Net Assets \$1,742,074

Audited financial statements for the year ending December 31st, 2007, were prepared by Mikunda, Cottrell & Co., Certified Public Accountants.

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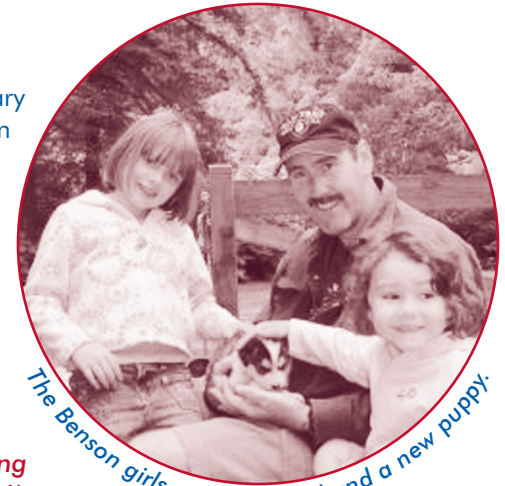
School Age Child Care

Licensed school age child care programs help working families and provide elementary youth with fun and enriching learning activities before and after school. Each program is located in the school where the children are enrolled, creating consistency and eliminating transportation worries for parents.

“They clearly care for the children and provide a fun learning environment...”

environment where all children are valued equally and learn to respect each other. I’m especially impressed with their ability to simultaneously provide fun and structure to children of all ages. Camp Fire is a critical partner to our family – and a wonderful, fun place that Ainsley enjoys. We look forward to our younger daughter joining the program next year.”

– The Benson Family
Fairbanks, Alaska



The Benson girls with their dad and a new puppy.

- 27 licensed programs in Anchorage
- 2 licensed programs in Fairbanks
- 1,200 children served daily

Community Center Program

Camp Fire's five community center programs are located in low-income neighborhoods and provide youth with safe and protected places to play, an extra measure of adult attention, help with homework, and opportunities to explore interests. Centers are free of charge to all youth and serve approximately 250 children each day.

"As a single mom with a full-time professional job, I find myself in a 'catch-22' when it comes to child care for my two daughters. I make too much to qualify for this and not enough to qualify for that. Camp Fire's Community Center at Central Lutheran has been such a wonderful blessing. When I pick my kids up their homework is done and they've had time to play. Damaiya and Delecia love that place, especially the staff. In so many ways, the staff there are like additional family members. It's a parenting partnership. When issues come up with my kids, and they do now and again, the staff always respond with 'what can we do to help your child, how can we work together on this?'"

– Leslie Vines
Anchorage

Community Center locations:

Anchorage: Loussac Manor,
Fairview Recreation Center,
Central Lutheran Church

Fairbanks: Spruce Park and Birch Park



Damaiya and Delecia with their favorite Camp Fire staff.

Summer Camps



One of Camp Fire USA's core values is the belief in the power of nature to awaken a child's senses, curiosity, and desire to learn. The Alaska Council's co-educational summer camps provide 1,000 young campers with meaningful group experiences that help them learn to respect and enjoy their natural environment while developing a stewardship ethic. The camps provide safe, fun and inclusive communities where youth learn new skills, make new friends and gain new levels of self confidence.

"Going to Camp Kushtaka was my daughter's first camp experience and also the first time she was away from home and family. She came home full of energy, so excited to tell me everything she did. She was a 'Sea Otter,' and that is now a way for me to get her attention and find her in a crowd of kids. It elicits a distinct sound. Please thank all the staff at Camp K for taking good care of my baby."

– 2007 Camp Parent

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- **Camp Kushtaka** is an overnight camp on Kenai Lake in Cooper Landing, serving campers ages 7 to 17.
- **Camp Si-La-Meo** is a day camp program in Anchorage located on the campus of Alaska Pacific University, serving campers ages 4 to 13.

CAMP FIRE USA PROVIDES OUTDOOR PROGRAMS WHICH FOSTER COMPETENCE, STEWARDSHIP, AND JOY WITH THE NATURAL WORLD.

Rural Alaska Program

The Rural Alaska Program teaches swimming and cold-water survival skills to children and teens who live in communities along Alaska's coasts and large rivers. In addition to water safety, the program brings along all the fun of summer camp and includes recreational activities such as crafts, games, hikes and camp outs.

"It's an exceptional program and I would recommend it to the next village."

program and I would recommend it to the next village. We look forward to Camp Fire's return in 2008."

– Fred Pete, Sr., President
Stebbins Community Association IRA Council



In 2007, Camp Fire visited the following communities:

Ambler, Beaver, Chenega Bay, Chistochina, Hughes, Kiana, Kongiganak, Kaltag, Noorvik, Nulato, Shageluk, Stebbins, Stony River, Tatitlek, Tuntutuliak, and White Mountain.

CAMP FIRE USA PROVIDES ALASKA'S YOUTH WITH POSITIVE EXPERIENCES WHICH PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFE CHOICES.

Champions for Children Society

The Champions for Children Society was inaugurated at the first annual Champions for Children Breakfast in 2002. This fund-raising breakfast is an annual appeal to the community for direct financial support of the Alaska Council's programs and services. We deeply appreciate and wish to thank these society members who have each made a five-year pledge of \$5,000 or more.

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Blythe Campbell

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