

C. Barry and Florence Friedberg Jewish Community Center – Sunrise Day Camp (V238)

May 23, 2011

General Project Plan

- Grantee:** Barry and Florence Friedberg Jewish Community Center (the “Center”)
- ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$100,000 to be used for a portion of the cost and design of a tree house for the Sunrise Day Camp.
- Project Location:** 75 Colonial Springs Road, Wheatley Heights, Suffolk County
- Project Completion:** July 2007
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Project Description:

Background

The Barry and Florence Friedberg Jewish Community Center was founded in 1961 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Established to provide a dynamic and caring community resource for individuals of all ages and economic levels, the Center is comprised of a total of 11 facilities, containing state-of-the-art health and fitness equipment and a 75-meter swimming pool. Services include a summer camp, infant day care, pre-school, after-school services, and support for the elderly and for people with disabilities.

The Center’s Sunrise Day Camp (“SDC”) was founded in 2005. SDC is the only day camp in the nation for children with cancer, and their siblings. In 2006, its first summer of operation, SDC enrolled 106 children. Participation has risen steadily, due to SDC’s growing visibility and affiliation with area hospitals; close to 300 children attended last summer. Since these families are already under significant economic burdens, the SDC offers its services free of charge.

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The Project

This project was the second part of a phased upgrade to the SDC facilities. The first phase consisted of the design and construction of a playscape area. The second phase, for which the Center is requesting funds, involved the construction of an ADA-compliant tree house. Due to their illnesses, many of the children enrolled at the SDC are extremely frail, and physical activity is often limited. The equipment was specifically designed and constructed for the children's special needs.

The Center consulted with engineers, as well as specialists in arboriculture, before selecting Forever Young Treehouses, based in Vermont, a not-for-profit group which engineers and builds handicap-accessible tree houses. The tree house is a 20'x16' structure with a handicap ramp of 130' on a slow incline. The project was completed in July 2007.

The Grantee will furnish a final report describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Design and construction of an ADA-compliant tree house	\$129,500	ESD Grant	\$100,000	77%
		Fundraising	29,500	23%
Total Project Costs	\$129,500	Total Project Financing	\$129,500	100%

Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:

The project was authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2011-2012 New York State budget.

Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:

The Grantee has provided ESD with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee's certifications indicate that Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.