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WHAT'S NEW WITH CHV

It has been a busy spring for Camp Harbor View. From the closing of the Long Island Bridge to staff changes and school-year programs, we have a lot of exciting news to share with you.

CAMP HARBOR VIEW ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GREG STODDARD

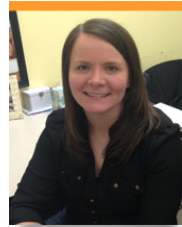
Camp Harbor View is pleased to announce our new Executive Director, Greg Stoddard. Greg started as Lead Social Worker and Director of Operations for Camp Harbor View in 2007, under the leadership of Cara Gould. We are proud to share that Cara was recently promoted to be Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston's Senior Executive Director of Operations and in that capacity, she continues to be involved in Camp Harbor View. Greg helped Cara build the CHV culture and we look forward to having him assume the mantle of leadership. Meet the Camp Harbor View Leadership team below:

Greg Stoddard, Executive Director



In addition to his work with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston and Camp Harbor View, Greg has served in a wide variety of counseling and youth-oriented roles, and has extensive experience working with crisis intervention, conflict resolution, therapeutic services, and at-risk adolescents. Greg holds a Masters of Social Work from Simmons Graduate School and a Bachelor of Arts from Bates College.

Wendy Knight, Director of Clinical Support and Services



Wendy joined the CHV team in June 2010 as one of our social workers. In addition to her experience at CHV, Wendy has a diverse background working with teens and their families, spanning from alternative and special education schools, community-based programs, and adventure-based education. Wendy holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from Simmons College and a Bachelors Degree in Social Work from Eastern Nazarene College.

Maia DeBarros, Director of Operations



Maia has spent the last ten years working with urban youth and a low-income population in a variety of settings as a teacher, assistant, mentor and counselor. Her previous experience with CHV includes serving as a counselor from 2007-2010 and a Leader-in-Training Youth Worker from 2013-2014. Maia holds a Master's in School Counseling from Boston College.

Al Simpson, Director of Leaders In Training Program



New to CHV in 2014, Al previously served as a Mental Health Counselor with clients from the Department of Mental Health for over 15 years and managed a private practice for 10 years. Al has supervised a number of adolescent residential programs which serve behaviorally and mentally disordered teens. Al holds a Masters in Counseling Psychology from Cambridge College and a Bachelor's from Ole Miss.

NOW BOARDING CHV



Camp Harbor View is working to ensure the summer of 2015 is better than ever for our campers. In October 2014 we were faced with the closing of the Long Island Bridge due to safety concerns, and with that a disconnect from road access as well as utilities. Despite these obstacles, the Camp Harbor View community has come together to provide the necessary solutions to move forward with camp as usual, if not better.

We are proud to announce new partnerships with Bay State Cruises and Island Charters Inc., which will provide water transportation to and from Camp Harbor View during the summer months. In addition, adjustments are being made to the Camp Harbor View pier to accommodate the increase in boat traffic and measures are being taken to guarantee utilities to the island. Together, we are not only finding solutions but are using this opportunity to enhance the Camp Harbor View experience in 2015.

SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS

Camp Harbor View School Year Programs are offered September - June from our Roxbury location in the Orchard Gardens Community Center. New programs were introduced in 2015 for campers, LITs, and parents in addition to ongoing community service events, monthly reunions, mountain biking, poetry club, snowboarding, and other favorite clubs.

NEW FOR CAMPERS

NORDIC SKI PROGRAM

The Nordic Ski Program, also known as cross-country skiing, teaches kids everything they need to know in order to be successful in the sport. Campers will attend weekly lessons with free instruction and rentals at the Weston Ski Track. Transportation and gear are included.

ADVENTURE CLUB

Teens have the opportunity to try a new adventure during weekly field trips, including rock climbing, hiking, water sports, tubing, and horseback riding. This program helps teens learn about teamwork, build friendships and self-esteem.

NEW FOR LEADERS-IN-TRAINING

FITNESS GROUP

Fitness Group strives to help LITs develop a healthy lifestyle and a better level of health in preparation for the upcoming summer camp. LITs can participate in groups or arrange individual sessions with camp staff.

MULTIMEDIA CLUB

CHV campers and LITs learn and participate in every aspect of the entertainment world in the Multimedia Club. Development of CHV news, recording school events, mock trials, debates and discussions on historic and current events are the mainstay of the club.



Members also explore editing, writing, acting, modeling, videography and more.

NEW FOR PARENTS

These programs are offered once or twice a month during which childcare, dinner and coffee are provided.

CHV COFFEEHOUSE

The Coffeehouse is an opportunity for parents to connect, talk, learn, and relax.

THRIVING FAMILIES WORKSHOP SERIES

This workshop series engages parents in meaningful learning experiences and discussion in order to enrich their lives and allow them to network with other parents in the CHV community. The Parent Workshops include guest speakers and activities that focus on health, education, advocacy, and more.

SUPERFOODS COOKING PROGRAM

SuperFoods Cooking Program is a nutrition education and grocery assistance program that meets twice per month. The goal of the program is to educate parents on how to integrate healthy cooking practices at home with their families in a fun way and where to resource healthy foods in Boston. At the end of each workshop, parents receive a recipe card, educational materials about the food, a package of produce provided through a partnership with Fair Foods, along with the "Super Food of the Day" and a \$25 grocery store gift card.



FOUNDATION

The Camp Harbor View Foundation is preparing for our largest annual fundraiser as well as exploring ways to make the summer of 2015 as beneficial to our campers as possible. The well being of our campers and their families is always at the forefront of our work. Thank you for all you do to help change our families' lives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8TH ANNUAL BEACH BALL
Saturday, June 13, 2015
6:30pm

Please join us for a wonderful evening in support of the 9th season of Camp Harbor View at a new location, The Warehouse at Black Falcon Terminal. This year's gala will feature cocktails, dinner, and a performance by The Beach Boys.

www.chvf.org/beachball

HARBORTHON 5K & FESTIVAL Postponed

The 2015 Harborthon has been postponed due to logistical complications from the closing of the Long Island Bridge. We enthusiastically anticipate the return of the event in 2016 and are grateful to our runners for your steadfast support and understanding.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS ISLAND RUN September 27, 2015

The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts (BCBSMA) Island Run, held in partnership with Boston.com, features 5K and 5 mile race options as well as post-race celebrations, on Spectacle Island. BCBSMA will match every donation made to Camp Harbor View during the registration process dollar-for-dollar, up to \$10,000.

www.boston.com/islandrun



PREVENTING SUMMER LEARNING LOSS WITH BOSTON AFTER SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In the 2014 camp season, Camp Harbor View partnered with the Boston After School & Beyond organization. BASB is a public-private partnership that seeks to ensure that every child in Boston has the opportunity to develop to his or her full potential. Our partnership with the organization focused on combating summer learning loss. Research shows that up to two-thirds of the achievement gap between low-income students and their higher income peers can be explained by unequal access to summer learning opportunities.

This past summer, our LIT program was evaluated by BASB and through their measurement tools they concluded that Camp Harbor View's staff has excelled in promoting, engaging and stimulating thinking compared to other Summer Learning partners throughout the city. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with BASB, and for the encouraging remarks about our summer programming.

2014 HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE CAMPAIGN BRINGS JOY TO HUNDREDS OF CAMP HARBOR VIEW CHILDREN

The 2014 CHVF Holiday Assistance Campaign was a huge success. The number of camp families who requested holiday gift assistance was at an all time high, with 108 families (279 children) needing assistance. Thanks to the support of our wonderful and generous donors, and tremendous year round camp staff, we were able to fulfill the need for all 279 children.

Many of the families served by Camp Harbor View have yet to feel the benefits of recent economic

recovery. A recent study released by the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC, found that the majority of demographic groups we serve continue to struggle disproportionately in the current economy. For this reason and more, we continue to offer grocery assistance throughout the year, and look forward to coordinating the Holiday Assistance Campaign in 2015. If you have any questions regarding our assistance programs, please call the Camp Harbor View Foundation at 617-369-0070 for more information.