



## Caring People Alliance

*Serving Children and Strengthening Families*

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## **Caring People Alliance Keeps Kids & the Elderly Cool and Safe in the Summer Heat**

**PHILADELPHIA** — While the Philadelphia area experiences record breaking heat, many summer camp programs operate in NON-air conditioned facilities exposing children to very dangerous conditions. Caring People Alliance is unique in that it operates three air-conditioned facilities in Philadelphia neighborhoods. All three sites also have on-site pools including in North Philadelphia, the RW Brown Center, in Mantua the West Philadelphia Community Center and in South Philadelphia the Fels Community Center. Two of these centers WPCC and Fels also serve seniors.

These centers serve over 500 children and youth and nearly 300 senior citizens. One large children and youth agency, which funds hundreds of summer camps across the city, issued a statement directing facilities that are not air conditioned to close at noon today. This will affect hundreds of young people. While this remedy allows children relief from hot and crowded facilities, many of these low-income children may go to non-air conditioned homes, where parents are still at work. CPA provides a supervised, cool environment.

CPA also takes other pre-cautions to keep children cool including extra pool time. CPA's executive staff is available for on-camera or telephone interviews on keeping children and the elderly cool in group settings or on other issues related to children, youth, families and the elderly. For more information call (215) 545-5230 or visit CPA on-line at [www.caringpeoplealliance.org](http://www.caringpeoplealliance.org).

### **About Caring People Alliance:**

Caring People Alliance, a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, offers a wide range of community programs and services for children, youth, families and older adults. Caring People Alliance served over 42,000 children, youth and families last year within three neighborhood community centers including Samuel S. Fels in South Philadelphia, R.W. Brown in North Philadelphia, the West Philadelphia Community Center in Mantua, and through the Child Care Information System (CCIS) day care subsidy program.

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