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.
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.

**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.**
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.
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.
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.
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.
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 HOPE,
I MIGHT HAVE GIVEN UP ON YOU BEFORE COMING TO CAMP.
I’M GLAD YOU DIDN’T GIVE UP ON ME.
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 fundraising 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.