

WE ARE **CAMP HARBOR VIEW.**

Camp Harbor View 2009 Annual Report



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We're hundreds of kids from Boston's at-risk neighborhoods having a fun summer. We're a staff of dedicated, energetic youth workers helping campers develop athletically, educationally and emotionally. We are supportive, involved parents. We are professionals from business and government lending our guidance and support. We are donors who believe kids deserve a safe, fun-filled summer alternative to the streets.

We are Camp Harbor View. And 2009 was a great year.



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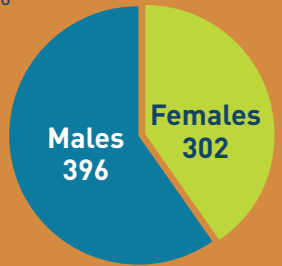


2009 CAMPER DEMOGRAPHICS

AGES:

11 years:	138
12 years:	199
13 years:	213
14 years:	103
15 years (CIT's)	30
16 years (CIT's)	15

Returning Participants from
2008: 350 – 50%



NEIGHBORHOODS REPRESENTED:

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

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

CAMP HARBOR VIEW CAMPERS

Upon arriving for a visit at Camp Harbor View, you'll likely see kids splashing in the pool, choreographing a dance at the amphitheater, working on an art project in the pavilion or playing lacrosse, football or soccer in the fields. You might catch campers learning to sail, kayak or fish in the harbor. Campers on bikes may whiz by you, or you might catch 320 campers enjoying a hot meal together in the Great Hall, laughing and joking like family. What you'll certainly feel is the spirit that lives at Camp Harbor View. There is no average camper here; each individual brings a charisma and energy that contributes to the spirit that makes CHV so unique.

In the beginning of Summer 2009, we knew

that our campers were between the ages of 11 and 14, many much wiser beyond their years. They represented 14 different neighborhoods in Boston, though only 35% of them reported always feeling safe there. We knew they came from 191 different schools; only 50% of them reported always feeling safe when there. Over 57% of our campers in 2009 had a family income of less than \$35,000 and almost 60% are growing up in single parent home.

Throughout the summer, we got to know the campers better as the campers simultaneously began to see themselves in a new light. As they left, 80% of the campers reported always feeling safe at Camp Harbor View. This trust in CHV allowed

them to relax in their environment, act and play like kids, and express themselves through art, leadership activities and sports.

At the beginning of camp only 58% of the campers agreed that school was important to them. By the end of the summer that number increased to 67.7%. As the campers gained confidence, they gained respect for themselves, their newfound passions and skills, and their new Camp Harbor View 'family'. When they see each other outside of camp - at reunions and at school - they can be heard chanting their favorite camp song from summer 2009, "Sha-boo-ya sha sha sha-boo-ya roll call...".



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SHAQUIL: 2ND YEAR CIT

Like so many 14-year-old Camp Harbor View campers, Shaq wasn't ready when it came to say goodbye — and neither were we.

The Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program debuted in 2008 to serve youth who have aged out of our general camp program but wish to stay connected to CHV in a more substantive role. Former campers who demonstrate exceptional leadership skills can earn placement in the program through a competitive selection process. As CITs, they enjoy the responsibilities and benefits of a real job experience in an environment

that encourages them to consider future education and career opportunities.

Looking ahead to his fourth summer at CHV, Shaq remembers his first days as a camper. "I didn't want to participate," he says. "I just wanted to sit there and be the cool kid. But then I realized that the cool kid was running around playing, making people laugh and having fun."

As the summer progressed, Shaq connected with his counselor, Naquon, and Cara, the camp director. They talked with him about

his involvement with a gang — and convinced him to leave it behind. "I guess Cara saw something in me," Shaq says, of becoming a Counselor-In-Training. "They teach you everything — how to do résumés and fill out applications, how to get dressed for an interview. I got a letter in the mail saying I got the job. I was happy. I was proud."

Shaq has a talent for connecting with kids who remind him of himself, drawing even the most hesitant into games and activities. When he senses an argument brewing between campers, he intervenes and talks

them through it. "You see the tough guy act at first," he says. "But they get to know people, they get softer. The last day, everyone's hugging and crying: 'Here's my number. Sign my shirt.' No one wants to leave." Back at school after camp lets out, Shaq shows classmates the Camp Harbor View home page on the library computer. He points out a picture of himself, grinning in his CIT shirt. "This is my job," he tells them.


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TOME: CHV COUNSELOR SINCE 2007

Four years ago, Tome arrived for his first day of training excited but nervous, surrounded by 65 unfamiliar faces — a dynamic group of 18-to-20 year olds brought together by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston to staff Camp Harbor View's inaugural season. But the experience sparked instant connections among the staff, as they took on the same challenges and activities they would be offering the campers a few weeks later. "The teams, the games — that's what ultimately got us all really close to each other," Tome says. "And that made a huge difference in how we interacted with the kids."

He laughs as he recounts his favorite challenge, a game that requires moving from one activity station to another with a group of five counselors, with rules that required them to carry one another on their backs. "You had to strategize who could get carried over and then carry someone else," Tome says. "You're just meeting this person and you're thinking, 'I hope she doesn't drop me. I hope she's comfortable.' That's how a bunch of

strangers in four weeks become like family."

Tome, who grew up in the Uphams Corner neighborhood of Dorchester, is intuitive about the kids he leads, and about how CHV works to tap their potential. "When kids are doing something they love, like playing basketball or soccer, it makes it tremendously easy for you to step in and teach them things like teamwork and sportsmanship," he says. "It's like teaching them to ride a bike — you just have to make sure they don't fall off. And if they do, you let them know that's part of it all. The more important part is getting back up and trying again."

As he finishes up his degree in business and entrepreneurship and prepares for another summer at Camp Harbor View, Tome reflects on where these experiences will lead him. "If I could dream big, in five years I'll be working somewhere with kids — a head coach for some high school, making a difference," he says.



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MALIKA & MIKE WILLIAMS: PARENTS OF CHV CAMPER MICHAEL

When Malika and Mike Williams signed up their son Michael for Camp Harbor View, they thought it sounded too good to be true — but they report CHV delivered everything it promised, and more. They’ve since embraced all of Camp Harbor View’s offerings, from the mentoring program and every reunion event to the Parents Helping Parents group.

Twelve-year-old Michael has thrived at CHV. He struggled with obesity when

he started camp three years ago. But he lost 15 pounds that first summer playing football and climbing the ropes course — and convinced his doctors that he’s no longer at risk for diabetes.

Greg, Michael’s mentor from camp, describes him as a terrific, engaging kid with a wonderful sense of humor. Michael’s parents and sister have watched him grow more confident, make positive choices and set goals for himself. “I don’t

have to hold his hand anymore,” Malika says. “He’s made his own way.”

When Greg told Malika about the Parents Helping Parents group, he was thrilled that she agreed to join. “She’s an absolutely phenomenal parent with a lot of great advice to give,” he says.

Malika has formed strong friendships in the group, connecting with one woman over the care of their ailing mothers and with

another over the stress of deciding whether their children could safely ride the T to school.

She knows the parents in the group all want the best for their families, and they’ve found it at CHV. “I love Camp Harbor View,” Malika says. “The bonds, the relationships — I’ve learned I’m not alone.”



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DICK AND ANN MARIE CONNOLLY: CHV SUPPORTERS SINCE 2007

Dick and Ann Marie Connolly are long-time champions of Boston-area programs for children's health and education. Dick grew up in Woburn, Mass., and Ann Marie in Providence. Their commitment to Camp Harbor View's mission is rooted in their own childhood memories of the role models and experiences that opened up their worlds. They've raised three sons — Richard, Ryan and Kevin — all of whom live out their parents' ideals by teaching and volunteering with at-risk youth.

The Connollys attribute CHV's success to the framing of the program as a public/private partnership, the skill and dedication of the

people involved and its ability to respond to emerging needs.

They offer the example of the campers who, despite living in Boston, had never seen the ocean and were frightened to swim there. CHV added a pool where campers could learn to swim and build the courage to enter the ocean. "The model is constantly adjusting to meet the needs of these kids and fulfill CHV's mission," says Ann Marie. "It doesn't get any better than that."

Dick has worked on the Beach Ball gala planning committee and now co-chairs the event. "It's a great evening for the people who

attend," he says. "But it's truly about the bottom line for these kids — about helping Boston to reach out to them and their families and give them an opportunity to succeed."

The Connollys herald the event as a chance not only to support and celebrate CHV, but also to introduce friends to a program they truly admire.

"To see these kids happy is a joy" Ann Marie says. "To just let them be kids and enjoy good, healthy things, from nutritional meals and physical exercise to team building and leadership opportunities—it's just such a gift. We are thrilled to support it."


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THE 2009 CHV BEACH BALL

We are profoundly grateful to the 400 guests who gathered on a Saturday in June for our second annual Beach Ball gala. Visitors shared hors d'oeuvres and conversation in the same hall enjoyed by our campers and dined in a luminous glass tent. Outside, they lingered on the beach taking in the beautiful

sunset. It was an evening marked by moving tributes, dining, dancing — and the extraordinary generosity of Camp Harbor View donors, who contributed \$2,700,000 to ensure another fun, inspiring summer for our kids.



THE 1ST ANNUAL CHV HARBORTHON

A relentless rain storm didn't dampen the enthusiasm of over 400 runners who traveled by ferry to Boston Harbor's Long Island for our inaugural Harborthon 5K. After singing the national anthem, a group of Camp Harbor View campers sounded a blow horn to start runners

off on a course framed by grasses and dunes along with historical U.S. Army landmarks. Participants arrived at the finish to feast on barbecue, listen to music and savor the Boston skyline at dusk. The event raised \$130,000 for CHV.


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OPERATING PARTNER: BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BOSTON

We couldn't tell the story of the Camp Harbor View family without highlighting our dedicated operating partner, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston. From the 70 caring and talented staff who work under the direction of Camp Director Cara Gould and Associate Director Greg Stoddard, to the senior members of the organization, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston has had an instrumental role in shaping the camp experience and the future of our campers. We are grateful for their tireless efforts and honored by their partnership.



Josh Kraft, President and CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston

PROGRAM PARTNERS

We would like to thank our program partners for their extraordinary contributions to the camp program. Our 2009 program partners included:

AccesSportAmerica	Courageous Sailing	Museum of Science
America Scores New England	Discovering Justice	New Center for Arts
Big Apple Circus	Forsyth Institute	and Culture
Boston EMS	Massachusetts Eye and	Save the Harbor/Save the Bay
Boston Police Department	Ear Infirmary	UMass Boston
Children's Hospital	MetroLacrosse	Urban Improv
Ophthalmology Foundation	MGA Links	US Coast Guard
	Museum of Fine Arts	WGBH



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THE CAMP HARBOR VIEW FOUNDATION

The story of the origins of Camp Harbor View has been well-documented, as it deserves to be. What is less well-known is that the Camp Harbor View Foundation staff is a group of three, whose time is in large part donated by the Connors Family Office to the camp.

From the very beginning, the Foundation has been bolstered by a dedicated group of individuals, representing all four pillars of Camp Harbor View — the city of Boston, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, and Suffolk Construction and the Foundation staff. The “Task Force,” as it has come to be named, collaborates on all major camp decisions including capital construction and improvements, programming for the camp season and throughout the year, and fundraising.

As you will have noticed in this report, two annual events — the Beach Ball and the Harborthon — comprise a major component of our fundraising program, and the Connors Family Office staff manages these events.

In addition to promoting the vision of the Board, one of our priorities is to keep you, our community of donors, informed and engaged. It is our mission to connect you to the campers you so generously support and convey to you the joy you bring them in doing so.



LETTER FROM THE CAMP HARBOR VIEW BOARD

Dear Friends,

Three years ago, we were scrambling to finish the construction of the Camp Harbor View campus, recruit staff, and get the word out to our referral partners that Camp Harbor View would soon be open and ready for business. We were anxious to find the kids who most needed the respite from city streets that we planned for the camp to provide.

As we look forward eagerly to the start of the 2010 camp season, we are confident that we have found the right kids. We know that we have a dedicated and skilled staff. Our program partners, especially our founding partner, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, are the best in the business. The array of activities and experiences that we are able to provide is varied and substantive. There is a year-round presence of Camp Harbor View in the lives of the campers and their families that makes a profound difference in their outlook and prospects.

In this report, you have had a chance to meet some of the people who comprise the Camp Harbor View family. Our campers, counselors, partners and you, our donors, have come together to create a very special community of mutual respect and support.

Your generosity, vision, and your commitment to Boston’s youth have made all of this possible. We appreciate your partnership and your encouragement. Thank you from the Camp Harbor View Board and from a few thousand of Boston’s young people. We all appreciate it more than you know.

Jack Connors, Jr.
Mayor Thomas Menino
Peter Welsh



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THE FINANCIAL REVIEW: FISCAL YEAR 2009

(unaudited)

INCOME: (through 12/31/09)

Contributions	
Net Events	\$ 2,225,735.20
Corporate/Corporate Foundations	\$ 1,603,292.21
Individual/Family Foundations	\$ 665,319.65
In Kind	\$ 253,908.00
Other Foundations	\$ 107,300.00
Program Income	\$ 3,285.00
Interest Income	\$ 4.58
Total Income:	\$ 4,858,844.64

EXPENSES: (through 12/31/09)

Operations	\$ 1,422,622.06
Depreciation/Amortization	\$ 1,061,986.00
In Kind	\$ 219,875.00
Insurance	\$ 97,257.04
Collateral	\$ 38,204.33
Other	\$ 15,502.09
Accounting	\$ 10,164.30
Total Expenses:	\$ 2,865,610.82
Net Income	\$ 1,993,233.82*

*Net income of \$1,993,233.82 was used to pay 2008 capital balance.



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