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Local Business Owner is a Hero for Children

Shirley, New York — July 20, 2010. When the Gold Brush Painting truck rumbles down the dirt road at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, it's not just another job. It's a labor of love. For the past five years, Tony Pitti and his son Jacob Pitti have donated the services of their team of painters to keep the buildings at this year-round camp and center for seriously ill children in tip-top shape.

"We have more than forty buildings here," says Camp Director Matthew Cook. "In the five years that Gold Brush Painters have been coming here, they have painted nearly all those buildings. We put the painting team up for anywhere from one to two weeks. They pressure wash and stain the buildings, do window trim and building trim. They do a tremendous job and have saved our nonprofit camp for children hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"The Gold Brush Painters leave their families and come stay here overnight in our Camp Lodge and Family Center," says Debra Bulger, Facilities Administrative Assistant. "They have done so much to protect our buildings and make them look their best."

Years ago, Tony Pitti was painting the house of a camper parent who told him all that The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp had done for her son. He decided to see for himself, so he set a date to visit the Camp. He was so impressed that he offered his company's painting services as a donation to the Camp. Founded by Paul Newman in 1988, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp provides an empowering summer camping experience for children coping with cancer, sickle cell anemia, AIDS and other serious illnesses. It also serves as a year-round center, offering programs for campers and their families most weekends during the rest of the year. More than 15,000 children are served by the Camp's programs each year. All of the Camp's services are free of charge.

"The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is a place of inspiration and love," says Pitti. "It has been a blessing for me to be part of a belief that encourages kids that through hope all things are possible."

Gold Brush Painting is located on 22 Propose Road, Shirley, New York 11967, telephone: 516-790-1471. The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is located in Ashford, Connecticut and serves seriously ill children from across the northeast, as well as elsewhere in the U.S. and abroad.

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