

Greetings,

Well I have decided to put myself and my family through the ultimate torture yet again this year, as I prepare to compete in my second marathon this November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Monumental Marathon held here in Indianapolis. As part of my marathon journey, I have challenged myself, and by extension my family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers, to raise money for the Dyslexia Institute of Indiana (DII).

What is DII you ask? Well, to paraphrase their mission statement, they are an organization that seeks to help the young and old manage the challenges that dyslexia presents and benefit from its advantages.

I had the privilege to get involved with DII this summer with their Camp Delafield program. Camp Delafield was established in 1990 and for the past 20 years has served as an intensive summer program that helps kids manage their dyslexia, while promoting self confidence while having some fun along the way. Camp Delafield has helped so many kids achieve beyond their best, and I am hopeful to raise money to help them continue with their mission. The cost for one child to attend Camp Delafield is \$2,400. As you can see this might be financial challenge for most.

I know that that many have fallen on hard times financially, and that is why I simply ask that you consider a donation (no matter how small) to help this great organization. If you decide that you would like to contribute, simply make your check payable to Dyslexia Institute of Indiana, note in the memo section of your check "26.2 for Camp Delafield" and send it to:

Dyslexia Institute of Indiana  
2511 E. 46th St. Suite 02  
Indianapolis, IN 46205.

For more information on Dyslexia, DII, and Camp Delafield please visit DII's website:

<http://www.dyslexiaindiana.org/>

I will be attempting to maintain a blog throughout my training this year, so feel free to follow along as November 6<sup>th</sup> approaches. The web address for the blog is:

<http://26point2forcampdelafeld.blogspot.com/>. Again I want to thank you for your consideration in supporting the DII and Camp Delafield, and know that through your monetary donation you will be providing a child the opportunity of a lifetime to change their future.

Best Regards - Mark