

LETTERS FROM CAMP

Camp Harbor View Annual Report 2011





Getting a letter from camp is a classic summer tradition. But if you received a letter from the kids at Camp Harbor View, we imagine it would be quite different.

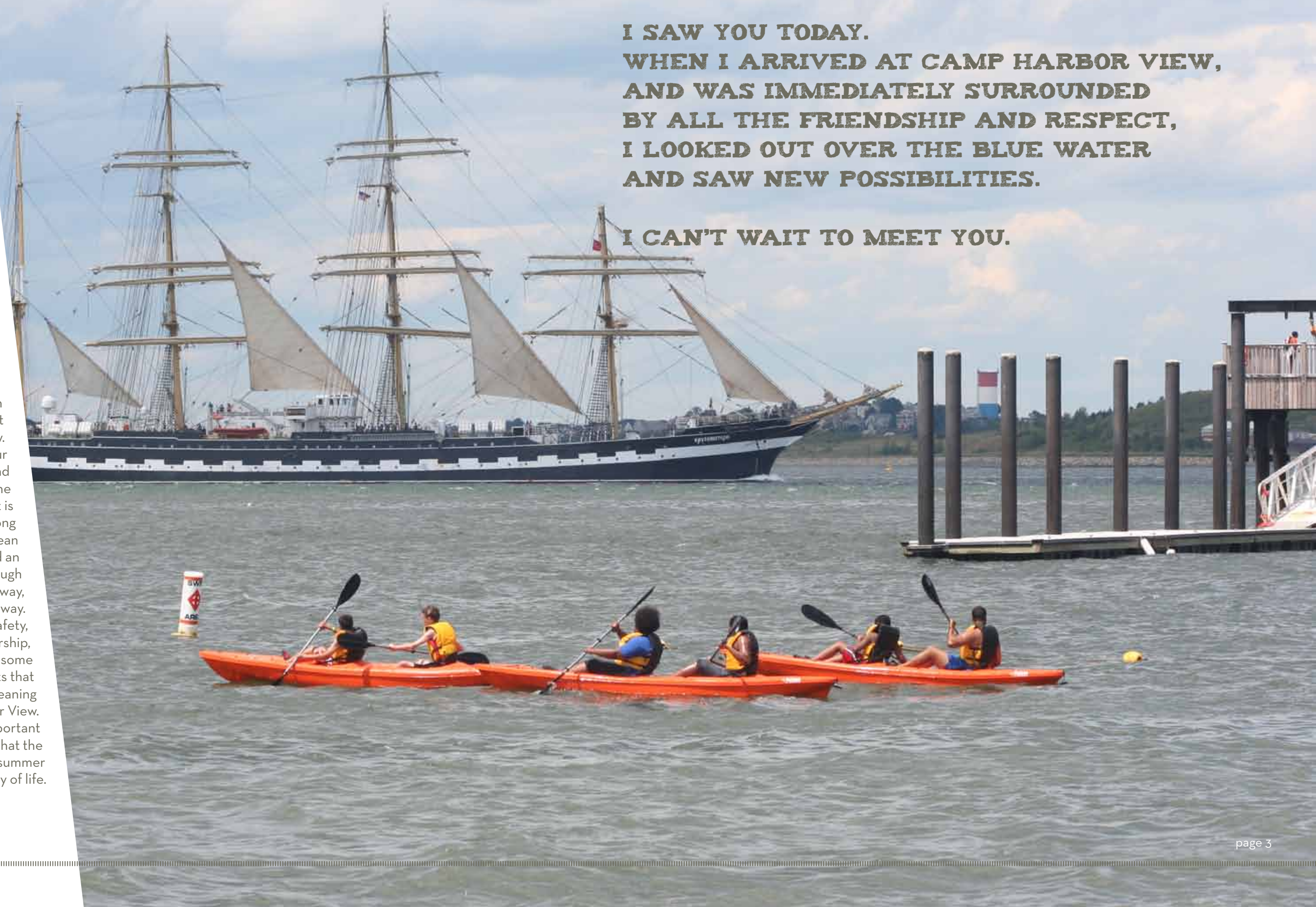
DEAR FUTURE,

I SAW YOU TODAY.

**WHEN I ARRIVED AT CAMP HARBOR VIEW,
AND WAS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDED
BY ALL THE FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT,
I LOOKED OUT OVER THE BLUE WATER
AND SAW NEW POSSIBILITIES.**

I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU.

It's not just the sun that shines brightly at Camp Harbor View. The bright faces of our campers, full of joy and wonder, shine with the discovery of a place that is truly special. Here, among the green grass and ocean waves, campers find an experience that although just minutes away, is a world away. Fun, respect, safety, compassion, leadership, hope—these are just some of the elements that define the true meaning of Camp Harbor View. And they fuel an important mission, making sure that the Camp is not just a summer memory, but a way of life.



DEAR HARM,

**I'VE LEARNED TO AVOID YOU.
THE DAYS I HAVE SPENT HERE
UNDER THE SUN HAVE SHOWN ME
THAT I DO NOT NEED DARKNESS
IN MY LIFE.**



When campers step off the bus at Camp Harbor View, they are immediately welcomed into the Camp Harbor View family. This doesn't just happen during the summer, but continues throughout the year, as well.

Thanks to our off-season location in Roxbury, we can continue to serve as a resource for our campers, maintaining an important connection that supports them all year long.

A photograph of several white sailboats with large white sails on a body of water. The sails have a red 'CR9' logo. In the background, a city skyline with various skyscrapers and a bridge is visible under a blue sky with light clouds. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

DEAR RESPONSIBILITY,

**IT'S BEEN GREAT TO MEET YOU
THIS SUMMER. I'VE ALWAYS HEARD
ABOUT YOU, BUT NEVER KNEW
WHAT YOU WERE ALL ABOUT.**

NOW I DO.

Kids who thought responsibility was destined for someone else find a whole new meaning of the word at Camp Harbor View. Not only do we help them discover their inner character and integrity, but we develop true leadership through our Leader In Training (LIT) Program. This program offers eight weeks of intensive leadership development and mentoring, establishing a relationship that continues throughout the school year.



DEAR SAFETY,

**IT'S BEEN GREAT TO
FEEL YOUR PRESENCE
THIS SUMMER. I FEEL
LIKE I HAVE THE ABILITY
TO DO SO MUCH MORE,
KNOWING THAT YOU'RE
ON MY SIDE HERE.**

GUARD



DEAR COURAGE,

**WHEN I GOT TO CAMP,
I WASN'T SURE IF WE WOULD MEET.
BUT YOU FOUND ME AT THE POOL,
THE CLIMBING WALL, ON THE
SAILBOATS, AND IN MY
NEW FRIENDSHIPS.**

THANKS FOR FINDING ME.

The ocean breezes at Camp Harbor View have been known to blow away things such as fear, doubt, and uncertainty. When a camper reaches the top of a climbing wall, or takes a leap into the deep end of the pool, it is more than just a physical feat. It is the arrival of courage, emerging from a deep, hidden place, and surprising every camper with the knowledge and power that they can take on and conquer any obstacle.



DEAR SUCCESS,

THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO FIND YOU AT CAMP HARBOR VIEW.

Our campers constantly attain great personal achievements. And that's made possible by our alliance with Program Partners who generously contribute their time and talent. Special thanks go to our 2011 Program Partners who include AccessSportAmerica, The Boston Ballet, Courageous Sailing, Forsyth Dental Institute, Green City Growers, Museum of Fine Arts, Partners HealthCare, and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. We are also grateful for the valuable 2011 Leader in Training Internships provided by the Boys & Girls Clubs, Boston City Hall, and the Roslindale Animal shelter, to name just a few. Plus, we truly appreciate City Fresh Foods for their partnership in sourcing healthy and locally grown organic food, helping our campers realize the importance of good nutrition.

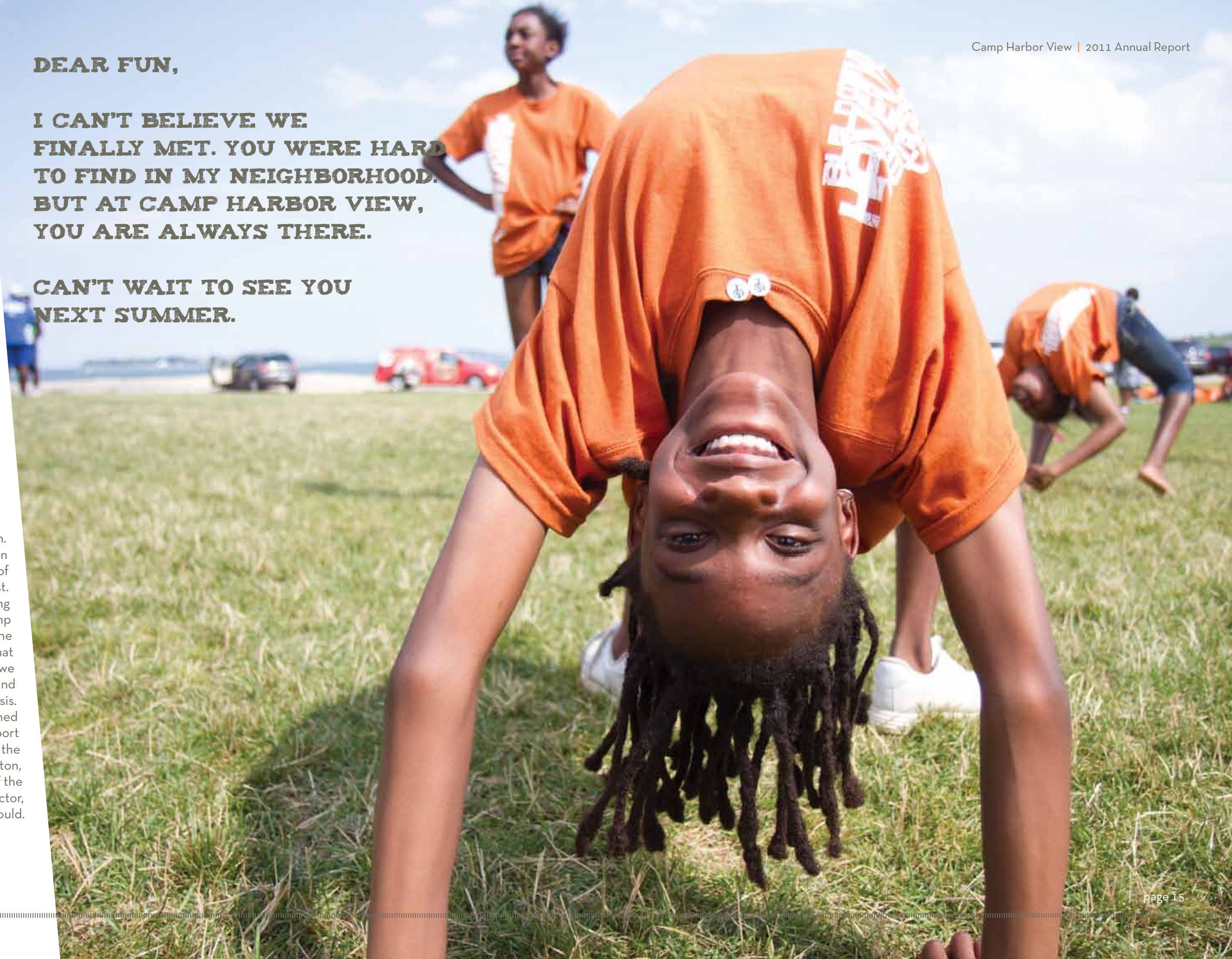


DEAR FUN,

**I CAN'T BELIEVE WE
FINALLY MET. YOU WERE HARD
TO FIND IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD.
BUT AT CAMP HARBOR VIEW,
YOU ARE ALWAYS THERE.**

**CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU
NEXT SUMMER.**

Pure, uncomplicated fun. For many kids growing up in Boston, this basic element of childhood does not exist. In the safe and nurturing environment of Camp Harbor View, we let all the campers realize the fun that they truly deserve, and we strongly encourage laughs and smiles on a daily basis. This experience is enriched even more with the support of our dynamic staff from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, under the leadership of the Camp's Executive Director, Cara Gould.



DEAR HOPE,

**I MIGHT HAVE GIVEN UP ON YOU
BEFORE COMING TO CAMP.
I'M GLAD YOU DIDN'T GIVE UP ON ME.**



There is no shortage of optimism at Camp Harbor View. This sense of hope and empowerment carries on even when the summer is over. In fact, we were able to award six \$10,000 scholarships to our graduating Leaders-In-Training. They are finishing their freshman year in college, and have all reapplied to receive scholarships in 2012. Thanks to the generous donors at the Camp Harbor View Beach Ball, we were able to fund these scholarships and help provide a brighter future.

DEAR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS,

Since the day Camp Harbor View was just an idea full of promise, we have been incredibly fortunate to receive the many gifts of support that have turned hope into reality. And now, in our 6th year, we are more thankful than ever for the community that continues to sustain us in our important mission.

This generosity is on full display all year long, but particularly during our two premiere fund-raising events, the Camp Harbor View Beach Ball and the Camp Harbor View Harborthon 5K. Thanks to the enthusiastic participation

of Boston's business, civic and philanthropic leaders, these events raise the bulk of our operating budget and allow us to bring joy, safety and support to the city's at-risk youth.

All of your support and contributions make a real difference in the lives of our campers. We can't thank you enough.

With gratitude,
Camp Harbor View Board of Directors
Jack Connors Jr.
Thomas M. Menino
Peter Welsh



DEAR FUTURE,

**I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU.
AND MAYBE YOU WEREN'T
EXPECTING ME.**

BUT I'M COMING.

HOPE YOU'RE READY.



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