

EMPOWERMENT News

The Newsletter of the Cambridge Empowerment Center • Summer 2025

Summer's Over

From the Desk of the Executive Director:

Greetings:

As the Pine Street Enrichment Program (PSEP) summer ends, it's hard to imagine that summer is coming to a closure. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each of you for allowing your child to be a part of this enriching and exciting experience here at PSEP. It has been a joy to watch our campers grow, learn, make new friends, and create lasting memories over the past nine (9) weeks.

We enrolled 45 community children ranging from 5 to 13 years old, we employed 11 full-time staff including four (4) college students. Our summer program was filled with hands-on activities, creative projects, field trips, guest speakers and lots of laughter. Whether it was through art, sports, STEM, or team-building games, each child brought a unique energy that made our program truly special.

We are incredibly proud of what your children have accomplished and how much they have grown over the course of the program. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness made a lasting impression on our staff. As we wrap up, we hope your child leaves with new skills, greater confidence, and happy memories to carry into the upcoming school year.

I would also like to share the great news that our Pre- K Program will re-open on Tuesday September 2, 2025, our operating hours are Monday through Thursday; 9:00am- 12:00noon, serving ages 3,4 and young 5 years old. Please visit the center for enrollment information.

As we move forward to the school year 2025-2026, we welcome volunteers to provide one-on-one tutoring in math, writing, and language arts activities to enhance the learning skills of our children. This added service is a major contribution to the academic growth of our children here at PSEP.

In closing, if this summer has made a positive impact on your child or your family, we invite you to consider donating to help us continue providing a meaningful summer program for future campers. Your donation will assist with staff employment, program operational and



maintenance costs, and upgrading program supplies and classroom materials.

Thank you again for your continued support and trust. We look forward to seeing many of your children in our fall school age after care program. We are also accepting advanced registration for our 2026 summer program.

Wishing you a safe and joyful end to your summer.

Warm regards,
Sharon Chester
Executive Director

Every gift--- big or small--- makes a difference!!!

Ways to Donate:

CASH OR CHECK:

VISIT: 615-B Pine Street,
Cambridge MD 21613

MAIL: P.O. Box 404,
Cambridge MD 21613

PAYPAL OR CREDIT CARD



Sign Up for Fall

Pre-K 9AM-12N
Monday - Thursday Ages 3-5
Limited Slots Available.

After Care (Bus Transportation)
3PM-5PM Monday - Thursday
Available Slots

Kids' Corner - *What I Love About the Summer Program*

I found **new friends** Tykearien,

Learned a lot of **skills** playing tennis

Big Thanks to Ms. Katie! Taylor, Aubri, Camryn, Kori

Friends and Games - Red Light -Green Light. Makai

Loved the **food and field trips**. Masen

Breakfast was really good.

Field trips and friends - Movie theater and Popcorn! Zarion

Field Trip - Delaware State Fair! Corn dogs, friends. Trevion

When you walk in the door, you get greeted with a smile and Good Morning.

Serenity

I'm with the right crowd and re-meeting old friends. Jeremiah

We have fun every day on the computers and outside! Kendre



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Thanks to our donors for making our program possible

The Cambridge Empowerment Center extends heartfelt gratitude to all the donors and Foundations supporting our summer learning program. Earlier this spring, facing uncertainty about whether we could secure sufficient funds to deliver a comprehensive program, we reached out for donations and submitted numerous grant applications. Thanks to these organizations, foundations, and personal donors, we were able to offer a robust nine-week program, running 32 hours per week, to 45 children ages 5 to 13 from Dorchester County.

We also wish to recognize the generous backing of the following organizations:

- The Pauline F. and W. David Robbins Foundation Trust
- Choptank Electric • Bondservants • City of Cambridge
- Women and Girls Fund • The J2W Foundation • Partners in Giving, Inc.
- The Waddell Foundation • Crescent City Charities
- George B. Todd Fund • Bryan Brothers Foundation
- Progressive of Dorchester Elks Temple #224 • Elks Lodge #1272
- Pep-Up/Tri-Gas & Oil • Cambridge Lions Club
- Churchish • Immanuel United Church of Christ

In addition, many individuals contributed personally. Together, this community support has made a lasting difference for the children and families of Dorchester County. Participants in this program benefited from a blend of academic support and engaging enrichment activities, an opportunity that is especially meaningful this year, as the county's school system did not provide summer school. Beyond serving local children, the program also provides summer employment for eight local residents, including four college students.