

**For Immediate Release: December 13, 2007**  
**For more information or to set up an interview**  
**With Executive Director Victoria Presnell**  
**Contact Tracey Bruce at 314-799-2714**

## **Sunnyhill Adventures Honored by Variety**

*Camp for Adults and Children with disabilities in Dittmer receives Stellar Performance Award*

Each summer, for the past 30 years, hundreds of children and adults with developmental disabilities have come from throughout the metropolitan area to Sunnyhill Adventures to camp, swim, hike, climb and make new friends. The camp, located in the southwestern corner of Jefferson County in Dittmer provides recreational programs that offer challenges by choice, celebrate achievements and improve the quality of life for many.

**In June of 2007, directors of Sunnyhill cut the ribbon on a new facility** that allows the non-profit organization to provide more services for children. **On November 13, Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis recognized that achievement.**

**The mission of Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis is to serve children with physical and mental disabilities in the Greater St. Louis region.** To meet their needs Variety provides medical equipment, transportation, resource referrals and ongoing development programs. In addition, Variety helps to support 90 partner agencies in their mission to benefit children. **One of those partner agencies is Sunnyhill.**

This year, **Sunnyhill was one of only 7 agencies honored with the distinction of receiving the Stellar Performance Award.** After receiving a grant application earlier this year, representatives from Variety visited Sunnyhill Adventures to take a tour of the camp and see its new facility---Pfeifer's Place. Pfeifer's Place, a lodge that sleeps 48 campers, gives Sunnyhill Adventures the ability to increase programming for children by 8 weeks each summer and potentially expands its services to more than 300 additional campers each year.

**Sunnyhill was given the Stellar Performance Award at the Champions for Children Summit, the annual Variety allocation luncheon at the Chase Park Plaza. A grant for \$6,000 to provide for camper scholarships also was awarded to Sunnyhill.**

Vicky Presnell, executive director of Sunnyhill is thankful for the award from Variety and the people that made it possible.

"We are thankful for our staff and that their hard work is being recognized, and we're thankful for the recognition the award gives Sunnyhill because it means more people will know about Sunnyhill's award winning programs."