

THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CAMP GAZETTE



Celebrating
20 Years
of LOVE
1988-2008

The Spirit of Camp Lives On

By Willow Ann Sirch

If nothing ever changed, so the saying goes, there would be no butterflies. Certainly, over the years, Camp has seen its share of change, the most conspicuous being the expansion from a summer-only camp to a year-round center of support for seriously ill children and the people who love them. Over time, Camp has also increased staff, added programs, and built and disseminated best practices. Yet, in talking with some of the earliest campers, we hear that what is most meaningful about Camp – its healing and empowering impact – remains unchanged from Day One right down to today.

“My fondest Camp memory,” says former camper Jimmy Guity “has to be my first summer there in 1993.” Counselors from that time remember Jimmy as a shy, scrawny eight-year-old. New to the U.S. from Honduras, it was not only his first time at Camp, but his first time away from his mom. “It was Session One,” he recalls. “I was in Yellow 5. I was really nervous and English was not my strong point. In Honduras, when you have cancer, people don’t like to share food with you, because the illness has a stigma there. Even my cousins and

uncles would not share a drink with me. I was talking with my counselor Tim Hotchner, when he asked if I wanted a sip of some lemonade. We stood there talking, sharing a cup of lemonade, and it was the best thing ever.”

– An apt example of what we typically refer to as “the magic of Camp.” Yet, how do you put that into words for people who have not experienced Camp? Sometimes the most significant occurrences are the most simple. The true magic of Camp lies in allowing small, precious moments of community to take place.

Chief Executive Officer Jimmy Canton has put it this way, “What some may think is trivial – creating a safe place in which sick children can re-experience their childhood – is not just important, but urgent in the lives of many of our campers. ‘Camp is comforting,’ ‘Being surrounded by other kids who have what I have is comforting.’ I have heard that sentiment shared countless times by our campers.”

Another early camper, Ann Marie Hines, recalls her fondest Camp memories, saying, “Some of the best times took place after the ‘official’

hours of Camp were over. There were many nights after Cabin Chat that we girls would lie awake for hours talking – about anything . . . the day ahead at Camp, school, hobbies, music, movies, boys, family, dreams and sometimes even our illnesses, worries, fears and struggles. We could end up laughing or occasionally even crying, but either way, it just felt like we really understood each other in a way that was probably quite different from anyone else in our lives.”

Camp can be a formative experience in other ways. Former Camper Korreen Boyd Mortimer recalls, “When you have a serious illness as a child, one of the hardest things is that you don’t fit in socially with all the other kids. I was out of school for a whole year. When I went back to school, I was with the same kids, because I had stayed up with my schoolwork. But they were a year ahead socially. Camp helped me catch up. It helped me grow as a person. It showed me how to fit in again, how to feel like I belonged.”

Camp had something to teach Jimmy Guity, too. Like about a



Jimmy Guity as a camper (above) and today (above, left).

quarter of Camp’s seasonal staff, Jimmy went on from being a camper to serving as a counselor, making the magic happen for other seriously ill children. You might think having fought a serious illness would give you all the answers. In fact, his perceptions of serious illness were partly shaped by his experience as a summer staff member. “It was my first time working with youngsters who had HIV/AIDS,” he recalls. “One of the first kids to come off the bus was Camper Darion. He was so emaciated. Yet, when we started sharing time together, he was doing things I never would have thought possible. It was as if he were the counselor and I were the camper. We played basketball together, went fishing together. He did everything. By the end of the week, I was seeing him, not as a

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Jimmy Canton has served Camp since it began in 1988. During that time he has been a counselor, unit leader, Assistant Director and for eight years, Camp Director. He has served as the Camp's Chief Executive Officer since 2002.

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Reflections on Twenty Seasons of Love

Robert F. Kennedy once wrote: "It is from numberless, diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time [someone] stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, [they send] forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

The illness of children is one of the greatest injustices imaginable. In the face of that injustice, a tiny ripple of hope was launched in Ashford twenty years ago.

At the end of Camp's first staff orientation, before the children had arrived, a banquet was held. Mr. Newman raised his glass in a toast to us – the new staff – saying he had brought Camp along to this point. Now, it was up to us.

Over the last twenty years, thousands of people young and old have shared their hearts and talents to contribute to the healing of our campers. Thousands upon thousands of people young and old have shared their resources and treasures to support those efforts.

Camp has been a labor of love for so many of us who have strived to keep it safe and strong. In that time, Hole in the Wall has changed. We have added activities. We have challenged ourselves to offer Camp to ever more acutely ill children. We have diversified our programs beyond the bounds of Camp to serve youngsters undergoing treatment in hospitals. We have made siblings and parents an integral part of our offerings, because we quickly learned that when we support the families of seriously ill children, we help the children themselves.

Despite those substantial and meaningful changes, however, the intention of Camp has remained unchanged. Camp continues to be a place where everyone consistently, no matter how long they have been away, returns to feel safe, respected and loved. In that regard, Camp occupies a truly extraordinary space in the world.

Camp is a place that strengthens people, fills them with courage, hope and determination. It calls forth our best and most authentic selves. It is where we draw strength to share healing and affirm the preciousness and beauty of life with everyone we encounter. What began as a tiny ripple of hope, goes on and on, as Camp continues to grow, touch lives, fuel confidence and inspire healing. Thank you for being part of it.

One for All and All for Camp

by Ray Shedd

Margaret Mead famously wrote, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Ten years ago, a group of employees at the many businesses and institutions that are part of Bradley International Airport came together at the suggestion of long-time friend to Camp Jane Coppia, a former member of the Camp's Board of Directors, to decide what would be the most inspirational way in which they could express their charitable purposes. Their choice was The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. In the beginning, perhaps they too did not think to have a huge impact. Yet, over the years, their gift to Camp has exceeded more than \$400,000, enabling hundreds of seriously ill children to make memories to last a lifetime, and bring all the strength, spirit and magic of Camp into their daily lives.

Bradley Family Day, Inc. President Dan Lee sums up the organization's longstanding philanthropic relationship with The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp: "Camp was our initial choice, and continues to be the sole beneficiary of our fundraising efforts, primarily because it provides such an important outlet for kids to gain positive life experiences that they may not experience otherwise. There's just no other place that we feel our contribution will have more benefit."

When it comes to organizing third party events that set a standard

for fun and excellence, Bradley Family Day is at the top of our list. Now celebrating its 10th Anniversary year, Bradley Family Day remains committed to organizing quality family and community events, while making the magic of Camp possible for thousands of children and families. With a diverse board of directors and creative annual events, Bradley Family Day, Inc. has successfully expanded its membership and fundraising potential, while maintaining its core focus on families and the local community.

Bradley Family Day plans, organizes and conducts three outstanding fundraising and awareness-building events each year. For 2008, the season begins on April 17th with a Kickoff Breakfast and Raffle at the Sheraton Bradley Hotel in Windsor Locks, Connecticut. Guests and community members enjoy an engaging morning gathering that allows participants to network, while highlighting Camp's most recent goals and accomplishments.

Space & Aviation Day, Bradley Family Day's largest annual event, takes place on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at Bradley International Airport. This summer extravaganza, that drew 7,000 participants last year, showcases aviation, flight and space exploration through a wide range of aircraft displays, activities and demonstrations. The Connecticut Air National Guard, State Police and Connecticut Fire Academy host lively and informative



Children and families enjoy the sights, sounds, and activities at the 2007 Space and Aviation Day Event.



programs and activities throughout the day. Bradley Family Day volunteers construct a scale replica of Camp's Wild West downtown where families can go to enjoy art projects and woodworking crafts, and learn more about the Camp's year-round programs.

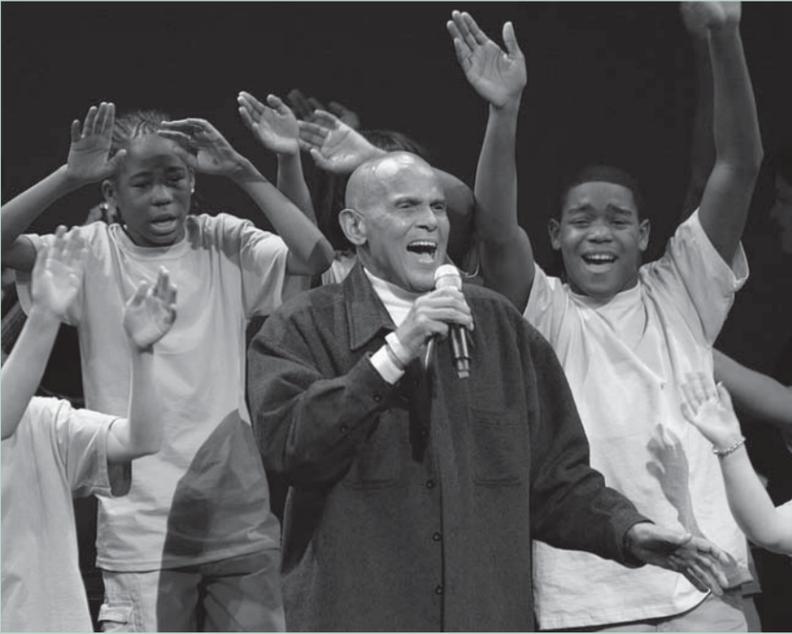
In the fall, The Not So Snooty Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting Adventure is hosted by the New England Air Museum on Friday, November 21, 2008, also in Windsor Locks. Participants can sample a wide variety of products from local breweries, wineries and cheese makers while viewing hundreds of vintage aircraft and aviation artifacts. For more information on Bradley Family Day events, please visit



www.spaceandaviationday.org or Camp's updated event calendar at www.holeinthewallgang.org and learn more about the Camp's year-round programs. Runners and 5k enthusiasts should also check out Bradley Family Day's Space Race taking place that morning.

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is honored to be the exclusive charity beneficiary of Bradley Family Day events. "As we reflect on ten years of dedicated support from Bradley Family Day, we cannot adequately thank leaders like Jane Coppia, President Dan Lee and past President Deb Donahue for their vision and dedication to the children we serve," observes Mike Smiles, Camp's Chief Development Officer. "The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp is deeply moved by the creativity and motivation of the Bradley Family Day board and the ceaseless energy of their volunteer teams."

CAMP'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



It was a night to be remembered, filled with star-studded entertainment, wickedly talented campers and hugs all around. With the support of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Board of Directors, Camp Co-founder A. E. Hotchner brought together a host of shining celebrity talent and 24 accomplished youngsters to present the 20th Anniversary Gala at City Center Theater in New York City on March 10. The performance offered a special thank-you to our most generous donors who have supported our success throughout the years. Similar to our annual Fandango performances at Camp, this Anniversary Gala saw such luminaries as Julia Roberts, Carole King, Joshua Bell, Renee Zellweger, Whoopi Goldberg and more.

Mr. Hotchner shared his thoughts on the significance of the event, observing, "When we started the Camp, Paul and I never imagined how much generosity and support it would receive. Today, with programs running year-round at the Camp and in the hospitals, more than 11,000 very special, brave children experience the healing touch of Camp every year."

More than 2,000 leadership donors attended the two-and-a-half hour performance. As a parting gift, attendees received a 20th Anniversary photo journal filled

with camper photos and quotes ranging from the sublime to Camp's most ridiculous. In addition to the celebrities named above, the 20th Anniversary Gala featured performances by Christine Baranski, Harry Belafonte, Chris Bliss, Rudy Guess, Bill Irwin, Nathan Lane, James Naughton, and Bernadette Peters. They were joined by these talented Hole in the Wall Gang campers: Cindy Borduin, Emily Crockett, Maisy Cyr, Mallory Cyr, Dexter Darden, Matthew Gates, Mitchell Gonzalez, Caprice Gray, Courtney Hughes, Carter Janssen, Kayla Little, Joanne McCoy, Killian Mansfield, Austin Pierce, Darien Pierce, Kunta Seawright, Emily Smith, Olivia Smith, Judith Theriault, Larry Theriault, Amy Vangel, Dennis Vangel and Nigel Walkes.

Like each of the eighteen fall Galas before it, this 20th Anniversary event reflected the hard work of performers, professionals, volunteers and friends of Camp alike. We are deeply grateful for the gifts of time and talent that made it a fabulous thank-you event in support of our courageous and remarkable children.



Performances at the 20th Anniversary Gala featured Harry Belafonte (top), Carole King and Bernadette Peters (left) and Whoopi Goldberg (above, right).

Spirit of Camp

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sick person, but just as a person. It was a turning point for me." Today, Jimmy works for Camp as a Hospital Outreach Specialist, working with seriously ill hospitalized children in Boston. A native Spanish speaker, he can connect with Hispanic children in a way that few others can, sharing conversations about favorite foods, activities and places that bring a sense of comfort and familiarity.

Korreen Mortimer credits her experiences as a Camp counselor with influencing her career choice as well. "Serving as a counselor those four summers taught me that I wanted to work with children," she explains. Today, she teaches sixth grade at Cushing School in Scituate, Massachusetts. "I've taught my students to sing some of the songs we sing at Camp like 'Pizza Man' and 'The Tarzan Song.' We sometimes play slow motion (tai chi) tag at recess. And each year, I

take my students to an education-based camp where they participate in hands-on science lessons. I have so many wonderful memories of Camp. I like that I can make new memories by sharing some of the fun and silliness of Camp with my students to make their learning experience more meaningful."

Ann Marie is currently a resident in pediatrics at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. "Throughout my experience at Camp," she observes, "I've been exposed to the type of care we would all love to see throughout the medical field, in which the patient is seen as a whole person, not just focused on for their acute problem. That is an ethic I try to bring into my work every day."

Camp creates an environment in which critical bonds are forged. Ann Marie explains, "To this day, I cherish the friendships I've made at Camp with other campers and staff



members. I'm still in touch with counselors and co-campers from the first year that I was a camper. It is great to see the effect that Camp can have on people's lives. No matter whether they are campers or staff, they want to stay a part of it for years. I've noticed that you can leave Camp for a while and come back, but the spirit of Camp is just the same as when you left."

Just as the Camp experience continues to resonate in the lives of Jimmy, Ann Marie and Korreen, it lives on for thousands of campers,

counselors and volunteers. That timeless quality of Camp will be revisited by many this spring when former campers and staff come together at a special 20th Anniversary celebration. For those who attend, the "Spirit of Camp" promises to be as strong as ever.

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Meeting the Challenge

By Ray Shedd

"I had always been a casual runner," observes Jeffrey Bernstein. "I ran three miles or so a couple of times a week. Then I decided I wanted to get into better shape. I looked into the application process for the New York City Marathon and learned about Team Hole in the Wall. I thought, 'What a great concept!' My nephew was diagnosed with leukemia when he was eight. He had been to the Camp and I saw the benefit it provided to him. The Camp gave him the sense that he was not alone in his fight. That there are others who fight this fight and win."

Jeffrey joined more than 220 Team Hole in the Wall runners in successfully completing the ING-New York City Marathon and raising money for youngsters to attend Camp. "Having experienced the Team for the first time," he says, "it is my perception that there's a terrific support system, including team trainer Krissy. I felt very comfortable, as I went through the process, that if I needed support, it was there for me."

Team Hole in the Wall is working hard to beat its own personal best in 2008. Altogether in the past year, 389 participants challenged themselves in a variety of athletic events, raising more than \$1.25 million in support of Hole in the Wall Camps around the globe. Just as our 2008 participants commit themselves to early morning workouts and rigorous training

routines, Team Hole in the Wall strives to meet the challenge – with more featured events and ever stronger athlete support.

"It's a remarkable feeling to be there on race day," says Mike Smiles, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp's Chief Development Officer. "...to share the excitement and see our friends work hard to exceed the running and cycling goals they have set for themselves – a marathon or a century ride. But best of all is when I hear about first-time runners like Kevin Rice and Barbara Watts, who are running this year's Boston Marathon and raising funds to send two children to Camp. Clearly for Kevin and Barbara and friends like them, it gives special meaning to all that effort to know that it supports children in need."

This year's Team season got off to a great start at an energy-packed Kickoff Event hosted at Camp on March 9th. The event not only highlighted the achievement of AngelRide participants and recognized the leadership of its founders Fred Brooke and Lynn McCarthy; it shared the empowering story of Camp with many first-time members of Team Hole in the Wall. AngelRide, now celebrating its 5th Anniversary Year in support of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp's Hospital Outreach Program, has recruited a record number of riders for Connecticut's



Krissy Juhasz, Team Hole in the Wall Trainer and former Hole in the Wall Gang Camp staff member, helps hundreds of Team members reach their goals.

only cross-state charity ride taking place on May 24 and 25.

This year, Team Hole in the Wall is offering eleven feature events – more than double the number of last year's events. Fifty Team Hole in the Wall marathoners, including Camp Director Matthew Cook, are currently training hard for the Boston Marathon, making this year's Team the largest ever to take on Beantown's elite footrace. As first-time runner Sara puts it, "I decided if I was going to run a marathon, I wanted to run it for a good cause."

With the addition of the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington D.C., Team Hole in the Wall's fall event lineup is packed! Only weeks apart, the Chicago Marathon (October 2nd), the Marine Corps Marathon (October 26th), and the ING New York City Marathon (November 2nd) are extremely exciting races featured through www.teamholeinthewall.org. Adding to the marathon mix, runners should be sure to check

out the beautiful Adirondack Marathon (September 20th – 21st) and the real-Berlin Marathon (September 28th). Team Hole in the Wall runners receive guaranteed entry into all events in addition to personal fundraising web pages, training and fitness blogs, fundraising tools and free Team apparel.

For the past three years, Team Hole in the Wall athletes have successfully harnessed the power of e-philanthropy to raise funds for Hole in the Wall Camps online. Thanks to our 2007 Team participants, more than 8,000 new donors have supported our mission. With valued input from our athletes, we recently redesigned the web site to empower our teammates. Visit the site at teamholeinthewall.org and tell us what you think.

Ray Shedd is a former Camp summer counselor and currently Development Associate in Camp's New Haven office, where he works closely with the Team Hole in the Wall initiative and helps manage Camp's corporate support.



Kevin Rice, Nephellie Bellos and Barbara Watts strike a victory pose at the finish of the Hyannis Half Marathon – a milestone in their training for the Boston Marathon.

So We Run

Hospital Outreach Supervisor/Specialist Kevin Rice and veteran Camp Volunteer Barbara Watts teamed up to take on the Boston Marathon for Team Hole in the Wall. Joined also by training partner and Camp volunteer Nephellie Bellos, this dynamic team has found that tackling your first marathon is best accomplished in the company of friends. With their collaborative Team Hole in the Wall fundraising web page and an informative and witty Internet training blog located at <http://www.barbandkevinrun.com/>, the Camp trio share their unique fundraising and training approach. Speaking for the three of them, Kevin shared some thoughts about the process.

Please tell us about your teamwork approach to training.

We all try to run together when we can and call and e-mail each other regularly. We have a running schedule for novice runners. We also started our own blog so that we can share our training progress with our donors and friends.

The three of you have chosen to incorporate various 5k runs and half marathons into your training regime. Has this been an effective approach?

Absolutely. Races have been constant milestones that motivate us and get us excited for the next step. The Hyannis Half Marathon became a milestone, but before that it was looked at as another training event. It was a big day for us and gave us time to focus and at the same time enjoy our experience more, knowing that we had finished an actual event.



Join the Team

TEAM Hole in the Wallsm



teamholeinthewall.org

Team Hole in the Wall is an athletic fundraising initiative that partners athletes with the mission of Hole in the Wall Camps. By challenging themselves in marathons, cycling events, triathlons and other athletic events, Team Hole in the Wall participants enable seriously ill children to experience the magic and empowerment of Hole in the Wall Camps worldwide. For more information, please visit www.teamholeinthewall.org.

What's your next training milestone?

We have an 18-mile event and a 20-mile event ahead of us. We are excited, albeit nervous about the 20-mile race in Maine. The route passes through 3 states along the coast. I hear it's a gorgeous run. It sure beats the treadmill.

Part of what makes Team Hole in the Wall so powerful, is the many stories behind why our participants run - each Teammate has their own driving force for training, fundraising and competing. What motivates the three of you? Why run for Team Hole in the Wall?

Barb, Nephellie and I have been at Camp for a long time and it feels like a great way for us to give back to the greater Camp family and celebrate all the countless memories. It has been such an honor to be part of Camp and to work with so many talented and caring staff members throughout the years. We have also met so many wonderful families dealing with chronic and serious illnesses. We have lost many children that we love, who are still near and dear to our hearts, and have also been blessed to watch many survive and grow up before our eyes. Every time we complain, moan and have one of those "I just don't want to run" days, we think of all the challenges we see children go through while receiving treatment. Like many Team Hole in the Wall participants, we are moved by the bravery of all the kids we have met. So, we run..."

You Are Invited...

We hope you will continue to join us for these special gatherings.

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp- Sponsored Upcoming Events

Polo for Children Benefit Luncheon
June 1, 2008

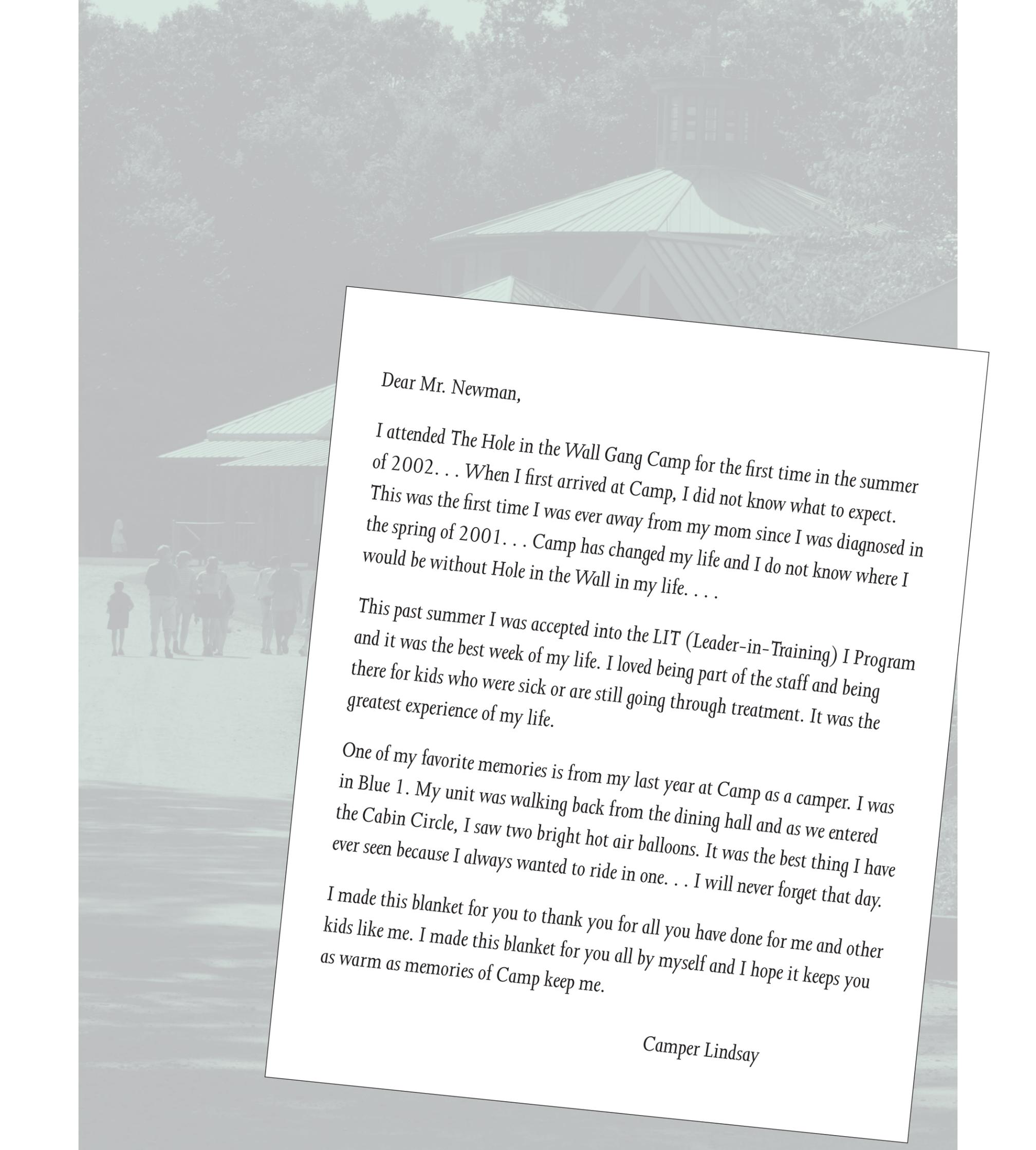
FORE a Very Good Cause Golf Tournament
September 2, 2008

19th Annual Fandango Benefit Gala
September 6, 2008

Big Apple Circus Halloween Bash
October 26, 2008

In addition, we are grateful to be the beneficiaries of many externally-sponsored events, AngelRide (May 24-25), the PGA Tournament (June 16-22), Space and Aviation Day (July 12), and the Not So Snooty Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting Adventure (November 21). Thank you to all our generous supporters!





Dear Mr. Newman,

I attended The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for the first time in the summer of 2002. . . . When I first arrived at Camp, I did not know what to expect. This was the first time I was ever away from my mom since I was diagnosed in the spring of 2001. . . . Camp has changed my life and I do not know where I would be without Hole in the Wall in my life. . . .

This past summer I was accepted into the LIT (Leader-in-Training) I Program and it was the best week of my life. I loved being part of the staff and being there for kids who were sick or are still going through treatment. It was the greatest experience of my life.

One of my favorite memories is from my last year at Camp as a camper. I was in Blue 1. My unit was walking back from the dining hall and as we entered the Cabin Circle, I saw two bright hot air balloons. It was the best thing I have ever seen because I always wanted to ride in one. . . . I will never forget that day.

I made this blanket for you to thank you for all you have done for me and other kids like me. I made this blanket for you all by myself and I hope it keeps you as warm as memories of Camp keep me.

Camper Lindsay

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Our Policy on Donor Names

It is important that our donors and friends know that The Hole in the Wall Gang Fund never sells or shares its donor names and addresses with any other organization. This policy reflects our commitment as a charity to maintain the highest integrity in order to protect and ensure privacy while building a personal relationship with each donor.



The ILA and the Maher Family: Deeply Dedicated Friends to Camp

The International Longshoremen's Association and its employers have joined forces for the past 14 years hosting the annual ILA Children's Fund charity golf tournament benefiting The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. A check for \$125,000 representing proceeds of the 2007 tournament was presented to former camper and cancer survivor Stefanie Vuotto, 23, now a graduate student at Columbia University in Child Psychology. The 2007 donation brought the total ILA contribution since 1994 to over \$2.2 million to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

The check presentation was followed up by a surprise announcement by M. Brian Maher, Chairman and CEO, and Basil Maher, President and Chief Operating Officer, of Maher Terminals. Brian Maher told the 300-plus guests that, in view of the recent sale of his family-held company, he and his brother Basil wanted to demonstrate their appreciation to those members of the ILA, employed by Maher Terminals, who helped make it one of the world's largest independent, multi-user container terminals. In addition, they wanted to pay tribute to John Bowers in recognition for his 20-year leadership as ILA President and applaud him for his exemplary role in leading the fundraising efforts for the past fourteen years on behalf of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Lastly, they wanted to recognize the heroic commitment and dedication of the staff of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp to the core mission of the program. To



Pictured are Basil Maher (far left), M. Brian Maher (far right) and family members on a recent visit to Camp.

achieve those ends, the brothers announced a \$1,000,000 donation to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp.

In recognition of the gift, the Camp will dedicate the East Wing of the Lodge and Family Center as the "Maher Family Wing."

The International Longshoremen's Association AFL-CIO is the largest union of maritime workers in North America, representing more than 65,000 longshoremen on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, Great Lakes, major U.S. rivers, Puerto Rico and Eastern Canada.

THE HOLE IN THE WALL GANG CAMP, located in Ashford, Connecticut, was founded by Paul Newman in 1988. It is a non-profit residential summer camp and year-round center designed to serve children and families coping with cancer and other serious illnesses and conditions. Each summer more than 1,000 children between the ages of seven and fifteen from across the country and abroad attend free of charge.

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp offers programs in the non-summer months for campers, their families and healthcare professionals. Through our Hospital Outreach Program, our staff members make hospital visits to thousands of seriously ill hospitalized children from New York to Boston. In addition, the Camp provides support to other camps with a similar mission throughout the world.

The programs of The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp are made possible through the generosity of many friends.

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Spring 2008



Camp is full of surprises!

"Talk to any camper. You'll get the same answer. It can't be described, but there's a magic to Camp, and it doesn't rest in Ashford. It's the magic of belief...the belief that you're the best dancer in the entire dining hall. The belief that you can eat all the Lucky Charms you want and never get sick. The belief that you can beat your counselor in basketball every single time you play him...while you're here, anything and everything is possible."

—Camper Stephen

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