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## **Cancer Services' 2009 Camp Care Ends with Celebration at Boutin's**

*Baton Rouge, LA – Aug. 6, 2009*—Thirty-six children attended the Cancer Services' 2009 **Camp Care** to forget about cancer and take advantage of summer fun at this annual week-long program for children with cancer and their siblings. Camp Care was held July 20-24, beginning with a trip to the movies and culminating with a fun-filled party at Boutin's restaurant.

The children enjoyed trips to Lafayette for indoor rock climbing, New Orleans to visit the Insectarium and CG's Gym to play on the trampolines and in the foam pits. Also, for the first time, they fished at Sherwood Forest BREC Park where they were even treated to souvenir t-shirts, courtesy of Knights of Columbus Council #8878 from Lakeland, LA.

"Camp Care is so much more than just a camp," said Director of Programs, Esther Sachse. "It's a time for these children and their siblings to enjoy activities that they may not otherwise get to do. We had one child who had never seen a roller-coaster and one who had never been fishing. When your life is consumed with hospital visits and trips to the doctor, it's hard to imagine time for fun...and having fun is what Camp Care is all about."

At the Finale party at Boutin's on July 24, the children enjoyed yummy food while dancing to line dances, doing the limbo, having relay races and playing fun games. The counselors—teens and college students who volunteer their time—help keep the momentum up and make sure the fun doesn't stop.

"Camp Care has always been so close to my heart; I loved getting to meet new people and the activities were always tons of fun," said Hayley Arceneaux, a cancer survivor, first time counselor and former camper. "I am thrilled to now be able to give back to the camp that brought so much joy to both my brother and me."

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Cancer Services would like to thank the Children's Miracle Network, the staff at the St. Jude affiliate in Baton Rouge, Jana Poché, and all of the counselors, families, and community volunteers for their generosity, compassion, and devotion to the children in Camp Care.

For information on Camp Care or any of the other programs and services offered at Cancer Services, contact (225) 927-2273.

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**PHOTOS ATTACHED:**

1. Group of campers and counselors enjoy their last day of Camp Care on July 24<sup>th</sup>.
2. Counselor Rachel and camper, Rendasha, have fun during their visit to New Orleans.
3. Virginia and Hannah show off their catch of the day at the Sherwood BREC Park.
4. Cameron and David get ready for the relay race at the Finale party of Camp Care.

Since 1959, Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge has provided free of charge programs, services, assistance and support to meet the changing medical, financial, educational and emotional needs of cancer patients and their families within a 10-parish area. Parishes served include: Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, St. James, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana. For more information, visit the Cancer Services website at [www.cancerservices.org](http://www.cancerservices.org).

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