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### **The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Pays Tribute to Leo Nevas**

New Haven, Conn. – August 27, 2009 – In marking the passing of Leo Nevas, board member and longtime friend of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, the Camp has issued this statement:

While deeply saddened by Leo's passing, the Camp celebrates his longstanding commitment and faith in the mission of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in serving children with serious illnesses. The man Paul Newman once described as "the oar and the anchor of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp" spent a lifetime working for human rights and championed many good causes. None was more dear to his heart than the Camp started by Paul Newman as a special haven for children with cancer, sickle cell anemia and other serious illnesses.

As a founding board member, Leo helped establish the Camp from its inception. Over its more than twenty-year history, his wisdom and guidance contributed immeasurably to making the Camp a place of great healing and distinction. His generous gifts of time and legal counsel helped to preserve the Camp's honor and ensure its safety. Having been protected by a person of such high integrity over the years, Camp has been free to flourish and improve the lives of tens of thousands of children and their families.

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is extremely fortunate to be part of Leo's living legacy. A mentor to many, he gave freely and generously of his time and talent. We remain humbled and inspired by Leo's enormous contribution to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and to the world at large.

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