



Our SUUSI '99 theme is **Reach Out**. We will have chances to explore more and more ways to reach out to each other, to be more inclusive, more inviting, more courageous.

We are pleased to present this year's program brochure and invite you to start your exploration now by browsing through the pages that follow. We hope you will **Reach Out** and join us for SUUSI '99!

—1999 Coordinating Staff

#### **A SUUSI Testimonial**

Last summer, our family was told that our littlest member, Katie, then aged three and one-half years old, had meningitis. To add to this devastating news, we were 400 miles from home on vacation at SUUSI! Our panic and concern at that time is indescribable. The meningitis was eventually diagnosed as viral and not serious, but the thirty-six hours we spent waiting for that news was a time we never want to relive.

One of the blessings from that experience is that we learned again, and in a different way, what a caring community SUUSI is and how many dear friends we have there. During our crisis, the forces of the SUUSI community were at our disposal: facilities, medical people at SUUSI on vacation, lots of hugs, tissues for tears, friends to lend support with the other children in the family, contacts in the Radford and Roanoke area, Health Department resources to explain the illness to others at SUUSI, offers of homes to stay in if we couldn't go home right away. I could go on and on.

For seven years, I've considered SUUSI the best week of the year. Now, SUUSI has a special new place in the hearts of our family.

—Linda and Jessica Sanders,  
Sheri, Joe, PJ, Jason, Steven  
and Katie Gebbia

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