

# Goodbye Summer Hello Autumn

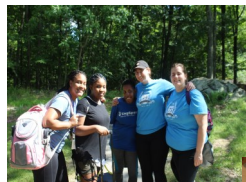
## SUMMER CAMP 2017



### FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

Anne Chavarro

Summer has come and gone, and we find ourselves running full steam into the fall, but the experiences and memories of the last few months have left a deep imprint on our hearts. It is an honor to walk alongside our Hope and Joy campers and their families, sharing our lives with them, watching them make tentative steps towards trust and seeing them connect with God's Word a little more each time they come. We have a great passion for discipleship at CBF. We also realize it comes in many forms. Discipleship often looks “messy,” much like our own lives, and the lives of those we walk along with on the journey. Much like buying a house we get drawn in by great “Curb appeal” causing us to believe that there's little maintenance needed inside. However, in “messy” discipleship we realize it is not the outside that shows the true condition of a home. It is when we go room by room that we can see the cracks in the foundation, leaky ceilings and the piled up garbage of neglect. Neglected homes need tender loving care, time and patience to transform into what they were originally meant for - to be a home - a safe place for others. It is the same for us. Only when we look into the rooms of our heart that we can see our neglected souls. The love of God, time and patience transforms. We would like to invite you into some of the “rooms” entered into this summer.



## SUMMER IMPACT STORY

Jenine Outley



When I first met Amy\* she was drawing on the blacktop with her back to all the events swirling around her. She was not participating in the activities and seemed to have no intention of changing her course of action. I had already heard stories of her bad behavior and brazen attitude, and I had every intention of setting her straight. After all, she was a part of the teen team, a group of young men and women who we were disciple to be leaders. We couldn't let any disobedience slide, especially not with someone who was prime to influence the campers. So I pulled her from the program and expressed in no uncertain terms the inappropriateness of her behavior. Our first few interactions continued in that manner: she would do something inappropriate, and I would address her about it. Towards the end of the summer, my role switched a bit, and I worked more hands-on in the Teen Team program. Working there, I got another view of Amy that I had not been privy to before. I saw a young woman who though conflicted in maturity, had definite leadership potential and a desire to grow. We talked a lot, and I noted her great mind for understanding systems and critical thinking, her heart to advocate for her fellow teens and her desire for true community. This is the foundation my fellow leaders intended to build on to make Amy the leader she was meant to be. Seeing her in this new light changed my interactions with her. Instead of seeing her as a problem that needed to be solved I was able to view her as "God's Building" --a work in progress growing in her understanding of Christ and others. In her journey, I also saw a bit of myself--the walls of self-protection and defiance I put up and how God was faithfully tearing them down and rebuilding me on the foundation of His Word. I am so grateful for the time I spent working with the teens this summer, and I am excited to see how we continue to grow together in the coming fall and winter seasons.



\*Name changed for privacy purposes.

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

### PRAY

As we continue to pursue our city IMPACT strategy, we ask for you to pray for God's wisdom, power, and his direction for the ministry of CBF.

### SUPPORT OUR IMPACT STRATEGY

We have a goal to raise \$1,000,000!

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# SALT APPRENTICE PERSPECTIVE



## Room by Room Randall's Story



Before the Summer, I was renting a one bedroom apartment in the Bronx because my family had been evicted from their home. I was depressed and angry at God because I felt as if my life was becoming sort of a joke and God was the orchestrator of it all. During the day I would minister through rap, outreach, and Bible Studies while privately I faced financial struggle and had become dependent on drinking to relax and help me sleep at night. I didn't know what to do, but I didn't want to stay in the same place. I came to a point where I had to decide what was spiritually healthy for me. My dear friend, Anne, contacted me about working at CBF for the summer. I said yes and life started to look different. God has shown me that I don't have to keep the mask on for people. I had to admit that I didn't trust Christians, hated myself and didn't trust I could be loved. Towards the end of the summer, I had the opportunity to work with the teens and one young lady shared her story with me. I connected with her struggles with acceptance, identity, and feeling insecure. I deeply resonated with what she shared and talking to her helped me see that God isn't intimidated or moved by my pain, but wants me to trust Him with it. God showed me that the connecting bridge to reach hurting people is honesty, love, and most importantly the Gospel. I'm also learning that letting people in isn't to embarrass me, but to let them see the real me and that God is bigger than the mess—faithful to bring forth a message of hope.



## 75 YEAR CELEBRATION



On August 12, we had a time of celebration and recognition for 75 years of ministry here at CBF. It was a fun day for our staff to connect with many past camper, counselors, and supporters. We had a great time eating a meal together while we had some of our current staff entertaining us. We were able to reminisce and honor the past as well as dream about what God has for the future of CBF. Awards were presented to some of our 2017 award recipients, as well. Thank you to all who were able to come celebrate with us!

## 2018 AWARDS

The staff of CBF would like to continue recognizing those who have been a vital part of the ministry throughout the past 75 years. We are now taking nominations for the 2018 awards. If you are aware of anyone that should be recognized for their service to CBF, please make a nomination by visiting our website at: [WWW.CBFNY.ORG/AWARDS](http://WWW.CBFNY.ORG/AWARDS) or email us at: [Awards@cbfny.org](mailto:Awards@cbfny.org).



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Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. -Matthew 5:8



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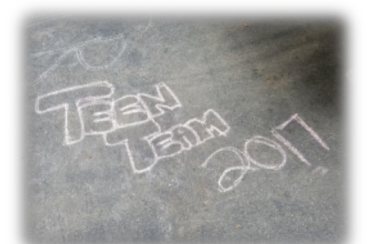


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