



# CAMP IS WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE

At Camp Hazen YMCA, we are dedicated to providing financial assistance to families who wouldn't be able to send their children to camp otherwise. **In 2023, 40% of campers received more than \$360,000 in financial assistance** to participate in Hazen's summer day camp and overnight camp programs.

**Here are two of those campers' stories:**

## RILEY

Camp Hazen was a life-changing opportunity for my son Riley. He came back from camp with a new confidence. **He said he felt like he belonged and was valued at camp.**

There is no way I would have been able to provide him with this experience without financial aid. Thank you for making this possible for him.

**Camp Hazen is more than just a camp. It is a place where dreams come true.**

## AMANDA

Amanda absolutely loved her session at Camp Hazen. **She had tears of joy when we picked her up** and has talked non-stop about every experience and all the new friends she made.

Amanda's confidence, maturity, kindness, and compassion grew in the two weeks at Camp Hazen. She came home a changed young lady. These amazing memories will last a lifetime.

**Thank you to the donors whose generosity made this possible.**

Riley and Amanda, along with hundreds of their peers, are only able to receive financial assistance because of the generosity of individual donors and programs such as the Essex Savings Bank Community Investment Program.

**THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING CAMP HAZEN YMCA  
FOR YOUR VOTE THIS YEAR!**

# MAKING CONNECTIONS COUNT

CAMP HAZEN YMCA

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT \*  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# A MESSAGE FROM DENISE...

Camp Hazen YMCA is now and will continue to be committed to 'Making Connections Count.' After what I've witnessed over the last couple years with our staff and campers, relationships and social connection are where we find strength through the hardships. Summer Camp is a unique tool for creating and developing these strong connections. When barriers such as technology and societal expectations are removed, kids enjoy a freedom to be unapologetically themselves.



Our young people are hurting. They are living through a time when the need for social justice and equity is overdue, neighboring opinions are polarized, and the pandemic continues into its third year. And yet, above all, they remain hopeful. They are eager to spark change and inspire kindness. They are determined to hold others accountable and urge them to learn from their mistakes. Their resilience and drive gives me peace of mind that the future is in good hands.

Resilience is defined as the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties. It's a life skill that holds exceptional importance in these moments. At Hazen, we teach resilience at the Climbing Wall--urging campers to take just one more step than they originally thought they could. We teach resilience in our overnight program--comforting a camper who is missing home and making them feel empowered to know that everyone feels this way at times. We teach resilience through arguments with friends--encouraging those involved to listen with intent to understand another's perspective.

I've said it once and I'll say it again, "kids need camp now more than ever." It is with the resilience learned through camping experiences that I hold confidence in our young people, that they will lead by example of generosity and connectedness.

  
Denise Learned  
Executive Director/CEO



# 5 WAYS CHILDREN CAN BENEFIT FROM SUMMER CAMP

## SELF-DISCOVERY

BEING IN A DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT WITH MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE CAN GIVE CHILDREN A BETTER SENSE OF WHO THEY ARE.

## INDEPENDENCE

TIME AWAY FROM PARENTS ALLOWS CHILDREN TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS AND SOLVE PROBLEMS ON THEIR OWN. KIDS BUILD CONFIDENCE & FEEL EMPOWERED.

## FRIENDSHIPS BASED ON SHARED INTERESTS

CHILDREN GAIN INTELLECTUAL DEPTH WHEN THEY MEET OTHERS WHO LIKE THE SAME THINGS THEY DO.

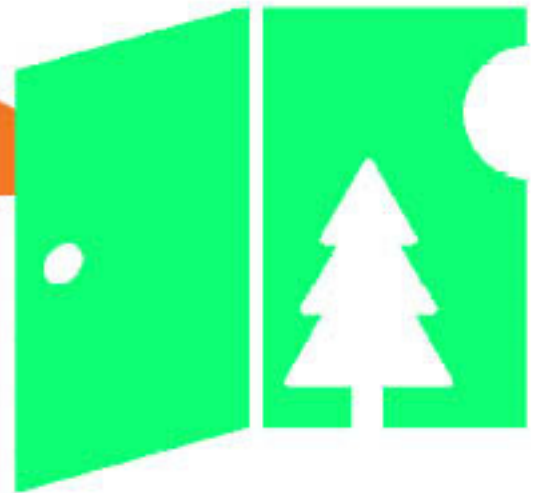
## A NEW LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

NO TWO CHILDREN ARE THE SAME. WHILE SOME EXCEL IN SCHOOL, OTHERS THRIVE IN THE OUTDOOR CAMP SETTING.

## UNCONSTRAINED CREATIVITY

WITHOUT THE PRESSURE OF GRADES, CHILDREN HAVE FREEDOM TO CREATE ART, STORIES, GAMES, & MORE.

# 2022



**LIFERS**  
(5+ YEARS)

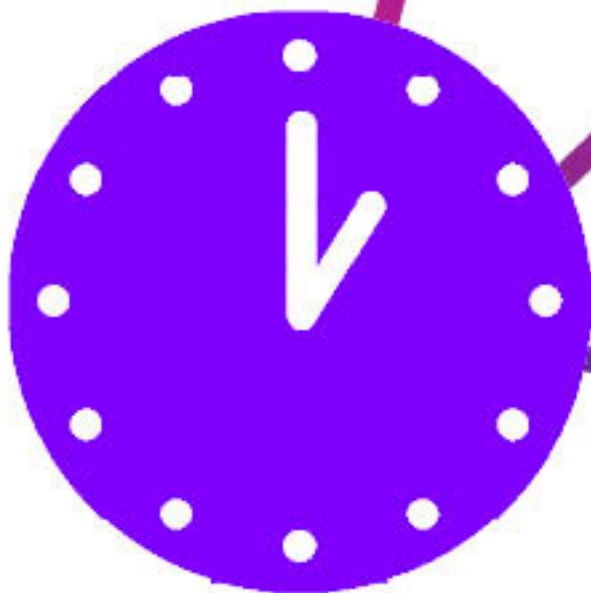
STAFF  
**75**

**LEGENDS**  
(10+ YEARS)

CAMPERS  
**145**

STAFF  
**30**

**LUMINARIES**  
(20+ YEARS)



STAFF  
**9**

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED



# \$259,480

OVERNIGHT CAMP			DAY CAMP		
TIER 1	65%		TIER 1	64%	
TIER 2	8%	\$13,175	TIER 2	10%	\$3,995
TIER 3	17%	\$53,350	TIER 3	20%	\$21,480
TIER 4	10%	\$152,605	TIER 4	6%	\$14,875
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$219,130</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,350</b>

## TOP 10 TOWNS

OVERNIGHT CAMP		DAY CAMP
1	MADISON, CT	MADISON, CT
2	GUILFORD, CT	HADDAM/HIGGANUM, CT
3	FAIRFIELD, CT	KILLINGWORTH, CT
4	OLD SAYBROOK, CT	CHESTER, CT
5	HAMDEN, CT	CLINTON, CT
6	DARIEN, CT	OLD SAYBROOK, CT
7	CHESTER, CT	ESSEX, CT
8	GREENWICH, CT	GUILFORD, CT
9	NEW HAVEN, CT	EAST LYME, CT
10	KILLINGWORTH, CT	OLD LYME, CT



# GIFTS OF A LIFETIME: 2022 NAMED ENDOWMENT FUNDS

## **GIB MATHER MEMORIAL CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Established by the Mather family in 2000 to provide financial assistance to campers from Chester and Deep River. As of December 2022, contributions to the fund totaled \$64,678. In addition, funds were contributed to our annual campership efforts in Gib's name, providing a specific campership to a child from Groton.

## **ARNOLD WATROUS MEMORIAL CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Established in 2005 by the Watrous family to provide financial assistance to campers on an annual basis. As of December 2022, contributions to the fund totaled \$41,908.

## **PHANEUF FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND**

Established in 2011 in memory of Carol Phaneuf to provide financial assistance to campers on an annual basis. As of December 2022, contributions to the fund totaled \$30,908.

## **JEREMY WORRELL MEMORIAL CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Established in 2012 in memory of Jeremy Worrell by his family and friends to provide financial assistance to campers on an annual basis. As of December 2022, contributions to the fund totaled \$2,587.

## **KEITH DEVLIN MEMORIAL CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Established in 2010 by the Devlin, Durland, Kempny, Mariani and Miley families to provide financial assistance to campers on an annual basis. As of December 2022, contributions to the fund totaled \$7,665.

## **BARBARA DURLAND DEVLIN MEMORIAL CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Established in 2011 by Kevin Devlin to provide financial assistance to campers on an annual basis. As of December 2022, contributions to the fund totaled \$4,965.

## **MORRISON FAMILY CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Established in 2011 by Donald and Alberta Morrison, longtime Hazen Family Campers and camper parents, to provide financial assistance to campers on an annual basis. As of December 2022, contributions to the fund totaled \$19,820.

## **NANCY CALHOUN BRINK MEMORIAL CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Established in 2015 in memory of Nancy Calhoun Brink by her family to provide financial assistance to campers on an annual basis. As of December 2021, contributions to the fund totaled \$10,118.

## **SUNSHINE DAYDREAM, JAEGER FAMILY MEMORIAL CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Established in 2021 in memory of Robert Jaeger by his family to provide financial assistance to campers on an annual basis. As of December 2021, contributions to the fund totaled \$17,059.

## **EVELYN & EDMUND ROESLER CAMBERSHIP FUND**

Established in 2022 by Stanley Roesler to provide financial assistance to campers on an annual basis. As of December 2022, contributions to the fund totaled \$49,894.

## **TOTAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS:**

12/31/2021	\$2,491,324
12/31/2022	\$2,163,058



# 2022 FINANCIALS

	2021	2022
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Contributions & Grants	\$361,479	\$410,779
Store Sales	\$41,254	\$28,572
Program Fees	\$2,638,077	\$2,970,706
Investment Income	\$1,056	\$1,277
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$373
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$3,041,866</b>	<b>\$3,411,707</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Salary & Wages	\$1,239,328	\$1,577,049
Benefits	\$159,756	\$199,104
Payroll Benefits	\$135,632	\$145,251
Contract Services	\$128,986	\$192,750
Supplies	\$363,908	\$479,324
Telephone	\$4,358	\$6,586
Postage	\$4,036	\$5,504
Occupancy	\$106,700	\$158,967
Equipment	\$50,553	\$43,805
Promotion	\$8,205	\$11,470
Vehicle	\$11,623	\$19,273
Employee Expenses	\$29,229	\$51,319
Utilities	\$56,656	\$76,477
Dues	\$12,928	\$59,442
Bank Fees	\$50,291	\$65,839
Insurance	\$95,267	\$100,457
Miscellaneous Expense	\$138	\$0
To/From Reserve Funds	\$583,271	\$219,088
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,041,866</b>	<b>\$3,411,707</b>



# GIFTS WITH IMPACT

## 2022 CHAIRMAN'S ROUND TABLE

Camp Hazen YMCA Chairman's Round Table is a group of donors that have made an extraordinary commitment to kids with an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. 2004 was the first year of the Chairman's Round Table, with 22 charter members contributing over \$30,000 to support camper programs

### Eagle's Nest Circle

\$10,000+

Stanley Roesler

State of Connecticut – Summer

Enrichment Grant

YMCA of the USA – Strategic

Initiatives Fund

### Enchanted Forest Council

\$5,000-\$9,999

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### Thunderbird Circle

\$2,500-\$4,999

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\$1,000-\$2,499

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# 2022 GRANTS

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY

- Grant of \$5,000 to support campers from Middlesex County with financial assistance.
- Grant of \$1,136.40 supporting summer 2023 camp programs in celebration of CFMC's 25th Anniversary

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY/ JONES FAMILY FUND

Grant of \$1,000 to support Camp Hazen YMCA.

## ESSEX COMMUNITY FUND

Grant of \$2,000 to support campers from Essex, CT with financial assistance.

## ESSEX FINANCIAL SERVICES

Grant of \$2,500 to support campers from the Essex Savings Bank service area.

## ESSEX LIONS CLUB

Donation of \$250 through their Night of Giving to support campers from Essex, CT with financial assistance.

## ESSEX SAVINGS BANK

- Grant of \$2,500 to support campers from the Essex Savings Bank service area.
- Donation of \$2,318 through customer balloting for their Community Investment Program.

## MADISON FOUNDATION

- Grant of \$1,500 to support campers from Madison, CT with financial assistance.

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

- Grant of \$3,000 to fund the Alice Gordon Scholarship, supporting campers from Madison, CT in need of financial assistance.
- Additional donation of \$1,500 to support campers from Madison, CT with financial assistance.

## ROTARY CLUB OF CHESTER

- Grant of \$1,900 to fund the Constance Baker Motley Scholarship, supporting young women from New Haven, CT in need of financial assistance.
- Grant of \$1,000 to support campers from Chester with financial assistance.

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT – SUMMER ENRICHMENT GRANT

Grant of \$67,500 to support the expansion of summer camp programs for CT youth in the summer of 2022.

## THE SASHI'S FUND

Grant of \$5,000 to support Camp Hazen YMCA.

## SPRINGRIVER PRIVATE FOUNDATION TRUST

Grant of \$5,000 to support campers in need of financial assistance.

## ANONYMOUS FOUNDATION

Grant of \$5,000 to support campers in need of financial Assistance from St. Martin de Porres School in New Haven, CT.

## YMCA of the USA – STRATEGIC INITIATIVES FUND

- Camp Capital Grant of \$100,000 to support Master Site Plan, Phase 2 project.
- Access Grant of \$18,750 to support campers in need of financial assistance.

# CAMP HAZEN YMCA CENTENNIAL 202[1]

On the weekend of September 10th & 11th, 2021 we were thrilled to welcome back 250+ friends to celebrate over 100 years of camping experiences. The weekend started with a Friday evening gala, complete with champagne toast and sparkler send off. This was followed by a Saturday family day where attendees participated in their favorite camp activities, strolled through Hazen history exhibits, and finished with a traditional campfire and candlelight ceremony.

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