

The Huckonian

The 2023 Annual Report Edition



A publication for alumni and friends

Spring 2024

Looking Ahead to Summer 2024

by Heather Kiley

It's hard to believe that summer 2024 will mark my 5th Huckins summer. Each year has been unique, and it's a joy to be a part of this remarkable community! As we look ahead to summer, we have a lot to be excited about. Here is a preview of a few exciting updates for summer 2024.

Staffing

Staff retention is the highest it's been in the last 5 years. We are fully staffed in our cabins, with counselors who were once campers themselves, and who are already counting the days until they meet their campers. Our Divisional Counselors, Department Heads and Program Directors bring years of experience to their roles, and nearly half our international staff team from 2023 are returning. We can't wait to welcome the 2024 staff team to Huckins in June!

We recognize staff are essential to the success of our programs, and we are launching two new initiatives. First, we are actively working to provide meaningful professional



development and internship opportunities through our Huckins network, tailored to the unique demands of working at camp. Stay tuned for more information on how you can support these initiatives. Second, we've established a staff support fund to offer financial assistance to those who may otherwise be unable to afford to return to Huckins. Staff can apply for help with school-related expenses, similar to the camper financial aid process.

The Huckins Experience

Practicing our core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility will allow our staff and campers to work together to build a community where Huckins' mission comes to life. Each day will be filled with activities to foster laughter, confidence, authentic friendship, independence, and leadership skills. We can't wait to feel the energy and spirit of our 2024 community!

Departments

This summer, we're giving special attention to our Small Crafts department. Our beloved fleet of sailboats has been



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well loved, requiring several boats to be retired. To ensure we continue to fill Broad Bay with Huckins sails, we have purchased 6 new Rocket sailboats. These boats, akin to the classic Sunfish but lighter and more maneuverable, are made in the USA making parts readily accessible to keep them camper ready. Not forgetting about the Hobies, we have plans to purchase a new Hobie so an entire cabin can explore the lake on the Hobie Waves. Additionally, we've added a 2024 Nautique ski boat, so we will have two Nautique ski boats for the water ski program this summer.

Pickleball and tennis enthusiasts will be pleased to see we are repainting and repositioning the pickleball lines, increasing flexibility between tennis and pickleball. The Craft Shop was deeply cleaned and reorganized during the Fall Alumni Weekend, so we are

ready for some serious creativity! The swim lanes will be put to good use by the Huckins swim team, defending our undefeated record at our intercamp swim meets.

Check-In Time Change

Check-in is changing to the morning! Campers will move in between 9:30-12:00 on check-in days, and camp activities will begin with a Chef Joel prepared lunch followed by an afternoon of swim checks, ice breakers, intros, orientation, and sign ups.

We'd Love to See You in 2024

We hope to see you here at camp at one of our pre or post season programs, or at one of our alumni events around the country. If you are in the area, please contact the camp office to schedule a visit.

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YOUNG ALUMNI COMMITTEE

The Huckins Young Alumni Committee (YAC) is excited to connect with the Huckins community at a few different events this spring! We invite you to join us for a virtual cooking class on April 11, 2024; keep an eye out for an email and social media announcements with more information.

We also hope to see alumni 21 and older at Alumni Volunteer Weekend, May 31-June 2. It will be an awesome few days under the pines helping camp get summer-ready! Sign up on the Camp website.

The YAC strives to build and engage a community of young alumni who will grow in their support of Huckins as partners, advocates, and investors, as well as develop a network of support among generations of Huckonians. Applications to join the YAC will open in May. To learn more about what YAC does, please reach out to any of the members or committee co-chairs, Amy Brennan at brennana023@gmail.com and Audrey James at aejames09@gmail.com .

Current YAC Members Include: *Molly Badger, Maggie Bland, Amy Brennan (Co-Chair), Mia Christenson, Jenna Dalton, Molly Denning, Jess Franks, Julia Himmelberger, Audrey James (Co-Chair), Annie (Colbert) Kazarnovsky, Jessie (Felber) Kiefaber, Morgan Maradian, Christine (Weeks) Moore, Rebecca Raslowsky, Emma Swanick*

It is the mission of the Carroll County YMCA through its many programs, to strengthen the Spirit, Mind, and Body of youth, families, and communities. We strive to provide an honest, respectful and caring atmosphere where each person can grow to realize their full potential.



A LEGACY OF KINDNESS, LOVE, & STABILITY

Sue Fullerton Retires from Huckins

by Mark Cadman & Maddy Clapp

Our devoted Finance Manager, Sue Fullerton, retired from Huckins in April. Sue has provided Huckins with so much over the last 29 years, ranging from financial stability to a welcoming face in our office.

Sue arrived at Camp in November 1995. Sue spent a few short years as the Registrar before then moving into her current role, which she has held for 24 years. When she started at Huckins, the organization had just five year-round staff and an operating budget of less than \$1M. Sue retired at a time when the organization operates with a \$4.5M budget and 15 year-round staff members. It is safe to say that Sue was the backbone to Huckins during this growth. She has supported two leadership transitions, numerous Capital improvement projects, and most recently, the organizations weathering of the COVID pandemic and the process of re-opening Camp.

Many past seasonal staff have worked with Sue closely and can attest to her caring nature as they completed the onboarding process each season. Sue's patience and empathy has helped hundreds of staff navigate the employment process, many for the first time. This is one of the many gifts Sue has given to our community: she has provided young staff with the knowledge, lifelong skills, and understanding of the onboarding process, which stays with them beyond their Huckins years.

Sue's steady leadership, warm smile, and love for her Camp community has resulted in a culture of positivity. She is always willing to offer a helping hand, a comforting hug, or an inspiring chuckle. She is the first to celebrate her co-worker's professional and personal triumphs and lend a supportive ear through challenges. It is not just people that gravitate towards Sue! Many four-

legged friends who come through the office will head straight towards Sue's office for a treat and scratch on the head.

If you have had the pleasure of working with Sue, you will know how closely she holds her husband Peter and entire family. It has been so special to watch their family grow throughout the years. Sue's office is filled with pictures of her family members, and she loves to share stories with us all, especially those about her beloved children and grandchildren!

We are so thankful for all Sue has given to our Huckins Community. She has developed a culture of kindness, love, and family first, that will live on at Huckins for years to come. We congratulate Sue on her well-deserved



retirement and wish her the best of luck in her next chapter surrounded by her family and loved ones. *"We love you, Sue, oh yes we do!"*

Welcome, Grace!

Grace Smith enters her 13th year at Camp Huckins after being a camper, counselor, and completing a 2-week stint as co-director of the Smallcrafts beach last summer. Grace's previous fundraising experience includes roles at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, The New York Botanical Garden, and Johns Hopkins University. She is thrilled to bring her diverse fundraising expertise to Huckins in support of the camp's mission and programs. Along with a passion for Camp Huckins, Grace volunteers outside of work at various animal shelters as a cat companion and is a fierce advocate for animal rescue and adoption. Grace also has past volunteer experience as the philanthropy advisor at the University of Maryland chapter of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority and believes that women and girls need to support one another through mentorship and leadership programs. Currently, she is in graduate school part-time working on earning her Masters of Nonprofit Leadership and Management. She is thrilled to be working full-time at Camp Huckins to ensure that girls continue to have a summer home to be their authentic selves and make everlasting memories. After 4 years living in Manhattan, she recently moved to Jersey City, NJ, with her partner and 2 cats.



THE INIMITABLE VIRGINIA “GINNY” EMMONS

Ginny Retires from Huckins

by Joel Weeman

Miriam -Webster says, “Something that is inimitable is, literally, not able to be imitated...so uniquely extraordinary as to not be copied or equaled.”

Virginia Emmons, known as Ginny at Huckins and by now around the world, is the walking embodiment of this word. An integral part of the Huckins Kitchen Team and behind-the-scenes part of the greater Huckins community since 2011, Ginny has decided to step back and “retire” from kitchen life in 2024. Bigger shoes could not be left waiting to be filled.

Ginny has always preferred to be in the background. This article will no doubt make her cringe. You may not even know who she is but her impact on camp, our food program and anyone who has spent time with her is enduring and deserves more than a little spotlight. Her presence in the kitchen will be sorely missed and certainly never replicated or imitated.

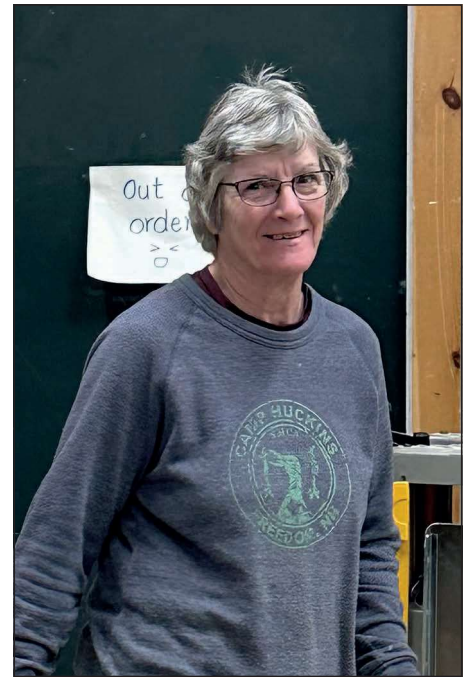
Since I started in 2013, Ginny has been the one constant, 6 days a week, every summer and she truly is irreplaceable. A shining example of that hardy New Englander, her work ethic is legendary. Ginny would think nothing of working 8 hours feeding 500 hungry campers and then go home to put up 100 bales of hay, stack 3 cords of wood, weed her garden and tend to her beloved cows. Cows that have, in turn, nourished eaters at Huckins for a few years now and hay that has nourished our horses for many years.

In my nearly 30 years of working in kitchens, I have never met or had the pleasure of working with someone quite like Ginny. She has always been 10 steps ahead of me and running circles around everyone. I can only think of a handful of times that I beat her to the kitchen for a breakfast shift, and I live here! Ginny has flipped countless pancakes, fried mountains

of eggs, grilled tens of thousands of grilled cheese sandwiches. She owned the flat top griddle and ruled it with an iron albeit benevolent spatula. No one I’ve worked with moves as quickly as her or works as cleanly. The saying goes, “Time to lean, time to clean” and Ginny spent any spare minute making our kitchen shine. People walk into the kitchen and comment about how clean and organized it is, that’s Ginny. When writing prep lists long enough to make the most grizzled kitchen vet gasp, my only thought was, “Is this enough to keep Ginny busy?” Almost always the answer was, “No.” In that proverbial scenario where the ship goes down, I’m looking for Ginny’s lifeboat every time. “What would Ginny do?” has become my personal mantra.

Not only is she the hardest working person I’ve ever known, but she has also always been instantly the most loved by our international staff. Her quiet encouragement, willingness to jump in and rub elbows in the most menial tasks, generosity and sense of humor have made many staff members far from home feel welcomed and at ease. A prankster at heart, Ginny has always kept the staff on their toes, smiling and laughing. Her knowledge and lead by example style consistently gained immediate respect.

Outside of the kitchen, Ginny has spent many hours doing anything and everything to help put camp to bed in the fall and re-open in the spring. She has probably cleaned or painted every square inch of camp. She’s kept an expert eye on the Nature Hut gardens, the chickens and the goats when no one was looking. She knows every fawn and doe that live in these woods, sometimes on a first name basis. Not your stand-on-the-table-and-sing kind of Nellie girl, Ginny has cared for Huckins in a very specific, unique and non-public way.



As I contemplate a summer without her presence in the kitchen, it doesn’t seem possible to fill that space with just one person. Her shoes will never be filled but I will be forever grateful to have worked alongside (or a few steps behind!) her. Thank you, Ginny, for all you have done for camp, for our campers and staff and for me. Our kitchen team will miss you every day.

With much love and gratitude to Ginny for 13 summers and, by my math, over one million meals you’ve helped create! Unequaled. Unmatched. Unrivaled. Inimitable.

Community Impact

School Vacation Camp at Huckins



The need for school vacation offerings has long been a community need. Huckins is thrilled to have provided our first school vacation camp program during this February vacation week, engaging youth from across Carroll County. We hosted 16 children, from 14 families, representing 6



different schools, including 3 out-of-state Huckins alumni families. Two full days of programming were provided, with campers participating in arts and crafts, STEM learning, teambuilding games, nature walks, campfires and so much more.

There is something quite special about Huckins in the winter and we were so pleased to be able to share this with our community. The leadership division leader house provided us with a great home base for activities, social time, and a space to warm up. The trails around camp gave us space to explore, and the view over a frozen Board Bay provided the perfect backdrop for some sensory reflections. And of course, hot chocolate and s'mores were a big hit!

These programs are built on what Huckins does best: positive play, social interactions, and promoting teamwork. We look forward to further developing our vacation programs, with the next offering being during April vacation week. For more information, visit camphuckins.org/ccymca-programs or email Katie Miressi (katie@camphuckins.org).

Celebrating 25 Summers at Camp Huckins...

Irek Brewka first came to us in the late 90s as a kitchen staff member. He also spent a few summers helping in the office before becoming our Trips Director in 2002. After 21 summers in this role, Irek now knows the hikes in the Mount Washington Valley better than anyone else on staff. He has hiked Mount Washington a record 95 times!!



Irek is the ultimate supporter of anyone that hikes with him, whether an athlete or a nervous novice, he encourages campers and staff alike to feel stronger, more capable, and more confident in themselves.

Irek truly embodies the Nellie spirit, whether dazzling us with his unparalleled style in a Men of Huckins skit for the Staff talent show or leaving us awestruck with his hauntingly beautiful Operatic arias. He is always willing to lend a hand and is frequently relied upon for his skills outside of leading trips. We are so fortunate to have had Irek as a part of the camp community for 25 years. We also have Irek to thank for several of our other beloved International Staff members, as he has helped to bring over some of his students from Poland to take part in the camp experience. Alamen to Irek, and many thanks for your dedication for 25 amazing summers!

Alisson Borowski Kolodner, aka Borowski, started at camp in 1988 as a lower junior.

She first joined staff in 1996 as a Junior Counselor in the Senior Division. Since then, Borowski has led by example as a Cabin Counselor, W Counselor, CIT Counselor, Trips Director, Middler Division Leader and is currently cultivating our future world and local leaders as Leadership Division Leader. Borowski found the Nelliest of husbands, her Exeter classmate and best friend, Mike, whom she wouldn't agree to marry until he could visit camp and understand what it meant to her. Mike fell in love with camp, and they started attending family camp when their two oldest were still in diapers. The Kolodner family is now just as dedicated to Camp Huckins as Borowski is!



We are so fortunate to have a role model such as Borowski for our campers and staff. She is a jill-of-all-trades force of nature who instills confidence, enthusiasm and a can-do spirit. She is a true asset at the brainstorming table, generating ideas and solving problems with the leadership team. Borowski is a fierce advocate and loyal cheerleader for anyone lucky enough to call her a friend and she can put a smile on your face in the worst of times. Alamen to Borowski and her 25 summers at Camp Huckins!

A RECIPE FROM JOEL'S KITCHEN

Berberé Roasted Chicken with Avocado and Feta Panzanella

Serves 6. Berbere is a traditional spice blend from Ethiopian and Eritrean cuisines. I really enjoy it on chicken or roasted veggies. Not common everywhere but a well-stocked grocery store should have it and it is worth seeking out. Some versions can be spicy so check the heat level if you are sensitive to spicy foods. Tofu could easily be swapped out for the chicken to make this a vegetarian meal. Panzanella is, traditionally, an Italian salad that incorporates stale bread. The extra step of crisping the bread in some olive oil is a must! Enjoy!

Avocado Panzanella Ingredients

8-inch chunk of ciabatta or baguette, cut into ½-inch cubes
2 avocados, diced
½ cups crumbled feta cheese
1 cup cucumber, peeled, seeded, diced small
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
Juice of 2 lemons or about ¼ cup
½ jalapeno, thinly sliced, or more to taste
1 tsp fresh thyme leaves
2 tsp fresh chives, chopped
sea salt and black pepper to taste

Roasted Berbere Chicken Ingredients

6 chicken thighs, ideally skin on
3 tablespoons Berbere spice
2 teaspoons sea salt

Steps for Panzanella

1. Combine cucumber, jalapeno and lemon juice in a medium sized bowl and rest for 10 minutes.
2. Stir in olive oil, salt and pepper.
3. Gently fold in avocado, chives, thyme and feta. Adjust Seasonings to taste. Set aside while you cook the chicken and prepare the bread chunks.
4. In a large skillet, over medium heat, warm 3 more tablespoons of olive oil. Add bread chunks and cook stirring occasionally until golden brown and crispy. I like them to be crisp on the outside but still have a little softness on the inside, sort of like a grilled cheese sandwich. Sprinkle with a bit of sea salt and transfer to a bowl or plate.

Steps for Berbere Chicken

1. Pre heat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Place chicken in a large bowl and add Berbere spice and salt. Toss to combine.
3. Heat 2 tablespoons Olive oil in the same skillet you used for the bread over medium-high heat. Place chicken, skin side down in skillet and sear for about 5 minutes or until skin starts to crisp and begins to get nicely browned. Turn chicken and sear on the other side for another 4 minutes. Transfer skillet to oven and cook until the chicken reaches 185-190 degrees. 165 degrees is fine for safe eating, but chicken thighs are much better when cooked a bit longer. All the connective tissue inside turns into juicy goodness at that higher internal temperature.
4. Rest chicken for 10 minutes and then slice.
5. Meanwhile, add the crisped bread to the salad and gently toss to combine everything. Check for seasoning and then divide between 6 shallow bowls. Top with sliced chicken.



What ever happened to...

Laura (Sullivan) Ethridge?



I attended Camp Huckins from 1979 to 1987, starting in Cabin U with Jackie Jepson as a JC, and ending as an SC in Cabin B in 1987.

I learned about Huckins from a Weston friend, Jenna Steere, from her sisters Tammy and Kim, who had learned of camp from the Darien crew of the '70s. Our third-grade spring was filled with plotting for camp life, memorizing camp songs, and practicing to pass the outside area test. As soon as I arrived, I knew my long-term goal was to become Huckins Counselor. At 55, it remains my favorite job, ever.

My second year, I was lucky enough to be an upper junior in Cabin S-U-P-E-R with our beloved Jody Hutchinson Skelton. Jody has remained a shining light for me, a hero in many a school essay or a public speech, a cheerleader always, and a captain of fun, whether I was visiting Huckins as an adult or she was on the road visiting alums. As an adult, one fond memory is arriving on opening day for my niece's lower junior year. The minivan rolled up to check in, and there was Jody. Instantly, she opened the door, jumped in, and escorted Mikie to her first cabin. When we got to the cabin, we bumped into the late great Margie Rosenthal, who had been my CIT SC, with her daughter. It was the perfect start for the next generation of camp life.

Huckins traditions, YMCA lessons in leadership, and the friendships I've

made have carried me through life's highs and lows. At 24, my commitment for service compelled me to join the first class of AmeriCorps in Baltimore, MD, and within months, Lisa Breed, a dear camp friend, was sleeping on my futon applying to join AmeriCorps too. In a circuitous route, after business school, I ended up spending most of my career in financial services as a creative problem solver. Starting at American Express in NYC, I migrated to San Francisco to work at Wells Fargo, and fell in love with a Navy man from Mississippi.



In 2021, we moved to a small Mississippi coastal town called Pass Christian, which I lovingly call "Stars Hollow South" as the Chief Marketing Officer at Hancock Whitney Bank, a regional Gulf Coast bank that covers Texas through Florida. My team knows all about Huckins. It is not uncommon that I share a lesson from Vespers, insist on playlists for just about everything, make my leadership team dance it out when we are frustrated, and address a problem camper with the care I learned at as a counselor. I credit my fast turn creativity to the rainy-day song contest, my coaching style to time as waterskiing instructor, my can do attitude from my CIT training, and my conflict resolution skills from surviving in small space with 14 other girls.

In July '85, our W song was to the tune of "The Facts of Life." We sang, "suddenly you're finding out



that Huckins girls are all around you." I can share with all the younger Huckins girls that will remain true for the rest of your life. I met my college roommate in Cabin J and reunited in the dorm freshman year. Two adult friends sent their girls to Huckins at my recommendation. My nieces attended camp for seven years each. I have reunited with Huckins girls in restaurants, bathroom lines, parking lots, conference rooms and after public speaking engagements.

My Huckins friends have been my ride or die lifeline — from fun weekend reunions on Lake Winnepesaukee, last phone calls before we travel overseas, supporting the last-minute wedding day emergency capers, standing by each other's side when we lose loved ones, and all the goofy texts and calls in between. Huckins stays with you forever.



Sneak Peek!

Our Fall 2024 Huckonian will feature this Huckins alum... can you guess who it is?

All About the Alumni ...



Georgia Cobb, Jodi Cobb, and Kate Sullivan, all current staff, met up while in Los Angeles.



Elsie Daddow (17) and Emma and Joe Rose (17) met up in Scotland this year. Pictured together with Emma and Joe's daughter, Esme.



Sarah Pier (17) celebrates a new role as Director of Show Production of the Holiday Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall. Don't miss the Rockettes next November or December – it is Spectacular!

Get your Nellie Gear!

The online camp store will be open from April 8th to April 22nd.

Check out the camp classics, as well as some new items! This is the perfect time to get gear for summer.

www.camphuckinsshop.com



Questions? store@camphuckins.org

IN MEMORIAM



Claire Cummings, a camper in the 2000's, passed away in October 2023. Claire was known for being driven, helping others, and wanting to make the world a better place. She will be deeply missed by her Huckins family and remembered fondly.



HUCKINS CAREER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

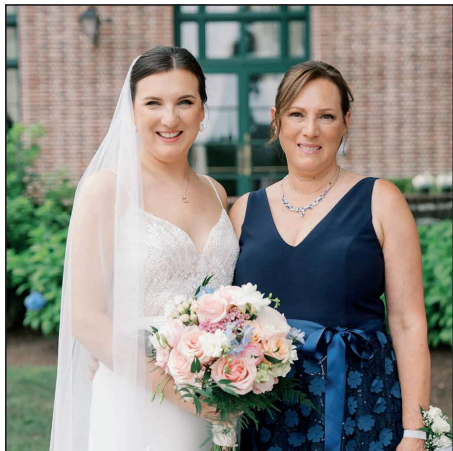
Are you interested in a Huckins staff member coming to intern at your company?

This year, we're launching the Huckins Career Internship Program! Our goal is to assist counselors and staff members in cultivating connections and advancing their careers prior to the onset of the camp season. To accommodate staff training, counselors and staff members must be available back at camp by June 16th. This allows for an internship of two to six weeks, depending on their school schedule.

If your company is interested in hosting an intern, please contact Sarah Mackie Weeman (Smackie), Summer Camp Director, at smackie@camphuckins.org with your company details.

Welcome to the Huckins family!

Weddings and Babies



Kate Fitz Maurice (13) married Juan Garza in Rye, NY on July 2, 2022. Pictured with her mother, **Ann Metayer Southworth**.



Olivia (Joyce) Benesch welcomed baby Kezia Elana in May 2023.



Caroline (Fallon) Crocker (13) married Travis Crocker on September 16, 2023 in Nantucket.



Lindsey Wiggin (17) and husband, Tom Hart, welcomed their first child, Henry Taylor, to the world on January 25, 2024.



Angie (Costales) Colasanto (03) married Luca Colasanto.



Ellie (Eckerson) Peters (11), husband Kyle, and daughter Maisie welcomed baby Ronan in April 2023.



Amanda (Needham) Quick (12) welcomed son, Elliot Myles, on May 31, 2023 to join big brother Owen.

It's a Small World After All

by Maddy Clapp

We can all agree that Huckins played an important part in our lives and camp has given us memories that we all fondly look back on. Within the Huckins bubble, we learned new things, gained confidence and independence, and made lifelong memories and friends. We grew and developed under the pines, and we were encouraged to live our lives outside of camp with the same skills and lessons that were instilled in us. We showed the “outside world” what a Huckins person is capable of. Not only did Huckins develop us as people, but it also gave us a global family all connected by the same Huckins spirit.

This widespread connection was on display when Jody Skelton traveled throughout Europe this past summer, visiting Huckins alumni and friends. She, and “Flat Nellie”, traveled to 7 countries and visited 29 people, many of whom were past International Staff members. The alumni that Jody visited came to Huckins to live and work in the States for the summer and participate in a cultural exchange program. Little did they know they would experience a place that would impact their lives and stay with them forever. The International Staff program highlights some of Jody's best memories

when she was Director – she loved watching staff grow and develop from the beginning of staff week through each season and seeing them create lasting memories and friendships.

Now, almost 40 years later since Huckins first began the International Staff program, Jody was on the other side of this opportunity. She experienced her own cultural exchange program during her travels and stayed with friends around the globe. When these young people came to Huckins, they tried new things and immersed themselves in a new place far away from home, with courage and excitement. Now it was Jody's turn. “People were so excited to show off parts of their country, they were so excited for [me] to come to their home, whereas they had been to [my] home many times,” Jody remarked. As she spent time visiting their families, going to their jobs, watching their concerts, and visiting the landmarks around them – she fully immersed herself in their home, traditions, and family. One of the alumni she visited was Ugis Cinis in Latvia. Ugis came to Huckins from 1990



Jody with Ugis and Ineta while waterskiing in Latvia.



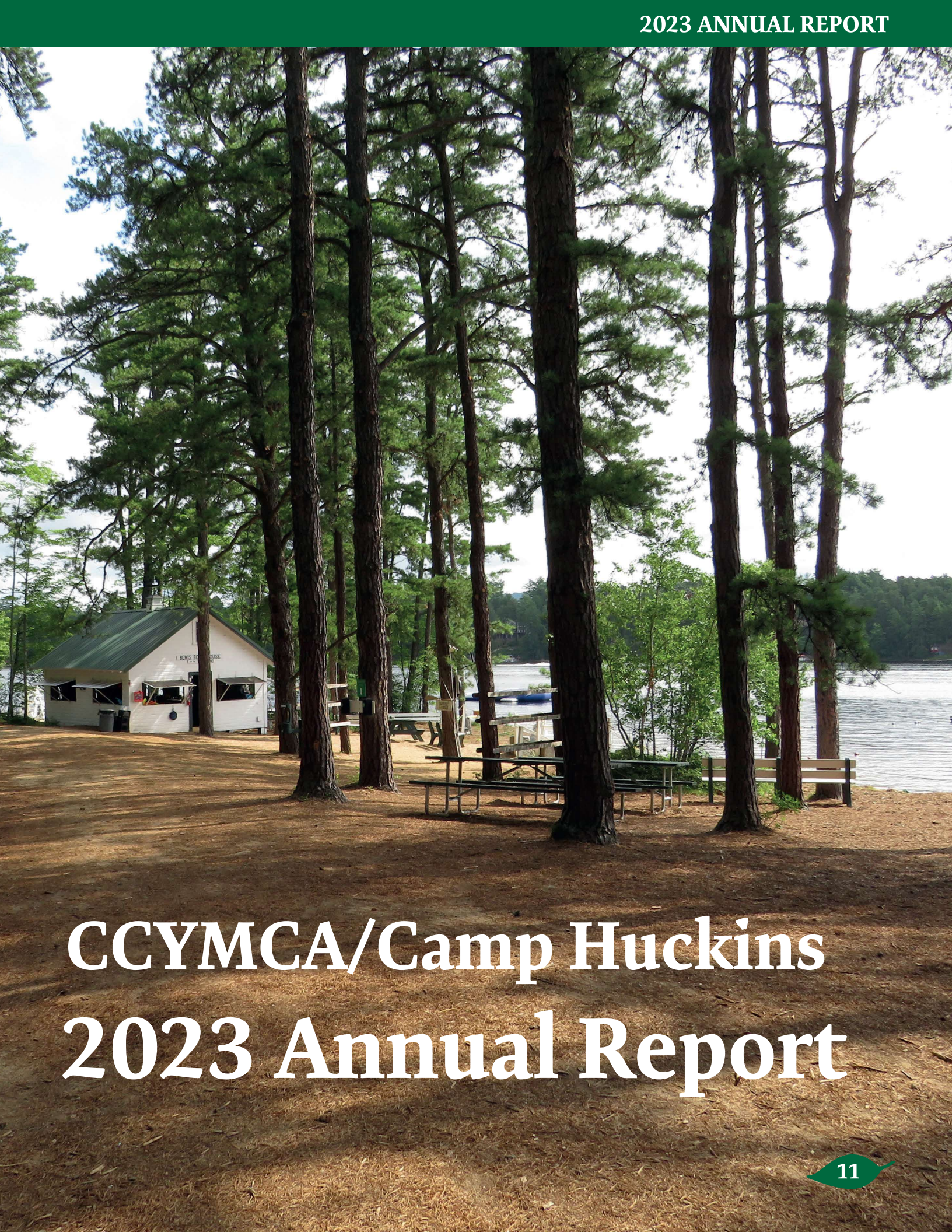
Huckins Alumni gathering in Delft, Holland.

until 1992 as a kitchen and maintenance staff member. As she did with many staff, Jody offered to teach him how to waterski during his time at Huckins. It quickly became his passion and Jody was thrilled to visit the company he created in his home country, Latvia AquaSports, where he and his wife, Ineta, now teach waterskiing to others. This is the kind of impact Huckins has on people's lives – you find your passion and the courage to live it out.

Between the vast number of activities during her travels, Jody had plenty of time for reminiscing with each person. What Jody witnessed during her travels, and what we can all attest to, is the magic of a Huckins friendship and connection. The relationships formed at camp with people you live, work, and play with 24/7 are special and cannot be attained anywhere else. No matter how long it's been since you have seen or spoken with Huckins friend, it always feels like you are picking up right where you left off. Just being with a fellow Huckonian can instantly transport us back to our younger selves, learning new things together, laughing until we cry, singing loudly, and making memories that last forever. The shared experience of Huckins creates a strong, timeless connection that endures beyond Camp's boundaries, making this world feel wonderfully small when you are a part of this mighty Huckins community.



Jody with Kamil Serwan (18), Irek Brewka (current), and Szymon Sendlak (19) in Poland.



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A Letter from the Board Chair

Anne Depew



I love listening to stories that speak to the permanence of the Huckins Experience. This is expressed in ways such as how people feel when they arrive; the breath that catches when they crest the hill to the waterfront; and the sense that washes over them when they walk into the Lodge, a place they regard as hallowed space. The permanence also is expressed in ways related to descriptions of the fun they had at camp; life-long friends; and people of different camp generations meeting as adults and feeling instantly connected. The permanence is palpable when one sees a group of campers playing, laughing and singing; hears a whistle and a yell of “buddy check;” smells the pine trees; hangs a shirt on a gimp hanger; and in so many other ways.

My term as Board Chair coincided with the arrival of COVID and the resulting summers of adjustment. Many of the stories of permanence were almost electric as everyone scrambled to ensure that Huckins would financially weather a summer without campers; that our campers would feel the strength of the Huckins spirit when they and their families desperately needed it; and that our staff would grow and would not be exhausted by the demands they faced. My

term also coincided with the arrival of Heather as our Executive Director. She has patiently and carefully demonstrated the strength of her leadership; the power of her vision; her practice of considering diverse viewpoints and opinions; her faith in and reliance on the talent and expertise of her team; and her openness and kindness. She listened, internalized, and distilled these stories of permanence and has added her own.

Starting mid-last summer, I started hearing things like “Thank goodness Camp now can return to normal” or “I am so happy the last few years are over and we can do things the way we used to.” My sense is that the goal should not be to “go back” and that Huckins should not aspire to “return” to anything. Yes, there were changes made in the past few years, some of which we have been happy to shed. The challenges also gave us the opportunity to collect and reflect upon the stories of permanence and to clearly define what the Huckins Experience is. It is that experience we want to be permanent. We will continue to do what we always have tried to do – allow our campers and those we serve in our community to have a Huckins Experience. That necessarily means that we provide an experience with permanence and one that is ever mindful of the importance of creating that experience today and tomorrow, not yesterday.

Board members, committee members, and volunteers worked tirelessly in 2023 and deserve thanks for sharing countless hours, expertise, and a shared mission to nurture the Huckins Experience. The Board works through its committees to support Heather, Mark, and all members of the year-round staff and to strengthen the organization with strategic insight and the expertise each brings.

The Board added a seat for the chair of the Young Alum Committee a few years ago and Marybeth Sullivan served with distinction as the first Young Alum board member. This seat rotates, and Marybeth stepped off the board at the end of 2023, although she continues her committee work. Liz Sanborn Ventre also stepped off the Board. Liz was the longest-tenured board member and served in almost all board roles, usually with a focus on the financial aspects of the organization. Liz remains on the Finance Committee and she deserves a great deal of thanks for her decades of service and unflinching focus on financial health.

The Board welcomed Audrey James (as the next Young Alum member), Caitlin Mulligan, and Emily Parker at our first meeting in 2024 and we are grateful for their willingness to share their talents. All three have previously served on committees. The Board also elected new officers who will serve for the next three years: Kristen Parthe Brown, Chair; Sarah Day Guzman, Vice Chair; Krista Marschner, Secretary; and Heather Daley Lamberton, Treasurer.

Thank you for your support in 2023, for being part of my Huckins Experience, and for your willingness to continue to make the Huckins Experience available for others. I look forward to hearing more of your stories and to continuing to witness growth, evolution, and permanence.

Welcome New Board Members!

As we welcome our three Board Members beginning their terms in 2024, we would also like to give an immense thank you to our outgoing Board members, **Marybeth Sullivan** and **Liz Ventre**. Their lasting contributions to Huckins through their Board work will be felt for years to come and we are thankful for their guidance, initiative, and passion for Huckins. We are grateful that both will continue to serve as Board committee members and continue their support of CCYMCA Camp Huckins and our mission.

Additionally, we would like to extend a thank you to **Anne Depew**, for her 3 years of leadership as the Board Chair. "Thank

You" does not seem nearly enough to show how grateful we are to Anne. Her steadfast leadership was a crucial part of the success of this organization over the last three years, guiding us through camp re-opening and support of Heather Kiley in her first years as Executive Director. Anne has left an enduring impact, and we look forward to continuing to work with her as a Board member. We are thrilled to have **Kristen Brown** step in as the new Board Chair and continue to guide CCYMCA Camp Huckins forward towards our second century.

We are delighted to introduce our newest board members Audrey, Caitlin and Emily to our Board of Directors!

Audrey James

Audrey, a former camper, staff member and a second-generation Huckins girl, joins the Board as the Young Alumni Committee (YAC) representative. As a member of the YAC since its inception, she is enthusiastic about continuing the work as the Co-Chair of the Committee to foster a sense of community and connection among the Huckins young alumni and expand those efforts as she joins the Development Committee.



Audrey currently serves as the Director of Annual Giving and Events at Steppingstone, an educational access nonprofit, where she is responsible for developing and executing comprehensive annual giving strategies and oversees the Board of Young Professionals at Steppingstone. In her work with Huckins and Steppingstone, Audrey manages young individuals who are passionate about giving back. She is well-versed in cultivating engaging and impactful initiatives that resonate with this dynamic demographic.

Audrey believes in the transformative power of the camp experience and is eager to collaborate with fellow Board members to shape the vision of CCYMCA Camp Huckins.

Caitlin Mulligan

Caitlin, a former camper and staff member, re-joins the Board bringing a wealth of experience and diverse perspectives. With fourteen years of legal expertise in asset management and investments, Caitlin has developed a deep understanding of the intricacies of financial matters and governance. She has been serving as the co-chair of the Investment Committee and will continue to hold that seat as a standing Board member.



Caitlin is passionate about fostering an environment where campers can thrive, learn, and create lasting bonds.

Being part of the Board allows her to channel her enthusiasm for the outdoors and community into tangible efforts that will enhance the camp's offerings and ensure a vibrant future for generations to come. She is excited about supporting CCYMCA Camp Huckins as a Board Member because she believes in the transformative power of the camp experiences and community building. Having spent meaningful years at camp herself, Caitlin understands the profound impact it can have on personal growth, friendships, and lifelong memories.

Emily Parker

Emily joins the Board bringing her expertise and experience from her professional career in camping that spanned over 30 years. Emily's experience as a camper, counselor, and Division Leader at Huckins led her to a robust camping career beginning at the MetroWest YMCA for 16 years before becoming Director of Nobles Day Camp for 19 years, where she retired from in March 2023.



Emily has worked with several board of directors, both as a staff member reporting to the Board and as a volunteer board member for ACA New England and Mass Camping Association, working with strategic vision and fiscal responsibility for those organizations. Emily has most recently volunteered with CCYMCA Camp Huckins as a member of the Executive Director Search Committee at Huckins. As Emily has grown as a professional, she has watched Camp Huckins grow into the larger role of Carroll County programming, and it is extremely important to her to make sure the organization is strong and financially viable to be able to continue developing and implementing youth programming for the next 100 years (and beyond).

Emily is excited to help continue the mission and work of the Carroll County YMCA, as well as help navigate new challenges through education, discussion, and planning. Emily will serve as a member of the DEIB & Finance Committees.

Carroll County YMCA Camp Huckins 2023 Summary of Financial Position



The strength of CCYMCA Camp Huckins is defined in many ways - robust camper enrollment; joyful camp, family and alumni programs; high retention rates for campers and staff; local programming for youth and families; dedicated volunteers and staff that help bring the Huckins experience to life; successfully advancing our strategic priorities and mission; our solid financial position.

Huckins' strengths, and legacy of creating transformational experiences, are directly connected to the continued generosity and commitment of our Huckins community. We are grateful to the camp families, staff, volunteers, alumni, community members, campers, and foundations that shared their time, expertise, and financial support. Together we create unique opportunities for girls, women, campers, and families to come together and play. While playing under the pines, we breathe more deeply and freely. The culture of play is the foundation of the Huckins experience, where we discover more about who we are and what we can do. Authentic friendships are formed that will lift us up into adulthood. Confidence and resiliency grow along with mind, body, and spirit. The lessons and skills of a Huckins summer build creative problem solvers and effective leaders, a network of remarkable individuals ready to make a positive impact in our world!

The financial summaries that follow provide an overview of the investments being made to deliver quality, safe programs, the staff experience, capital improvements, and ongoing maintenance. These investments are advancing the organization's strategic priorities and demonstrate our commitment to caring for the organization's resources, building on our strengths as we invest in the future. We began updating the Master Plan this year with that same commitment and an eye toward our centennial.

In 2023, we committed to supporting financial assistance for families through annual donations to the Huckins Fund. Your gifts allowed us to provide over \$350,000 of financial assistance through scholarships, discounts, tiered tuition options, water ski and horseback riding costs, and camp clothing. CCYMCA Camp Huckins is committed to making sure cost is not a barrier to participation in our programs, and your support helps to make that possible.

The 2023 capital improvements enhanced the camp experience, especially the Dining Hall. In addition, the expanded swim lanes created a new waterfront program space for campers and staff to enjoy (and train for our Belknap swim meets). The portable stage and sound system were especially helpful in the Sports Complex for our many rainy day lip syncs and talent shows. On sunny days, the expanded Sportsfield allowed for multiple instructionals and opened new Program Day options.

Thank you for your commitment to CCYMCA Camp Huckins mission, programs, and people. As we look toward the future, we are confident that together we can ensure the generations that follow can experience the simplicity and joy of a Huckins summer.

Alamen!
Heather Kiley
Executive Director

2023 Financial Summary Report

REVENUES	2023 ACTUAL	2022 ACTUAL	2021 ACTUAL
Camp Tuition & registration fee	3,576,031	3,148,898	2,964,272
Scholarship expenses	(198,042)	(148,958)	(150,885)
Tuition discount	(26,225)	(34,460)	(37,960)
COVID/Medical refunds	-	(23,287)	(33,970)
Pre & Post season income	190,473	162,772	88,705
Camp Activities, Bank & Trips	50,993	44,322	14,539
Community Based Program Initiatives	40,447	20,940	8,446
Camp store	102,649	93,437	96,482
Covid fees	-	-	259,600
Annual Scholarship & Endowment Release	39,165	80,694	45,993
Other income (dividends & sale of assets)	101,325	33,927	199
Total Revenues	3,876,817	3,378,285	3,255,420
EXPENSES			
Payroll & related expenses (including int'l fees)	1,797,665	1,432,323	1,429,889
Staff training and appreciation	41,612	35,798	26,043
Maintenance, grounds and vehicles	241,661	252,115	221,291
Utilities	54,839	49,722	41,438
Food and food-related expenses	291,481	282,671	239,316
Camp store expense	92,482	78,777	66,838
Camp program & transportation expenses	203,494	160,741	111,307
Community programs expenses	9,520	13,569	8,141
Medical supplies and COVID expenses	15,747	32,344	137,803
Depreciation	246,125	207,312	211,922
Insurance	154,581	143,662	124,285
Payroll, professional, IT and audit fees	105,871	88,580	79,639
Net credit card processing fees	26,687	67,073	86,012
Office expenses	67,408	57,904	57,859
Dues, including to the YMCA	57,794	69,827	33,614
Other expenses	18,158	14,977	21,009
Total Expenses	3,425,125	2,987,396	2,896,406
Capital Expenses	1,213,968	795,369	983,136
Debt & Mortgage Payments	52,756	51,830	21,787
Operating Net	(815,033)	(456,310)	(645,909)
Depreciation Expense Add Back	246,125	207,312	211,922
Total Fundraising (Unrestricted)	783,341	580,149	1,029,150
Net Increase (Decrease) in Operating Cash Balances	214,433	331,151	595,163

2023 CAMP BY THE NUMBERS

Hucksters

160 Single Hucksters
 30 Double Hucksters
 2 Triple Hucksters
 2 Quintuple Hucksters (25 Years)

Staff Years

1,400 Total Years at Camp
 199 Year-Round Staff
 142 Camp Leadership

Total Numbers

167 Staff
 1305 Campers
 982 Returning
 323 New
 80 Carroll County

States/Countries (Campers & Staff)

37 States
 16 Countries

Pre/Post Camp Attendance

69 Mother Son
 177 Family Camp
 158 Labor Day
 309 Mother Daughter
 52 Women's Wellness
 36 June Alumni Weekend
 16 Fall Alumni Weekend

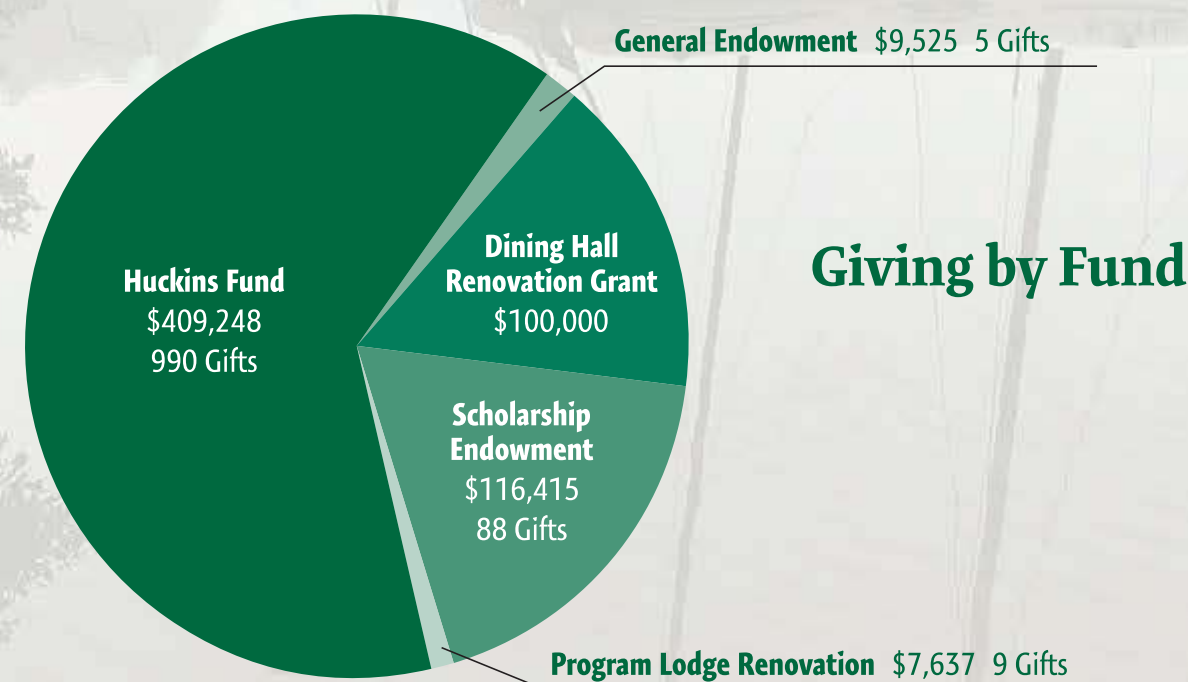
Fundraising

	2023	2022	2021
UNRESTRICTED:			
Special Events Income, net of expenses	-	(14,173)	-
Huckins Fund	401,248	406,465	408,150
Grants & Other Support	108,000	187,857	621,000**
Release of Temp Restricted Funds	274,093	-	-
RESTRICTED:			
Scholarship Endowment Donations	116,415	158,062	101,925
Endowment Fund Donations	9,525	3,186	8,315
Temporarily Restricted Donations	51,359	20,000	
Program Lodge Donations	7,637	219,827	129,601
Annual Scholarship Donations*	-	20,363	39,165
Investment Fees	(18,152)	(17,165)	(16,984)
Total Fundraising:	950,124	984,421	1,291,172

*Annual Scholarship Donations included in Huckins Fund in 2023 **includes COVID relief dollars

Huckins Investments & Endowment Funds (YEAR-END BALANCE)

	2023	2022	2021
Board Designated Funds	\$3,407,957	\$2,865,620	\$3,397,034
Endowment	\$1,132,501	\$977,578	\$1,185,463
Scholarship Endowment	\$2,140,046	\$1,839,598	\$2,099,319



Capital Investments

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Sports Complex Renovations	9,938	405,693	317,650	-	-
Dining Hall Extension & Renovations	726,841	98,701	56,800	30,111	-
Staff Housing Renovations	171,611	86,330	10,885	21,257	-
New Staff Housing	50,381	40,436	-	-	-
Boat Purchases & Upgrades	-	7,660	-	-	73,027
Site Planning, Architecture, & Permitting	34,500	69,848	-	-	-
Vehicles	47,112	63,546	-	14,367	3,900
Bathhouse Upgrades	-	18,560	-	2,898	24,618
Kitchen & Food Service Improvements	37,567	4,595	-	-	72,150
COVID Related Improvements	-	-	34,945	37,080	-
Year Round House	-	-	390,505	-	-
Health Center Renovations	-	-	158,321	-	-
Infrastructure Improvements (Water, Fiber, AV, Generators)	59,876	-	6,983	16,367	14,921
Trail and Grounds Improvements (Program Related)	36,468	-	7,047	7,047	15,499
Program Equipment	10,218	-	-	-	-
Laundry Building	-	-	-	38,975	97,431
Palace	-	-	-	3,734	-
Dock Upgrades	29,456	-	-	36,661	-
Horse Barn Upgrades	-	-	-	-	8,800
Junior Division Pavilion	-	-	-	-	40,849
Program Lodge	-	-	-	-	16,452
Main Office Upgrades	-	-	-	-	12,918
Total:	1,213,968	795,369	983,136	208,498	380,565



A new pergola adds shade and enhances the exterior of the Dining Hall.

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THANK YOU, 2023 VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you and our appreciation for the dedication and hard work of all our 2023 volunteers! Whether it was working on special projects during the pre/post camp seasons, providing service as a Board committee member, or volunteering your skills and expertise to the organization, your commitment to support Huckins has made a significant difference. The commitment, teamwork and passion of our volunteers never ceases to amaze us and contributes greatly to the success CCYMCA Camp Huckins year after year.

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Legacy Society Highlight

Leaving a Legacy and Planning for Retirement

by *Marybeth Sullivan*

Like many of you, Camp Huckins has made a huge impact on my life. I continue to stay involved through participation in Alumni Volunteer Weekends and previously served on the Board's Young Alumni Committee. I'm in awe of how camp continues to expand the number of cabins, maintain facilities, and create an environment where young people can discover and be their authentic selves.

Volunteering time is the most impactful contribution I can make to camp at this point in my life. I'm early in my career and not quite rolling in the dough just yet. Even though retirement feels eons away, I added Camp Huckins as a beneficiary to my 401k retirement plan this year. The process was very straightforward and easy, just a few clicks online and no more than five minutes. By designating Huckins as a beneficiary, my retirement plan knows that I would like a portion of my savings to go to Camp Huckins someday.

While I hope that day is far far away, it gives me peace of mind to know that it is all set. If adding Camp Huckins as a beneficiary to your retirement plan sounds interesting but you don't know where to start, I encourage you to reach out to Grace Smith and she'll walk you through it. **Grace can be contacted at grace@camphuckins.org.**



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Hucksters Give Back

Each summer, when returning campers embark on their 5th (Huckster) year at Camp, they are challenged to donate to Camp's Annual Financial Aid Fund, aiding campers in attending Huckins, as a tribute to this significant milestone. Campers are motivated to earn their own funds through various means such as babysitting, completing chores, engaging in part-time employment, and more. In addition, each camper is asked to write a brief description of what they did to earn the money. This summer we received 57 donations from our 2023 Hucksters.

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 Merin Blake
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 Sage Bussiere
 Abby Butler
 Cora Christian
 Maika Clark
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 Oona Kathan
 Evelyn Knab
 Amelia LeClair
 Caylee Lynch
 Jane Lyons
 Adelaide Macri
 Mackenzie Mason
 Caroline Morrison
 Olivia Oates

Erin O'Rourke
 Emma Perrin
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 Szilvia Robertson
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 Grace Sia
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 Allison Smart
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 Julia Romano
 Fiona Rooney
 Jill & Al Rosa
 Lydia Rose
 Anna Rosenthal
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 Kathy & Jon Ross
 Amanda Rowe-Beddoe &
 Eric Hamburger
 Gil Royal
 Allison Rutledge
 Antonella Rwigema &
 Gustave Ujeneza
 Kara (MacDermott) & Tom Ryan
 Lauren Ryan
 Kathi & David Santis
 Kathy Sawyer
 Jane Sears
 Karen (Greene) Shackford
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 Amy Shatzkin
 Melinda (Stewart) & Tom Sheehy
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 Meghan Simone
 Karen & David Sirois
 Deborah (Grant) & Chuck Sirois
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 Becca Skelton
 Joanne Sleight
 Abigail Smalley
 Deborah & Adam Smart
 Ruth & Robert Smart
 Becky (Birrell) & John Smith
 Andrea & Michael Smith
 Molly (Marsh) & Ryan Smith
 Rachel (Clapp) & Tyler Smith
 Sarah Smith
 Julia Smith
 Grace Smith
 Jack Smith
 Jonathan Smith

Allison & Mark Smosky
 Jeff Sobel
 Christian (Murray) Soltysiak
 Jill & Christopher Soucy
 Katharine (Coffin) & Evan Sparks
 Elizabeth Spaulding
 Elizabeth Staples
 Janice Starkey
 Maya Steinberg
 Kristen (MacDermott) &
 Jon Stevens
 Laveta Stewart
 Dana (Capasso) Stivers
 Thalia Stoddard
 Emily & Paul Strehle
 Matthew Stremlau
 Deborah (Davis) & Carl Sturgis
 Elizabeth Sturgis
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A Dining Experience That Matters

by Mark Cadman

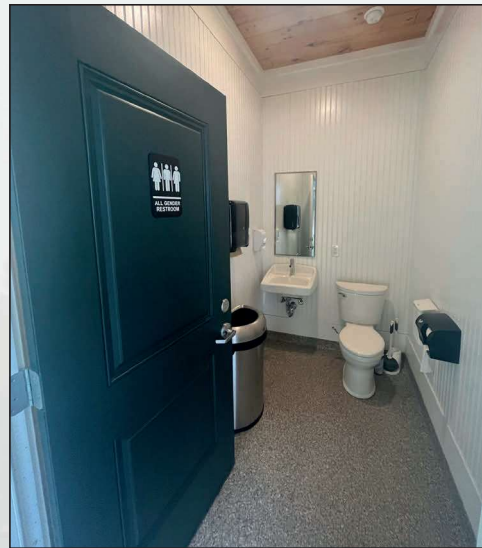
Meals at Huckins have long been an important part of our program. Yes, I said program. Think about it this way. The entire Huckins community spends 30 minutes, three times daily, in the dining hall. That's 1.5 hours every day. Or 19 hours during a two-week session. That is a substantial part of our program. And it goes much deeper than just time – consider all that goes on during those 19 hours, being nourished by Chef Joel's delicious creations, discussing cabin morning, listening intently to afternoon announcements, giving an *Alamen* to your bunk mate who went off the tower for the first time, and so much more. Consider the electric atmosphere when the entire camp stands on their benches to sing – this is the epitome of a Huckins experience. Meals allow us to slow down during our very full days, making room for small talk and chances to get to know everyone a little better.



A new firepit, flowers, and chairs were added for a new space for campers and counselors to connect.

The last few years provided us with new perspectives on the dining experience at Huckins. It became clear we needed to eat together in one space *and* that having more space between tables for carts and walking made the dining experience much more positive for everyone! We found that standing and singing is essential, and that we needed more bathrooms and handwashing options. These perspectives guided the plan for our Dining Hall capital project.

In June 2023, our dining hall addition and renovation was completed and ready to welcome hundreds of campers. A 50' extension was constructed on the gable end facing toward the Sport Complex. This extension provides the additional space to spread out and maintain walkways between tables



The project included the expansion and renovation of the bathrooms. There are now six all-gender bathrooms, with two being fully accessible. New handwashing sinks have been incorporated into the building's exterior.

and buffets. This has made the building much more accessible. The windows were upgraded, and additional lighting was added to blend the existing space and new building. Our bathrooms were completely renovated, transforming two gendered bathrooms into six gender neutral, private bathrooms, including two fully accessible units. The entry way received a makeover, showcasing a selection of our historical archives. Finally, a pergola was added to the front of the dining hall for some extra shade and to soften the exterior view of the building.

On the back of another successful season, we are thrilled with both the functionality of the new space and the aesthetics. Our goal with any upgrade is to envision an updated facility that fits Huckins and that will serve for decades to come. We believe the new Dining Hall does just that. The Dining Hall is an airy, rustic, spacious building, which has enhanced the dining experience for our community. And as we all know, a Huckins Dining Experience matters.



The expansion of the dining hall not only enhances its facilities but also offers campers ample room to freely spread out and enjoy their dining experience.

Community Impact

Food Bank Donations

Summer 2023 was a record-breaking year in food donations! These invaluable contributions support the Freedom Food Pantry. A heartfelt thank you to all the campers, staff, and pre/post-season attendees for your generous support!



Session One - 372 campers brought 412 food items
Session Two - 282 campers brought 390 food items
Session Three - 378 campers brought 598 food items
Session Four - 273 campers brought 323 food items
Pre/Post Season Groups - Brought 500+ food items



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS SNAPSHOT

Squeaky Sneakers: A program for children aged 18 months-3 years and their caregivers, focused on motor skill development, coordination & socialization skills, and learning through play and creativity. Over 25 families attended programs offered in North Conway throughout the year.

New Hampshire Youth & Government: 35 students from Kingswood Regional High School and Moultonborough Academy participated in this mock legislative program held in the New Hampshire State House.

Teambuilding for Local Schools: Facilitated over 380 local children from 3 different schools from across the County with teambuilding, low ropes, and camp activities. These programs are held at Camp and are designed to support the beginning of the academic year.

Freedom After School Program: Provided over 5,900 hours of programming to students from January -June. The final session was held exclusively at Camp Huckins, allowing students to use the facility and participate in camp activities!

Freedom Village Store: Donated the venue for the Store's annual fundraising auction, held in August at the Camp Huckins Dining Hall.

Food Pantry Donations: Camp families, pre & post season groups, and staff donated over 2,200 non-perishable food items over the course of the summer. These items were donated to local food pantries serving our community.

Eastern Slope Ski Club (ESSC): 64 hours of staff time was donated last winter to ESSC. This time was spent helping to teach local elementary school children how to downhill ski and at local ski sales helping families pick out appropriate ski gear.

Fun Field Days: Worked with 2 local elementary schools to provide their end of year celebrations at Camp. Over 275 students participated in water activities, sportsfield games, ropes course, fishing, pontoon boat rides, and more!

Journey from Camper to Counselor

by Grace (Schofield) Potts

Huckins holds a special place in the hearts of many. For some, like myself, camp was not just a summer adventure, but a sanctuary where connections flourished amidst the changing tides of life.

Reflecting on my journey from camper to counselor to year-round employee, I realize how my time at camp helped me transform as a leader and individual as I grew from a child to an adult in the working world. Georgia Cobb, Ilana Tona (Tona), Bailey McGrath, Molly Rhatigan, and Ruby Weeman all had the opportunity to watch this change within each other as they met as cabinmates in Q2 and are all on staff together this summer. They each shared how while they have grown and changed over the years, the essence of Huckins remained constant over time—a beacon of familiarity, warmth, and cherished memories.

Georgia emphasizes, “The people are truly what make camp, camp, and I am beyond grateful for everyone that is in my life because of it.” Tona echoes this, highlighting the familiarity, warmth, and connections that always bring her back to camp, especially when teaching campers the magic of Huckins. Ruby reflects on the supportive environment of camp and how being on staff has deepened her appreciation for the program and her fellow staff members.

As Jess Eisner approaches her 25th summer at camp and Sarah “Smackie” Weeman approaches her 28th summer, they have both had the unique opportunity to watch this transformation among numerous campers. Both Jess and Smackie share insights into the transformation they witnessed in campers becoming young adults, and some becoming counselors. From gaining confidence and maturity to embracing the role of caretaker and mentor,



Q2 cabinmates Ruby Weeman, Molly Rhatigan, Georgia Cobb, Ilana Tona, and Bailey McGrath as counselors on staff in 2023.

former campers embody resilience, empathy, and a desire for continuous growth. The most pivotal moment is when counselors realize their role in providing the camp experience, passing down traditions and activities that keep Huckins timeless.

The journey from camper to counselor at Huckins is a testament to the enduring magic of camp. It’s a place where individuals not only discover themselves, but also cultivate lifelong friendships, leadership skills, and a sense of community. As Huckins continues to inspire generations, its legacy of growth and leadership lives on in every camper who embraces the spirit of Huckins with passion and dedication.