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In 2015, more than 3,300 children and adults participated in a Coniston program either on, or off-site. Through the generosity of individuals like you, any child or family could participate regardless of their financial situation. Coniston's donors helped provide one-of-a-kind opportunities and experiences that have a positive impact on every child—all while helping to keep the camp nationally recognized as a youth development leader.

It is with deep appreciation that I thank you for your support in 2015. Together we are impacting individuals and strengthening communities. I look forward to serving with you in 2016 so every Conistonian can thrive in each stage of life.

JOHN TILLEY, CAMP DIRECTOR

#### MISSION STATEMENT

As a nonprofit service organization with a focus on youth, YMCA Camp Coniston creates experiences that build spirit, mind and body for all.

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# **OUR STORY AND YOURS**

For many of us, our fondest memories of camp take place on the waterfront, on an overnight trip or on a large rock in camp. With 106 summers of these memories, there is a lot we could talk about—yet we need no more than to look at the past year to illustrate our impact.

You will see within these pages, Coniston changes lives. As you read of Camp's accomplishments I hope you will recall your own Coniston connection and consider its impact on you and how it shaped you as a person.



# A SAFE PLACE WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

# **OVERNIGHT CAMP**

Campers make decisions by themselves—without the help of their parents. They learn to live with others, settle small problems and become more self-sufficient as they try new things. It's no wonder we hear kids come home "different" after their time at camp.

This is why campers return summer after summer. They feel safe—safe from the pressures of electronics, safe to have nice friends, safe to try on a new persona and be goofy. At camp, kids grow to be individuals, all while learning from great staff role models who have been trained in the Coniston Community.

90% **OVERALL RETURN RATE** 

\$173.079 TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVE



### **TOP ENROLLMENT** TOWNS

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- 2. Arlington, MA
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# LESSONS FOR LIFE

# LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Camp's high return rate has increased Coniston's average camper age. The following programs have been developed to teach teenagers how Coniston's values and life lessons can be utilized outside of camp.

# SERVICE TRIPS

Bringing the Coniston Spirit to those in need. Partnering with Habitat for Humanity, Feeding America, and City Mission Society of Boston



INDIVIDUALS PAIRING SERVICE WITH RESIDENT CAMP: 2013=14 • 2014=15 • 2015=18

# **YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT**

YMCA Camp Coniston hosted and administered the Western District Caucuses in 2015 for Kearsarge, Newport and Claremont School Districts. This state-wide program is an annual collaboration between the YMCAs of New Hampshire and 30 school districts. The culmination of the program is held each year in the state's Capitol, Governor's Office and Supreme Court with more than 300 participants.

# **CIT PROGRAM**

4 CIT programs were run in 2015 consisting of 68 total participants. The East Coast program trains in New Hampshire and the West Coast Program trains in Arizona and Utah. Each year we receive in excess of 100 applications.

# **ADVENTURE CAMP**

Teaching youth to build relationships in spectacular locations.

Trips in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, & Quebec



INDIVIDUALS PAIRING ADVENTURE WITH RESIDENT CAMP: 2013=17 • 2014=40 • 2015=31



# **INVESTING IN** OUR COMMUNITY

New London Afterschool Program

# AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

Coniston's afterschool programs are located in New London, Plainfield, Sunapee, Lebanon and West Lebanon and ensure a safe, secure place for children of working families to learn and grow. Homework assistance, play time, and nutritious snacks are all part of Coniston's daily schedule. Nationally, children who attend afterschool programs show greater interest in school, learn new skills and exhibit improved behavior and this is why we work to ensure that every child has access to quality, affordable afterschool programs—enabling all children in our community to thrive.

#### **DAILY SERVING CHILDREN IN THE FOLLOWING TOWNS:**













# **HOSTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

All groups attending YMCA Camp Coniston in the pre and post season are local schools, non-profits, churches or youth serving.

#### SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, YOUTH GROUPS AT CAMP



ATA American Tae Kwon Do Association Camp Winning Spirit Childhood Cancer Lifeline of NH Croydon Village School Grantham Village School KRES – Bradford, New London, Simonds, and Sutton Listen Center Retreat New England College New London Hospital New London, Sunapee, Plainfield Afterschool Families Northern New England K9 Search and Rescue Our Lady of Fatima Church, New London St. Andrew's Church, New London Town of Croydon





# **ALWAYS HERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

# **CAMPERSHIP AND PROGRAM COLLABORATION**

The following schools and organizations work with the camp to provide campership and program opportunities to local children. The schools act in the role of recruitment, while the organizations and endowments assist in funding camperships, programs, and providing service to camp. The camp's annual fund serves as the primary source of funding for camperships.

#### **COLLABORATING SCHOOLS**

Bradford Elementary Claremont Middle Cornish Elementary Croydon Village Elementary Disnard Elementary Grantham Village School Hanover Street School Kearsarge Middle

#### **OTHER COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS**

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# **CAMP WINNING SPIRIT** FOR FAMILIES FACING CHILDHOOD CANCER

"For us as parents it is a time to reunite with wonderful friends... to reconnect with the reality of what we've lived through and, for us, survived... A time to count our blessings for our healthy child... A time to offer strength to some of our friends who have not been so lucky... In short we spend 361 days a year on that crazy treadmill of life! Then we come here for 4 days and remember what life is about!"

- CAMP WINNING SPIRIT PARENT

YMCA CAMP CONISTON'S WINNING SPIRIT understands the emotional and physical toll a pediatric cancer diagnosis takes on the entire family in ways that are not readily apparent. This diagnosis begins a life journey for families, and it is often a journey of despair and isolation. For families facing initial treatment, it is a time of worry and a time of questions. At Camp Winning Spirit, the fellowship and support families gain from sitting around the campfire with others who have walked in their shoes is immeasurable. For families whose children have completed treatment, the journey changes, but continues. Many face new losses as they learn new systems and encounter late effects of treatment. Camp Winning Spirit is the only place where all families, regardless of where they

are in the journey, can say, and feel, "You are not alone." With the help of your donations we are honored to say we helped 130 individuals in 2015 and hope to help more this year!



IN COLLABORATION WITH:









# THE POWER **OF GIVING**

We completed a five year project to create a new meadow on Sugar Hill.

# **FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS & GROWTH**

Your donations graciously supported us in building a better camp experience for every camper while keeping price increases minimal.



Donations enabled **IMPROVEMENTS** to **RIFLERY** and **SKEET** by relocating them to the

same spot, thus making it more efficient for staff and allowing campers to have longer times to practice.



A major gift from the Byrne Foundation helped fund a new **DOCK** and **RETAINING WALL** for the Boat House, along with purchasing **PADDLEBOARDS** and a **RESCUE BOAT** to enhance waterfront activities.



Operating revenue enhanced every camper's experience by **BUILDING** a new maintenance **SHED** to house equipment which keeps costs lower. In addition, a new **POLARIS** was purchased for moving luggage and for our maintenance team to safely move around Camp.



With your help, **BOYS CAMP** has undergone many **IMPROVEMENTS** over the past year. Some of these items include re-engineering the landscape, adding an access road to Senior Camp, re-building six new cabins and expanding the septic system in preparation to build a new College.

# NELSON MCLEAN FUND A FUND FOR CAMPERSHIPS



In the spring of 2015, the YMCA Camp Coniston Board of Directors established and donated a \$35,000 campership in honor of **NELSON MCLEAN**. Nelson was the longest employee in the history of Coniston and has always supported the campership campaign. He began his work in 1983 and retired as the camp's bookkeeper in 2015. His 32 years of service to our YMCA were witness to many changes, including Coniston becoming known as one of the finest camps in the US.

Nelson's life story is one of giving back. He spent his entire career working with youth through schools, his church and the YMCA. This campership is a testament to his generosity, compassion and a legacy to his life's mission of helping "young people become worthy adults." All children receiving this Campership have had struggles in their home life that range from single parent households to dealing with a parent with a brain tumor. Two weeks at camp is always a much needed and anticipated break for these children.

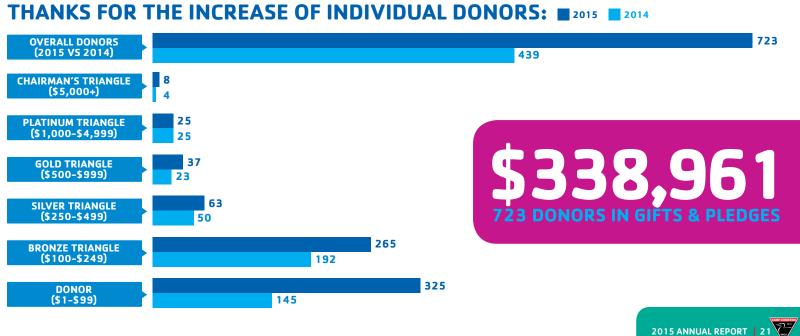
When a camper is awarded the Nelson McLean Campership, the cost of camp is paid in full so a child may make new friends and participate in the camp program that Mr. McLean believed in for over 30 years.



# MAINTAINING TOMORROW

# **DONOR REPORT**

There are places in life where memories are built and lives change — YMCA Camp Coniston is one of those places. By donating to children through Coniston you help build those memories. With your support, thousands of deserving children are impacted — and the value of your gift is immeasurable. We hope you feel the value in donating, and how you can make a difference in the life of a child.







Thanks to your generous donations this past year, Coniston raised \$338,961 from 723 DONORS — through Camperships, endowments and overall support a great future is possible for all kids.

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# **CATHERINE MALATESTA FUND** A FUND FOR CAMPERSHIPS

TO ALL THE DONORS OF THE CATHERINE MALATESTA FUND

"This is my broken, but strong heart speaking directly to your generous and kind heart...thank you so very much for embracing my family and not turning your back during this terrible odyssey and for loving us as your own."

— JENNIFER GOODWIN, CATHERINE'S MOTHER

A diagnosis of fast-spreading sarcoma didn't change the fact that sixteen-year-old **CATHERINE MALATESTA'S** spirit could light up a room. She was a natural leader, full of life—the friendships and moments spent at Coniston were life changing. Coniston allowed her to release from the rigors of her daily schedule and be herself, with no judgment from her peers. At her service her father said Coniston was her **HEAVEN ON EARTH.** 

With the overwhelming support received in Catherine's memory, funds have been secured to establish an annual Campership in her name. The Campership will forever allow a child who would otherwise be unable to

attend Camp because of financial hardship the opportunity. Catherine's infectious smile, courage, steadfast loyalty, and enduring love for others have left an indelible mark on all of our lives.









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2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently 2015 Total	
Cash	519,451	92,248		611,699
Pledges Receivable	87,709			87,709
Investments	47,062	10,461	13,430	70,953
Property & Equipment				5,069,029
Land & Improvements	1,835,157			
Buildings, Improvements & Construction in Progress	4,696,412		17,000	
Furniture and Equipment	735,132			
Transportation Equipment	319,921			
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(2,534,593)			
Other Assets	47,578			47,578
TOTAL ASSETS	5,753,829	102,709	30,430	5,886,968
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS				
Current Liabilities	374,216			374,216
Net Assets	5,379,613	102,709	30,430	5,512,752
Unrestricted	5,319,613			
Board Designated	60,000			
Temporarily Restricted	102,709			
Permanently Restricted	30,430			
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	5,753,829	102,709	30,430	5,886,968

#### REVENUES

Camp Programs Afterschool Programs (Details, see Page 9) Other Income

#### **TOTAL REVENUES**

#### **EXPENSES**

Payroll and Related Expenses Food Service Program Expenses Unfunded Camperships Office Expenses Insurance Facility Expenses Other Expenses Transportation Expenses Non-Operating Expenses

#### **OPERATING EXPENSES**

#### CAPITAL SPENDING

Proceeds from Sale of Equipment Purchase Property and Equipment (Details, see Page Purchase of Investments

#### **CAPITAL EXPENSES**

#### **TOTAL EXPENSES**

Operating Surplus (Deficiency) Annual Fund & Other Contributions Collection on Promises to Give

#### **NET CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE**

Note: Operating deficiency before donations and contributions.



	2,567,120 151,788 31,335
	2,750,243
	1,031,526 296,379 404,220 66,383 69,250 82,441 190,398 130,093 34,076 24,320
	2,329,086
17)	27,645 504,289 3,420
	480,064
	2,809,150
	<mark>(58,907)</mark> 338,961 15,000
	295,054
	233,034



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# **IMPACTING THE WORLD AWAY FROM CAMP**

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#### JOHN MCNAIR, SENIOR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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YMCA Camp Coniston was happy to be featured as one of the 50 Most Amazing Summer Camps. In addition, Coniston continues to be recognized by CampRatingz.com as the #2 ranked camp in the United States and as one of MSN's ten summer camps worth the money. While not scientific, these ratings are a wonderful validation of the work that occurs here at camp.



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