

**THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CAMP  
PRESENTS**

# ONCE UPON A CAMP

A CELEBRATION OF *HOLE IN THE WALL* STORIES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025





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Wishing upon a star is what campers can do thanks to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. American Packaging and the Schottland family are so proud to make the magic happen!

# *Schedule of Festivities*

**1:30 p.m.**

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

Food Trucks

Live Music

Silent Auction

*~ Downtown Camp & Rec Center ~*

**3:30 p.m.**

Welcome Remarks

Live Auction & Program Appeal

*~ Rec Center ~*

**5:30 p.m.**

Fandango Performance Featuring

Campers and Celebrity Friends

*~ Theater & Dining Hall ~*

**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Dinner Reception

Live Music

*~ Downtown Camp ~*

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## *Our Purpose*

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp provides “a different kind of healing” to children with serious illnesses and their families through year-round programs celebrating the fun, friendship and spirit of childhood.

## *Our Goal*

To create ongoing Camp connections that build a joy-filled, inclusive community where children – and families in all the forms they come in – are not alone in their challenges and more than a diagnosis. All programming is intentionally designed to meet every individual’s unique needs and offered at no cost to families thanks to the generosity of others.

## *Our Impact*

Through overnight camp experiences supported by a significant, yet unobtrusive medical presence as well as off-site Family and Hospital Outreach programming, Hole in the Wall serves thousands of children and family members annually throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic.

## *Our Founder*

A legendary actor and visionary philanthropist, Paul Newman founded The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in 1988 so children with serious illnesses could just be kids, and “raise a little hell” while experiencing diverse and transformational friendships that go hand-in-hand with Camp. Paul’s innovative spirit, creativity and playfulness remain at the heart of all Hole in the Wall programming. His legacy is carried on each year by the thousands of donors, volunteers, staff and other friends who have made his dream their own.

# THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CAMP

PROUDLY THANKS THE FOLLOWING:\*

## **BUTCH CASSIDY**

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## **WRANGLER**

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The Levine Family  
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Andy Papadatos and Brenda Thickett  
Allison Picott and Michael Goldstein  
Steve Ruchefsky and Rondi Charleston  
The Sheeleigh Family

## **CAMPERSHIPS**

Boucher Lavoie Giving Fund  
Tim and Irene Brennan and Family  
In Memory of Fisher Daniel Kayne  
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Rachel Harvey  
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## **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

*HB Live and Show Lighting Corp for their services and support.*

## **SPECIAL GEAR THANKS**

*David Foster, Shaboo Productions  
Dominic Sak, Sound Associates*

*\*As of September 12*

# MOST WANTED

## AWARD RECIPIENTS

**1997**

Charles P. Ferro  
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The Schottland Family

**1998**

International  
Longshoremen's  
Association  
The Sorenson Family

**1999**

LiDestri Foods

**2000**

Simon Konover

**2001**

Dr. Howard Pearson  
(Special Achievement  
Recognition)  
Anheuser-Busch  
Foundation

**2002**

Leo Nevas, Esq.  
Tanaka Family  
Foundation

**2003**

Shaner Hotel Group

**2004**

Charlene & Gilbert  
Haroche

**2005**

Ted Knetzger

**2006**

Susan & John Fabian  
Ray Lamontagne

**2007**

Tani & Bill Austin

**2008**

Louise T. Crowley,  
Crowley Family  
Ken's Foods

**2009**

Lynn McCarthy,  
Fred Brooke & Angel  
Charitable Trust

**2011**

Jane Coppa

**2012**

Khaled Alhegelan

**2014**

Lynn Fusco  
Dennis Poster

**2015**

C&S Wholesale Grocers

**2016**

Lisa Brown  
A.E. Hotchner  
Jim Naughton

**2017**

Peter & Isabel Malkin  
Travelers

**2018**

Nestlé Waters

**2019**

Robert Facchina  
Dan Kail

**2021**

Friends of the Beantown  
and Big Apple Bashes

**2022**

Christina & John Horner

**2023**

Dean & Marianne  
Metropoulos

**2024**

Matt & Kathy Sheeleigh

# MOST WANTED AWARD



1988

Today

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MIKE AND EILEEN KOLAKOWSKI

On behalf of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and its Board of Directors, we celebrate the faithful friendship of Mike and Eileen Kolakowski. Their compassion for those Camp is privileged to serve, unwavering dedication and generous support not only helped to bring Paul Newman's dream to life, but has also allowed it to flourish and change the lives of thousands of children with serious illness and their families. When they took the construction reins in Camp's earliest days, tackling a timeline that seemed all but impossible, they set the stage for instilling lasting hope and joy in all those touched by Hole in the Wall. Since then, their enormous gifts of time in our infirmary and financial support across the organization have provided space for our campers and their families to safely challenge their perceived limitations and discover they are so much more than their diagnosis. Because of their caring spirit, we are inspired to always climb higher to bring Paul Newman's dream of "a different kind of healing" to those we are so privileged to serve.

With full hearts, deep appreciation and a "hole" lot of love, we are honored to present Mike and Eileen Kolakowski with the "Most Wanted" Award on this 20th day of September 2025.



## Giving back. Our way of paying it forward.

Travelers is a proud sponsor of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp and its can-do spirit. We hope you enjoy the annual Fandango Benefit Gala.



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## SAVE THE DATE

At Hole in the Wall, campers and their families show their strength every day. We invite you to flex YOUR muscles to support Camp during our 40-minute pushup challenge! Whether you want to go all out and see how many pushups you can do, work towards a personal pushup goal, or cheer on an athlete, this high-energy, family-friendly event is a great way to support The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Create a team or join as an individual!



**OCTOBER**  
**5**

**STAPLES HIGH SCHOOL**  
**WESTPORT, CONN.**



**TO PARTICIPATE CONTACT (410) 847-2954 OR VISIT**  
**[WWW.HOLEINTHEWALLGANG.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/PAC](http://WWW.HOLEINTHEWALLGANG.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/PAC)**

# TO THE PRODUCTION TEAM



Thank you for your unwavering dedication, creativity and heart, which have shaped our Fandango Benefit Gala shows into unforgettable performances that bring our community closer to Camp's mission. Whether you've been with us for decades or have just joined our production family, your time and talents have ensured the performance leaves an enduring impact on all who are part of the experience. You champion our camper performers with passion and care, and we're deeply grateful for everything you do behind the scenes to make the magic happen on stage.

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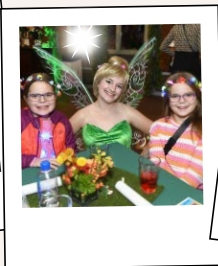
# 34th Annual Big Apple Bash

FEATURING



Saturday, November 8, 2025

Join us for a "hole" lot of mesmerizing fun in Manhattan this fall as our Big Apple Bash returns with a private performance of Big Apple Circus and reception at Tavern on the Green. With no seat more than fifty feet from the ring, guests, including campers and families from the Tri-State region, will experience all the Big Apple Circus thrills and laughs up-close! Following the performance, Hole in the Wall supporters will enjoy an evening reception at the iconic Tavern on the Green. Reception festivities will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dessert buffets, music and activities for all ages. Along with Presenting Sponsors American Packaging Corporation and LiDestri Foods, we invite longtime and new Camp friends to gather in support of Hole in the Wall's growing programs.



— BIG APPLE CIRCUS —  
PRIVATE PERFORMANCE

Damrosch Park-Lincoln Center, West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street @ Amsterdam Avenue  
New York, NY  
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.



— TAVERN ON THE GREEN —  
POST-PERFORMANCE RECEPTION

West 67<sup>th</sup> Street @ Central Park West  
New York, NY  
6:00 - 10:00 P.M.

TO SUPPORT THE BIG APPLE BASH, PLEASE CALL (203) 745-2721  
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