



COMMUNITY BASKETBALL AND ENRICHMENT ("CBE") PROGRAM

A Germantown Friends School Community Partnership Program

CBE's 50 Years of Impact

The Community Basketball and Enrichment ("CBE") Summer Basketball Camp formerly named the "Germantown-Wister Basketball and Reading Camp", was founded in 1971 at the Germantown Friends School by the school's Dean of Students and Head Basketball Coach. Full support and use of the school's facilities and campus were offered by the Friends Meeting of Germantown.

This four-week summer program serves 3-9 grade students, combining basketball and classroom instruction building on the relationships formed between coach and camper. Basketball instruction takes place in gyms at GFS and focuses on skill-building, teamwork and sportsmanship. In collaboration with the Friends Library on campus, CBE's experienced teacher-coaches reinforce the fundamentals of reading, writing and math.

This year the program celebrates its 50th anniversary year.

CBE's unique impact derives from a less than 6 to 1 coach-to-camper ratio. It engenders intimate mentoring relationships that start "on the court" and powerfully carry over into the classroom setting. This model allows CBE coaches to quickly form close instructional relationships with eager and impressionable 8-16 year old male and female campers, an ideal age range to infuse an enthusiasm for learning by caring adult role models. This is in large contrast to campers who are otherwise attending Philadelphia's overcrowded and under-resourced Germantown area public schools with teacher-student ratios of as much as 35 to 1.



The impact fostered by this teaching model can be discerned from this short video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUjk5pKz_W4&feature=youtu.be

The proud tradition that this program continues is rooted in this PBS News Hour video report revealing the commitment made to its teaching model in its founding years: <https://vimeo.com/466338740/60fe4d9452>

Doubling as teaching instructors, CBE coaches leverage their stature and on-court relationships to model the importance of education, imparting impactful classroom learning and enduring life lessons. Most coaches are former campers, furthering a uniquely impactful tradition, including some campers (15-plus) for whom CBE has been a bridge into the school's student body through the Community Scholarship Program. Leadership and opportunity grow from true community.

The personal attention and energy each camper receives from motivated college-age and entry-level working coaches makes the blended environment of basketball and educational instruction unique, rewarding and life changing. The attached testimonials are a representative reflection volunteered by campers, coaches and parents.



CBE Fund

GFS seeks to permanently endow CBE fund to ensure this intensive environment and model will endure for many years to come.

It will help grow the camp's reach and provide significant and needed financial support to more than 70% of the 100 or more children in the Germantown section of Philadelphia who enroll weekly, many from families who want to send 2 or more siblings to play and learn together.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- **Increase camp size** from 85 to 100 per week up to 125 per week (a little over 25%)
- **Hire more coach-counselors**, a majority of whom are of color, to maintain the intimacy provided by the 6 to 1 coach-to-camper ratio
- **Decrease barriers to enrollment** by providing financial aid to keep the program affordable for low income families
- **Expand teaching resources**, including computer and classroom equipment to enhance the learning environment and experience for the campers, teachers and staff
- **Provide take-home books**, laptops and meals for the campers
- **Continue to provide modest stipends** for the increasing number of coaches



YOUR FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

INVESTING IN GERMANTOWN'S YOUTH

A \$300,000 Endowed Fund = Approximately \$12,000 in operating income (almost 30% more than current budget) and supports modest increase in CBE Camp enrollment, significant additional financial aid, hire more coach-counselors, instructors, provide take-home books, hire educational specialists

Building on a common love of basketball and learning, the CBE model works and inspires.

Please join us in ensuring this legacy program continues to thrive over the next fifty years!

CURRENT OVERVIEW OF THE CBE PROGRAM

NUMBER OF CAMPERS SERVED

- This camp serves well over 350 children each summer

CBE CAMPER PROFILE

- 85-100 campers attend each week for 4 weeks in summer
- 85-90% campers are from the immediately surrounding Germantown community
- Germantown Community Profile: <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/86000US19144-19144/>
- 10-20% campers are GFS students, strengthening community building, interaction, dialogue, learning and bonding among black and white youth
- Between 10 and 15 families send more than 1 child each year, on average



CBE STAFF PROFILE

- 6 to 1 coaches/staff to camper-student ratio
- 23 full-time staff members
- Coaches/staff are college educated; most are former campers and parents

ACCESS TO GFS CAMPUS FACILITIES

- 3 gymnasiums
- Friends Free Library of Germantown, located on Germantown Avenue on the campus perimeter, and the its learning resources
- Loeb Auditorium, classrooms and computer labs in campus buildings adjacent to gymnasiums

