What is Focus For a Future?

We are a non-profit organization that was started fourteen years ago by Jack Kaminer, a teacher and basketball coach in New York. His experience includes over 40 years of working at sleep-away camps.

His wish was to find a way to provide less privileged children with the opportunity to attend camp. In 2003 the owner of Camp Lenox agreed to offer one scholarship to a child who had been highly recommended by his teacher.

Today, along with his wife Paula, Focus For a Future has grown into a major organization. It currently places over 400 children each summer through scholarships provided by over 120 camp owners.



How it Works

Camp Owners are contacted by Jack during the school year. The number of scholarships offered depends on the room each camp has available for the coming summer.

Our amazing team of volunteer teachers work very hard to carefully choose students they know well.

Each scholarship is considered a reward for outstanding effort and behavior in and out of the classroom setting. Financial need is another requirement and is determined by the size and income of each family.



Friendships, Fun and Fresh Air!

What a Camp Experience Offers a Child

- A fun filled summer in a safe and supportive place.
- An active day filled with sports and activities.
- Experiences that build confidence and independence.
- Friendships with campers from many different places and with counselors from all over the world.

