Dear Friends and Supporters:

Season's greetings to you and your family from the Hawkeye Campership Fund Board of Directors. It's been another successful year for both the Hawkeye Campership Fund and Camp Hawkeye. For the first time, HCF was able to secure local grant money for youth from the NH Lakes Region! Our success is due to your sustained generosity and commitment to underserved youth. 2018 highlights include:

- another 10% increase in the level of camperships awarded;
- a new grant of \$1,500 from the Heart and Hand Thrift Shop of New Hampshire for local youth;
- a \$3,000 grant from The Natalie Bailey & Herbert J. Kirshner Foundation of NY;
- an individual gift of \$5000 from a private donor; and
- an increase to over \$12,000 raised during our Stache for Cash fundraiser in April!

HCF is reaching out to you again during this annual appeal because **we have committed ourselves to raising \$30,000 to fund campership youth to return to camp!** We are focusing on returning youth because we realize that a sustained yearly commitment allows them to come back not just to have a safe, enjoyable and enriching experience, but also to build upon social and leadership skills they learned in the areas of cooperative living, decision making and managing differences. We know extra -curricular opportunities for underserved youth make a huge difference in their success at school. Yes, summer is a time for fun, experiencing the joys of nature and making friends across cultures. It's also a time for learning certain interpersonal skills to have a better life, in addition to the Bunkball, Welly-Wanging, Eggy Obstacle Course, White Mountains hikes and kayaking across Lake Kanasatka for island overnights.

Can you be one of our **mountaineers** and increase your donation this year? We appreciate every gift we receive! But maybe a few of us can give more? Please send your tax deductible donation in the enclosed envelope or go to our website https://maybe.nc/hawkeyecampershipfund.org and click on the donate button.

Thank you for making the difference in a child's life and joining HCF in the belief that the power of a diverse and inclusive camp experience can be transformative in the lives of youth, their family and community. Remember: CAMP IS FOR EVERYONE!

With gratitude,

Deborah Colgan
HCF Board President







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"I'm not a rich woman and my modest donations don't mean much to large organizations but I LIKE TO THINK THEY DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CAMP HAWKEYE. I'm so proud of Garrett for envisioning this wonderful camp and then for accomplishing it! I always had safe 9-to-5 jobs with benefits, but Garrett had courage and vision. His courage to build a dream from scratch amazed me in 2005, and now to see the success Camp Hawkeye is today gratifies me to no end. I LOOK AT THE WEB SITE AND THE HAPPY FACES OF ALL KINDS OF CAMPERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND I THANK GOD FOR GARRETT AND JESS AND ALL OF CAMP HAWKEYE'S OTHER STAFF--AND, OF COURSE, DONORS!"

- KATIE CULLINAN, LONG-TERM DONOR

"I have known Garrett since he was a middleschooler with a dream to have a camp of his own, and I am thrilled to see this dream realized, as well to have been able to be a part in helping him achieve this. I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF CAMP HAWKEYE AS "GARRETT'S PEACE CAMP," as his campers come from many countries and backgrounds and have a unique opportunity to live with and develop friendships with kids whom they might not ever meet, which is becoming even more important these days. THE HAWKEYE CAMPERSHIP FUND MAKES THIS POSSIBLE FOR MANY CHILDREN WHO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND "SLEEP-AWAY" CAMP, AND I SHALL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT IT IN EVERY WAY I CAN TO ENSURE THE DIVERSITY OF THE CAMPERS.

- SUSAN MAGUIRE, HCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS





"OUR 13 YEAR OLD SON TRULY FOUND HIS HAPPY PLACE AT CAMP HAWKEYE THIS SUMMER.

When we dropped him off, he was scared of being new, being away from the familiar, and not trusting people to care for him. Half way through, on visit day, he was leaping around and laughing and talking with all the kids and adults with such centered "best self" joy, he didn't even have to explain what it was like to be there. When he did, he said:

'EVERYONE IS KIND. NO ONE JUDGES.
EVEN COMPETITION IS FOR FUN. CAN
I GO FOR A MONTH NEXT SUMMER?'

You bet he can. Sincerely, "Camp Hawkeye is hands down the best thing I ever did for my daughter. She didn't want to go at first and she came back after two weeks so much more confident than I'd have imagined!"

- Rebecca Nurmi (Moxy's Mom)