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## **The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Names Ryan Thompson as Chief Development and Communications Officer**

**New Haven, Conn., April 4, 2018** – The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, a year-round organization founded by Paul Newman that is dedicated to providing “a different kind of healing” to seriously ill children and their families, has named Ryan Thompson as its Chief Development and Communications Officer. Ryan has been a passionate member of the Camp community for more than a decade.

Since joining the staff seven years ago, Ryan has been an integral part of Hole in the Wall’s fundraising team, working beside CEO Jimmy Canton to deepen relationships with Camp’s most generous supporters, corporate partners and celebrity friends. In his past role as Camp’s Chief Communications Officer, Ryan also led efforts to elevate and transform Camp’s communications.

“Given his dual background in fundraising and communications, Camp is very fortunate to share Ryan’s compassion for our children and their families as well as his deep commitment to Paul Newman’s vision,” Jimmy said. “In this new role, he brings not only years of history at Camp, but also a great expertise in frontline fundraising, which is invaluable.”

Prior to his arrival at Camp, Ryan was the director of development and the East Coast regional office for the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He also spent several years in the administration at Fordham University serving as media relations specialist, editor and assistant director of corporate and foundation relations. Ryan holds two degrees from Fordham – a B.A. in Communication/Media Studies and an M.A. in Public Communications. He also has taught as an adjunct professor in Fordham’s Department of Communication and Media Studies.

“It is an honor and a privilege to take on this new role in service of the seriously ill children and families served by The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp,” Ryan said. “Ten years ago, when I first became involved as a volunteer, my life changed, and I am excited to work alongside a group of such compassionate and committed professionals.”

### **About The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp**

Founded in 1988 by Paul Newman, The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp provides “a different kind of healing” to more than 20,000 seriously ill children and family members annually – all completely free of charge. For many of these children and families, Hole in the Wall provides multiple Camp experiences throughout the year at the facility in Ashford, Conn., in more than 40 hospitals and clinics, directly in camper homes and communities, and through other outreach activities across the Northeast. Learn more at [www.holeinthewallgang.org](http://www.holeinthewallgang.org).