

Camp Kadima dance-athon raises \$3,000 in memory of Shara Himmel

Camp Kadima raised about \$3,000 at its annual 12-hour dance-athon, held in memory of a dedicated and energetic camper and counselor, Shara Himmel.

Proceeds from the Shake it for Shara dance-athon will go to the Shara Himmel "Share Your Heart" Scholarship Fund to provide assistance to future Kadima campers.

The charity event took place on Thursday, July 1 at Temple B'nai Israel in Clearwater, where the camp operated by the JCC Suncoast is being held this summer.

For camp members, the dance-athon began at 9 a.m. and continued until 4 p.m. The regularly scheduled camp activities were put on hold so that the four different camp groups each had two half-hour periods of dancing during the day.

Dance instructor Sue Wall was there to teach the kids various dances. Approximately 75 campers participated in the dance-athon.

Once the camp day ended at 4 p.m., the event was open to the public until 9 p.m. Tickets were sold for \$7 as well as T-shirts for \$36. About 100 people attended the charity event, including several from out of town.

Kevin Frye served as the dance-athon's DJ for the evening.

Shara Himmel, daughter of Pamela Himmel and Barry Himmel, passed away at the age of 19 due to complications from a heart transplant in November of 2007. She was both a camper and staff member at Camp Or Hashemesh, which has since merged with Camp Kadima. She attended the Pinellas County Jewish Day School, International Baccalaureate program at St. Petersburg High and the University of Florida with an



Campers, staff, and community members do a well-known dance – the hora.



(L-R) Jensen Gross, Josh Sperber, Robert Carol, Daniel Sharf, Jared Klein, Daniel Rudich, Nathan Weaver




(L-R) Front row: Zoe DeWald, Elena Prieto; Middle row: Mica Kogan, Talia Sager, Brody Fox, Josh Sharf, Darby Tinson, Mariel Levine, Melissa Ufer; and top row: Heather Solomon, Zeke Rosenbluth, Jackie Zacaro

intended major in education.

Camp officials said that donations are still being accepted for the scholarship fund and dance-athon T-shirts for \$18.

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