

camp harbor view 2008

Annual Report





Dear Friends and Supporters:

Within the following pages, you will see and read about the difference that Camp Harbor View has made in over 1000 young lives since we began in June of 2007. The horizons of these children have expanded and their views of what might be possible have changed, due to your generosity and the commitment of the talented and dedicated Boys & Girls Club staff who work with them.

Camp Harbor View has become a little bit more than just a spot to spend four weeks in the summer. It has become a community of friends who share pride in their camp and in one another. It is a place where campers learn not just how to swim and sail, but also how to become part of a team, and how to lead. It is an informal chemistry lab and a performing arts theater and a math workshop and a tennis camp. It is also a porch by the ocean, a pier from which to fish, an outdoor art room, and a place to daydream and dance.

Because of what you have been willing to do for these children they have a chance to experience people and things that would not have otherwise come their way. Thanks to your generosity, they are now eligible to become counselors-in-training after they reach the age limit for campers. Due to your commitment, they are able now to think about a future that includes higher education and multiple career possibilities.

Thank you for the outstanding contribution you have made to the success of this young enterprise. We are honored by your friendship and thrilled to give you a glimpse of the happiness and growth that you have helped to make possible.

Mayor Thomas Menino, Peter Welsh, and Jack Connors, Jr.
Camp Harbor View Foundation Board of Directors



"I love this camp because of the eye-opening experiences it offers our kids and our counselors. Some of our campers — who have lived in Boston their entire life — had never seen the ocean. They didn't know that they were such a good rock climber. Or that they had a great painting talent. Or that they could sail. Camp not only gives them that chance, it shows them that their dreams are within their grasp."

~ Mayor Menino



pride

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Over the course of the last year, contributions from generous donors were transformed into tangible additions to the camp's physical plant and its programs. When the campers arrived, they were in awe, soaking up the obvious – the sparkling new pool, the sailboats waiting to be manned and kayaks waiting to be paddled – but what they realized only later was the joy and pride they would experience from trying and mastering these new activities. They also came to realize that there is great satisfaction in teamwork, determination, and the loyalty that is born of working toward common goals.

"The Highland Street Foundation hopes that the McGrath Family Aquatics Complex will be a place for young people to learn to swim in a safe environment, while having fun and creating warm memories."

*~ Holly McGrath, Trustee,
Highland Street Foundation*

spirit

"We are thrilled to be able to watch these children swim, sail and fish, and very grateful to the donors who had the vision and interest to provide us with resources which made these new programs possible. There is pure joy on the kids' faces and in their hearts when they are in or on the water."

~ Jack Connors

energy is everywhere

Imagine the thrill of walking down to the end of a 450' pier and climbing onto a sailboat for the first time! Our new fleet of nine "Rhodes 19" sailboats plied the waters of Boston Harbor and gave our campers a chance to learn how to sail. Rain or shine, the new Olympic-sized pool was filled with swimmers, some of them swimming for their first time last summer. These additions made Aquatics a favorite program area for many. Other program areas are Sports and Fitness, the Arts, Leadership Development and *Knowledge is Power*.



discover

the joy of experiential learning

With a focus on bringing fun, engagement, discovery and creativity to learning through several interactive educational opportunities, *Knowledge is Power* included everything from multi-cultural programming, to CPR and first-aid training, to environmental lessons. The Arts program focused on different regions of the world and included weekly cultural performances as well as art education, courtesy of the Museum of Fine Arts. Gender-specific programming and conflict resolution initiatives left campers with a new confidence and a stronger belief in their individual and collective potential.



guidance

"Last year, before I started going to Camp Harbor View I had started hanging out with a gang, wearing colors and making bad decisions. I thought the gang was cool, that they had my back and that it would be fun. It was like I only saw the gang in a dream and only saw the good stuff. But then I went to Camp Harbor View. Some of the staff talked to me about the reality of gangs. I realized that you can't play sports if you're in a gang, and that the future for gang members isn't positive. I gave up the gang, turned my flag in to Cara (the director) and have never looked back."

Shaquille, CIT, 15 years old



today's campers, tomorrow's leaders

One of our most rewarding new initiatives for 2008 was the establishment of a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program. We enlisted thirty of our camper "alumni" to become CITs, in order to continue our relationship with them and help them develop their leadership abilities. For the entire eight-week camp season they focused on job readiness, career and educational possibilities, youth development training, and leadership skills. They received a stipend for their work with younger campers, who looked up to the CITs as role models.



sights to see, **lands to explore**

At Camp Harbor View, kids have opportunities to learn how to rock climb, walk a tight rope, sail a boat, ride a bike or explore the Long Island lighthouse. Although every day at camp is an adventure, there are days when our campers have special opportunities to explore, experience and travel outside of their usual surroundings. This year campers received a tour of a Coast Guard cutter, witnessed a live Boston Firefighter Training Camp demonstration, and participated in field trips to surrounding harbor islands. Thanks to a very generous family foundation gift, 100 campers boarded buses one night and visited Fenway Park for a Red Sox game; tee-shirts, caps and hot dogs were included. A group of CITs attended Company Christmas at Pops as guests of the BSO, and another group boarded a plane, some of them for the first time, and traveled to Disney World – again, through the generosity of some very special donors.

a adventure

the camp harbor view **beach ball**

On Saturday, June 14, over 400 guests had the opportunity to visit Camp Harbor View, many for their first time. The 2008 Beach Ball was a celebration in honor of Camp Harbor View's inaugural season and an astounding kickoff for our second year. The evening featured dinner, dancing, golf-cart tours of the island and a water display by the Boston fireboats. The most remarkable part of the evening was the generosity of the attendees, whose contributions totaled \$3,000,000. Over eighty percent of the proceeds went directly to capital improvements, operating expenses and camp sponsorships.



Beach Ball Chairs: Jack Connors, Jr,
Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, and
John Fish, Suffolk Construction CEO



generosity

To our program partners: **It couldn't happen without you.**

The richness and variety of the Camp Harbor View experience is the result of collaboration with a number of extraordinary program partners. They bring a breadth of options for discovery, entertainment, and athletics that would not be possible for us to provide on our own. We appreciate their expertise and the immense value of their contribution to the camp schedule.

OUR PROGRAM PARTNERS INCLUDE:
Museum of Fine Arts
New Center for Arts and Culture
Urban Improv
Big Apple Circus
Metro Lacrosse
Tenacity
MGA Links
Hub Cycles
Peace Games

Big Sister Association of Greater Boston
Save the Harbor/Save the Bay
US Coast Guard
Authors Talk Too
Boston EMS
Courageous Sailing
UMass Boston
Project RISE
Hip Hop Roundtable

"Camp Harbor View has opened my eyes and has shown me there's more to life than basketball. It has opened a lot of doors and I've been able to meet new people... It has kept me out of trouble and has made me want to do more with myself. I want to get a great education and I know I can. The main thing for me is that I don't take stuff for granted because I know there's a lot of kids out there that would love to be in my position. I am very thankful for this opportunity."

~ Darius, CIT, 16 years old

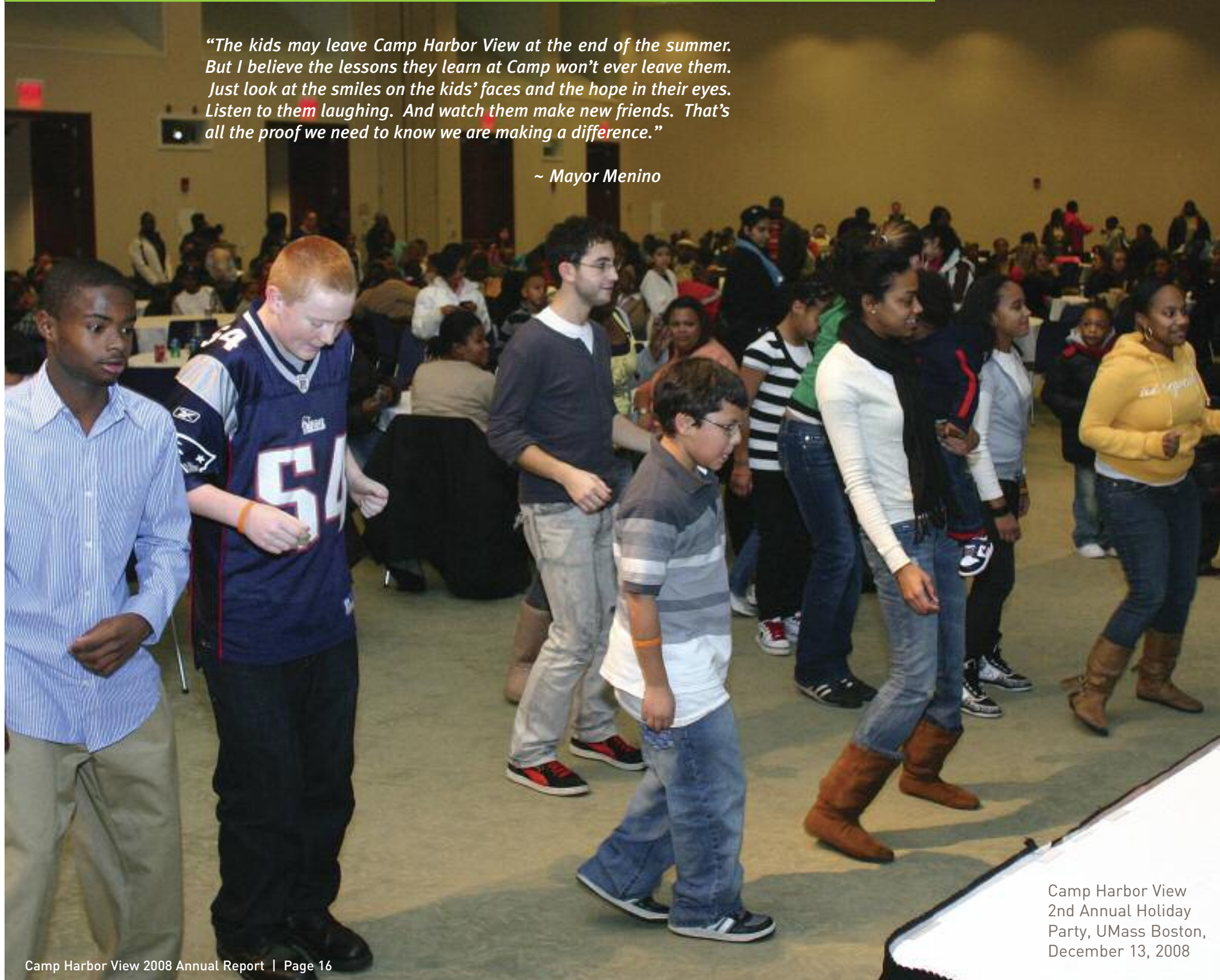
collaboration

camp doesn't end **when camp ends**

Although our campers spend only four weeks with us during the summer, we stay in touch with them all year long. Through "club nights" held at the Boys & Girls Clubs, reunion days during school vacation weeks, birthday and holiday cards, Camp Family Day and a holiday party for campers and their families, we stay connected. Additionally, the camp director and camp social worker, both of whom are year-round, full-time employees, reach out on a regular basis to campers and families who are most at-risk.

"The kids may leave Camp Harbor View at the end of the summer. But I believe the lessons they learn at Camp won't ever leave them. Just look at the smiles on the kids' faces and the hope in their eyes. Listen to them laughing. And watch them make new friends. That's all the proof we need to know we are making a difference."

~ Mayor Menino



Camp Harbor View
2nd Annual Holiday
Party, UMass Boston,
December 13, 2008

financial review: **fiscal year 2008** (unaudited)

INCOME: (through 12/31/08)	
Individual/Family Foundation	\$ 2,505,596.25
Net Events	\$ 2,471,604.60
Corporation/Corporate Foundation	\$ 1,514,533.52
In Kind	\$ 1,155,356.00
Other Foundation	\$ 85,500.00
Interest Income	\$ 2,381.61
Program Income	\$ 2,215.00
Total Income:	\$ 7,737,186.98

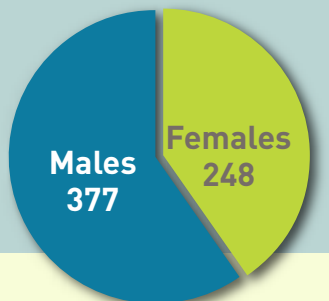
EXPENSES: (through 12/31/08)	
Operations	\$ 1,382,406.82
In Kind	\$ 433,714.00
Depreciation/Amortization	\$ 126,000.00
Insurance	\$ 88,517.38
Collateral	\$ 40,692.29
Other	\$ 20,871.95
Accounting	\$ 10,477.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 2,102,679.44

Net Income	\$ 5,634,507.54
Capital Improvements	\$ 8,259,083.00*
Net Income after Capital Improvements	(\$ 2,624,575.46)

*\$721,642 was donated by Suffolk Construction as an In Kind Donation

camp demographics: **2008**

AGES:	
11 years:	163
12 years:	218
13 years:	152
14 years:	66
15 years (CIT's)	26



CAMPER REFERRAL PARTNERS INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

Boston Center for Youth and Families
Boston Housing Authority
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Epiphany School
Department of Social Services
Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston
Boston Public Schools
Jewish Vocational Services
Community Health Centers
Homeless Shelters
Mother Caroline Academy
Mass Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
The Home for Little Wanderers
Red Sox Scholars

NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTED:

Brighton
Charlestown
Chelsea
Dorchester
East Boston
Hyde Park
Jamaica Plain
Mattapan
Quincy
Roslindale
Roxbury
South Boston
South End
West Roxbury

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