



Camp Harbor View Annual Report 2013



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Dear Friends,

Winston Churchill once said, “Politics is not a game. It is an earnest business.” There is no one I can think of who has remained more earnest in his service to our great city than my good friend, Mayor Thomas Menino.

Simply put, Camp Harbor View would not be here today without the vision and commitment of Mayor Menino. Several years ago, when Boston was challenged by the problems of inner-city strife and violence, the Mayor knew that the youth of our community deserved better. They needed a place to go, a place to feel safe, a place where the joy and innocence of childhood could be fully experienced.

Seven years later, Camp Harbor View has fulfilled the Mayor’s vision—and in fact, has exceeded it beyond any of our imaginations. Today, the Camp serves as a vital year-round resource to hundreds of children and their families. The Mayor’s enthusiasm and dedication have ensured that this Camp and the children who join us will have a lasting, positive impact on the city of Boston.

I’m confident that I join a grateful community in thanking Mayor Menino for all that he has done. I’m sure the Mayor will have a statue in his honor someday soon. But for now, the true monument to him will be a warm ocean breeze, a sun shining bright, and the sound of a child’s innocent laugh echoing across a place that is truly special in all of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Jack Connors, Jr. / Chairman, Camp Harbor View Foundation

TYLER, TRANSFORMED.

On a warm July day in 2007, Tyler arrived at Camp Harbor View filled with more questions than answers: What is this place? Who are these people? Will I even like it here? Over the course of that first summer, and throughout the following years, Tyler has discovered that the camp is not just a place for him to visit. It is a place, in fact, that visits him, arriving in his life in many different ways. It arrives as confidence, strength, and a newfound sense of self-assurance that has given Tyler the ability to embrace the future that is waiting for him.



BRITNEY, STRONG AND CONFIDENT.

Britney joined the Camp Harbor View family at the age of 11. Like many kids her age, she was shy, a bit reluctant, and not sure about her surroundings that included tall climbing structures and the sounds of ocean waves. This was new to her—but not for long. Britney soon went beyond her comfort zone and discovered new possibilities. If you met Britney today, you'd find a young lady who is very different from the timid girl we first encountered.



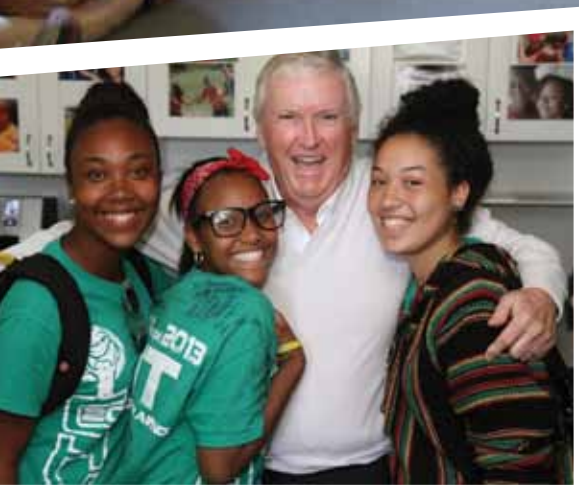
LIMITATIONS, DEFIED.

Among the things that children will discover at Camp Harbor View, the most exciting discovery is finding their true potential. Limitations and preconceived notions go away, replaced by an optimism that we hope will carry them well into the future.





Guest speaker, CHV Chairman Jack Connors, talks with LITs about his hopes for their futures.



Yes, you can go to college. Yes, you can own a home. Yes, you will have a good job some day. These kinds of realities are emphasized to our campers during their time here. We ask people who grew up in the same neighborhoods to come talk to our young people about their own paths to success, to demonstrate that achievement is never out of reach.





RELATIONSHIPS, STRENGTHENED.

Our campers develop lasting relationships with their fellow campers and with our staff. In a world where friendship can often be doubted or fleeting, they discover a new sense of camaraderie, and see how a connection based on trust and respect is at the core of what really matters. This connection continues all year long thanks to our off-season initiatives and our year-round facility located in Roxbury. We offer our thanks to Cara Gould and the staff from the Boys & Girls Club of Boston, under the leadership of CEO Josh Kraft, for the extraordinary job they do in fostering a caring and respectful environment.



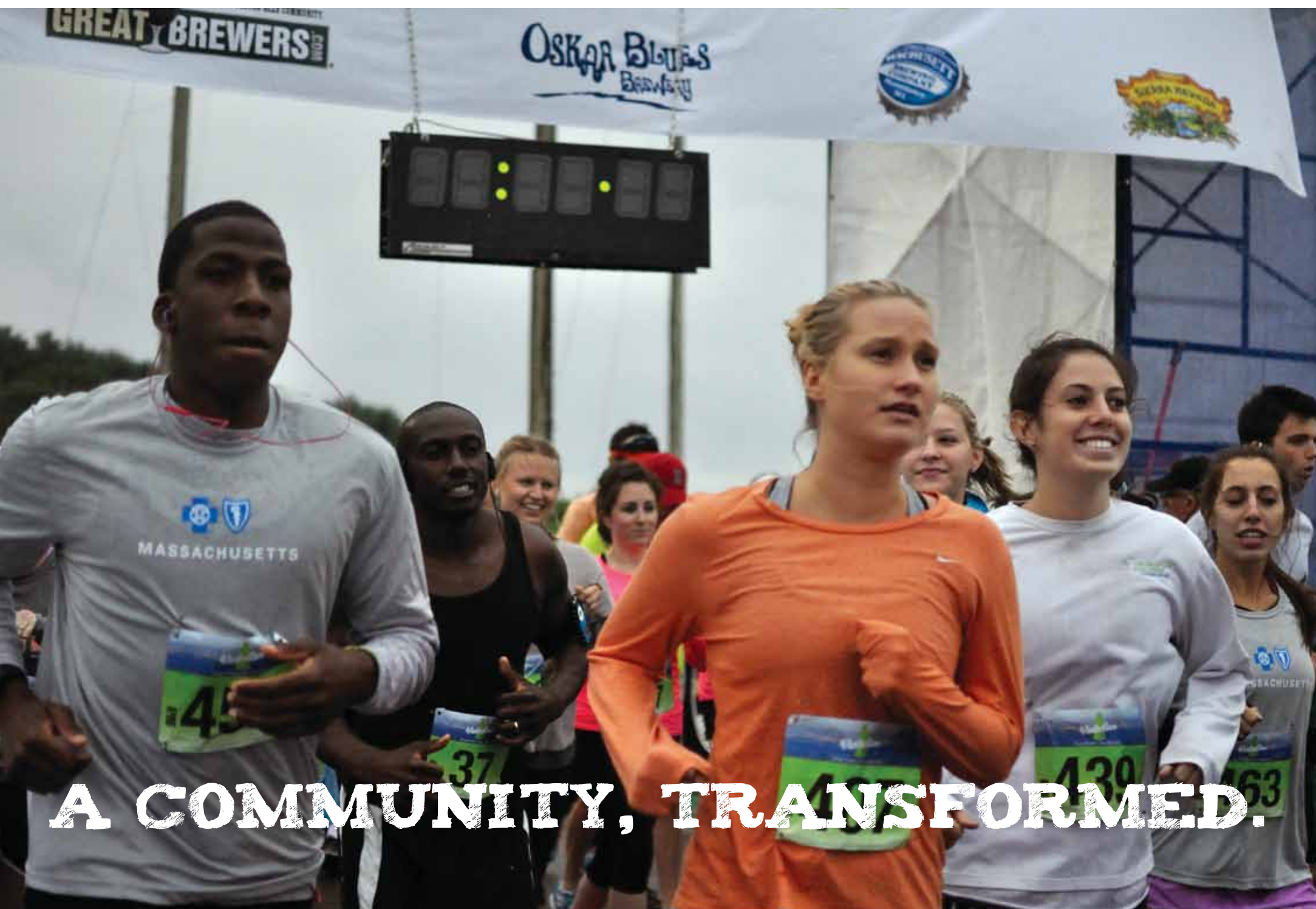
COOPERATION, ENCOURAGED.

All of the activities and events at Camp Harbor View are designed to foster campers working together towards a unified goal. The campers discover how rewarding it is to work as part of a team, a concept that we hope they will apply to other aspects of their lives.

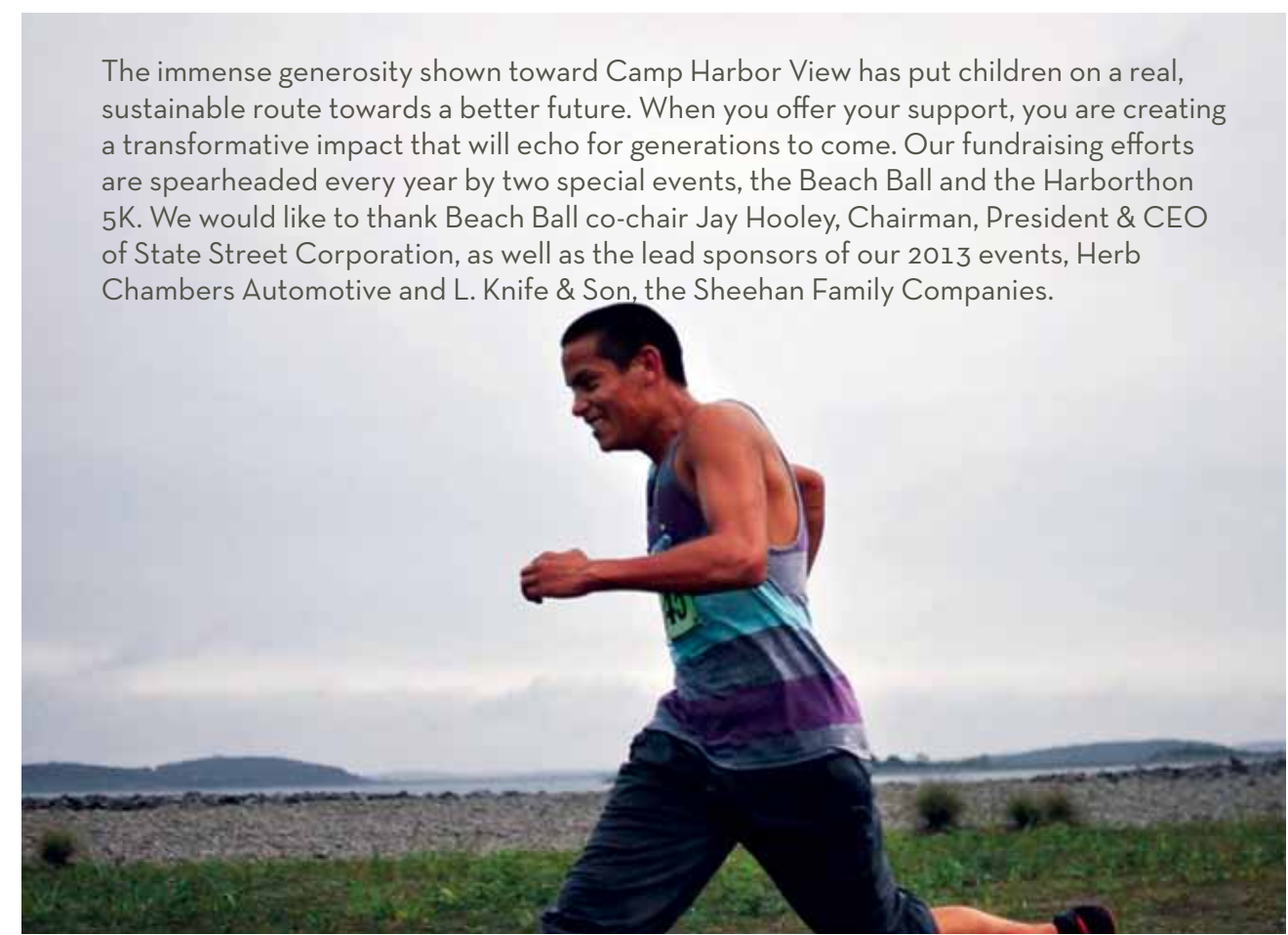


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A COMMUNITY, TRANSFORMED.



The immense generosity shown toward Camp Harbor View has put children on a real, sustainable route towards a better future. When you offer your support, you are creating a transformative impact that will echo for generations to come. Our fundraising efforts are spearheaded every year by two special events, the Beach Ball and the Harborthon 5K. We would like to thank Beach Ball co-chair Jay Hooley, Chairman, President & CEO of State Street Corporation, as well as the lead sponsors of our 2013 events, Herb Chambers Automotive and L. Knife & Son, the Sheehan Family Companies.



GENEROSITY IN ACTION.



Camp Harbor View is grateful for the vital contributions and support it has received from the Boston community since the camp's formation. Our sponsors and supporters make possible all that we do, and they play a direct role in creating brighter futures for all of our campers.

CHILDHOOD, CELEBRATED.



In a world where children today seem to grow up too quickly, we strive to prolong the joys of a wholesome summer. Camp Harbor View is a cell phone free zone where campers are encouraged to connect with each other and the camp environment. By providing a safe place, it is our hope that our campers will experience carefree fun and innocent joy.

THE FUTURE, TRANSFORMED.

We are excited about what the future might hold for our campers. How many future parents will trace their roots to Camp Harbor View? How many teachers? Doctors? Nurses? CEOs? It is our hope that the time they spend with us will result in brighter futures.



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