## **YMCA Camp Coniston** 2021 Annual Report & Community Impact





YMCA Camp Coniston Croydon, NH



**CY\*Cle** [sīk(ə)1] noun

A series of events that are regularly repeated in the same order. Similar: rotation, pattern, circle, rhythm A complete set or series. Similar: sequence, succession, set, series

he first definition is easy for camp families: they find camp, friend groups form, kids return, kids grow up, their children return. This "series" is well established and has repeated for over one-hundred years.

But what do we mean by "complete" in the second definition? The Coniston Community is creating a complete cycle that supports children not only in Camp, but after Camp. After the summer ends, campers have access to academic tutoring with the Coniston Community allowing success during the school year. They then return to Camp for the social emotional learning that occurs at Coniston each summer. Having a representative staff that reflects campers means every child can envision themselves as a future leader.

A vibrant alumni network helps young people write resumes, select career paths, and meet future mentors, completing the cycle as the Community supports and strengthens each other.

It is with deep appreciation that I thank you for your support in 2021, you are truly changing lives. I look forward to serving with you in 2022 so every Conistonian can thrive in each stage of life.

JOHN TILLEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





# Campers will return year after year.

## **SACHIEVEMENT**

Eight new **Camperships In Perpetuity** have been funded by donors —allowing campers to return year after year.





Every camper, regardless of ability to pay, can return to Camp summer after summer.

## **CAMPERSHIPS ARE A GREAT EQUALIZER ALLOWING ALL CHILDREN TO RETURN EXPANDING OUR BROADER COMMUNITY**





The Camp Community will represent all walks of life from around the globe.

**SACHIEVEMENT** 

**NEW** IN 2021 CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS In conjunction NH Department of Corrections



New groups of camperships add to Coniston's diversity.



### **NEW** EXAMPLES

## FUNDED IN 2021 **BRONX, NY CAMPERS AND NEW AMERICANS FROM CONCORD. NH**

In conjunction with Helen Gurley Brown Foundation



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Camp programs will support our community during the academic year.

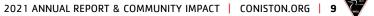
**CONISTON** TUTORS **PROVIDED ACADEMIC** SUPPORT TO <u>32 STUDENTS</u>



Mentorship and academic support programs led by alumni enable campers to succeed.





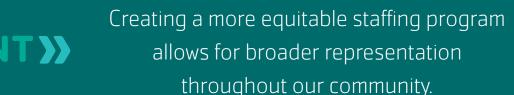


Coniston's staff program will be enhanced allowing for greater representation of the Camp Community in leadership.

## **SACHIEVEMENT**

INCREASING **ALL STAFF SALARIES ALLOWS MORE CANDIDATES THE ABILITY TO** ACCEPT A STAFF POSITION

FELLOWSHIPS **ALLOW STAFF TO BRING THEIR FIELDS OF STUDY AND APPLY THEM TO CAMP** THIS YEAR WE FOCUSED ON MENTAL HEALTH



## **118 STAFF CERTIFIED AS LIFEGUARDS FOR A SAFER CAMP PROVIDING TRANSFERABLE SKILLS** FOR USE DURING SCHOOL YEAR

## PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SOUTH AFRICA COLLEGE OF TOURISM **EXPANDS THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM AND BRINGS DIVERSITY AND NEEDED SKILLS TO CAMP**



All alumni, both camper and staff, will create a community with career opportunities, mentors, and friendships.

## SACHIEVEMENT>>

TEENS **RECEIVED COLLEGE/CAREER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FROM PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEERS** IN OUR COMMUNITY



Linking the Coniston Alumni Community together creates opportunities for adult alumni far beyond summer.



ALUMNI **CREATED CAREER OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF CONISTON AS** PART OF OUR 462 MEMBER LINKEDIN COMMUNITY



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The Camp Community will reflect all levels

of socioeconomic status.

**SACHIEVEMENT** 



Moderate prices allow families who do not qualify for financial assistance to afford Camp.









The Camp Community will join together to keep Camp affordable for every camper. **SACHIEVEMENT** 

830 DONORS

\$1.57M **ENDOWMENT FUNDS 22 FULL CAMPERSHIPS** FROM ITS QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION

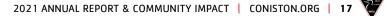


Through generous donations children from all walks of life can afford everything the Coniston Community offers.

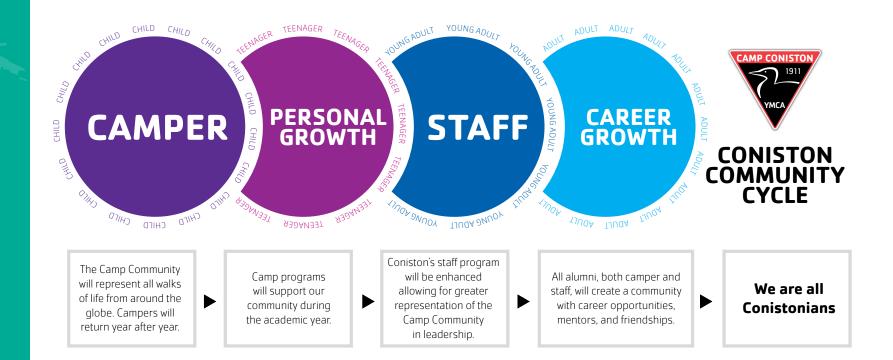








## **This continuous cycle allows our** Community to grow, diversify, and succeed.





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## **INVEST IN CHANGED LIVES**

Because of your gifts and pledges over the past year we have collected \$613,913. Through these donations, every camper was subsidized and an additional **250 CHILDREN** were provided **FULL CAMPERSHIP** in 2021. That is an amazing total that allows any person to attend, regardless of income. Camperships, program development, and facility improvements are accomplished thanks to YOUR generous contributions.

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The following individual made provisions in his estate for a gift to Camp Coniston. Planned gifts ensure the continuation of a personal legacy by changing children's lives in future generations.

**Carl T. Witherell Foundation** 20 camperships provided in 2021 1,620 total since 1984

Please contact Lindsey at lindsey@coniston.org to learn more about your planned giving options. Joining the Coniston Vespers Society acknowledges your commitment to Coniston's mission and sets an example for others to follow. Planned gifts may be made through a bequest or by naming Camp Coniston as a beneficiary of part or all of a retirement asset. Bequests may help fulfill your philanthropic goals without relinquishing current assets and may provide tax relief for you or your heirs. Gift methods come in all shapes and sizes, and we believe that what is best for you and your family is best for Camp Coniston.

### **CAMPERSHIP AND PROGRAM COLLABORATION**

The following schools and organizations help provide campership and program opportunities to children. Schools identify and recruit campers while organizations and endowments fund camperships and provide services. Coniston's Annual Fund serves as the primary source of funding for camperships.

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## **1736 CHILDREN**

LIFEGUARDS CERTIFIED

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