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Camp Coniston Accepts Award from Gov. Lynch and CCACHC

"Champion of Children" Award goes to Coniston for our support to kids with chronic conditions

The Governor's Office of New Hampshire, in conjunction with the Council

for Children and Adolescents With Chronic Health Conditions, and NH Partners in Health, has awarded YMCA Camp Coniston the 'Champion of Children' award, to continue working on behalf of campers with chronic health conditions.

Camp director John Tilley credits the NH Childhood Cancer Lifeline for raising Coniston's awareness of this issue. "Without the work of the Childhood Cancer Lifeline, our eyes would not have been opened to the importance of serving these families in need."

"Coniston's longtime work through Camp Winning Spirit was a prime reason behind this nomination," said Denise Brewitt, executive director of CCACHC. Coniston was also nominated by Partners in Health, an aid organization with 13 offices statewide.

"Coniston is becoming known as a 'go-to' camp for kids with chronic disorders, and it's also a camp that we get consistent requests for from parents. Families feel safe and secure trusting their special-needs kids to Coniston.

"Camp is a really huge step of trust for special needs parents and kids ... it's a giant step toward independence. Parents say their kids come back from Camp so much older and wiser, their behavior



Denise Brewitt, CCACHC executive director, and her 'little guy' Ryan. "He's only eight so he hasn't 'transitioned' to Camp ... at least not yet!"

more mature ... a couple of weeks can make such a huge difference." —

CONISTON DONOR SPOTLIGHT

"I named it after my childhood dog ...!"

Gen Isuzu makes a gift to Coniston, and remakes a local landmark

On the stormy winter morning of December 13, 2008, Gen Isuzu found he had some extra time on his hands.

"I remember the day, it was the big ice storm here in New Hampshire and I was working at Camp. We lost power, so I went into town." As he drove through New London, Gen saw a sign on Jack's Restaurant, a local landmark in the center of town since 1998.

"The sign said 'Closing Tomorrow' and I was like, woah, Jack's has been around here for over a decade ... and I just found myself really interested!"

Runs In The Family

Gen had some strong role models for his

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ELLIE'S CAFE & DELI

Gen's new logo (featuring the famous Ellie!)





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It was a beautiful
Sunday this
summer at Camp
— the perfect time
for an Ice Cream Social!

We not only dance in the dining hall
at Coniston, we rock out at the Ice
Cream Social every other weekend.

I was moved that day when I saw
everyone up dancing and singing to
a song I hadn't heard before:

*When I get older
I will be stronger
They'll call me freedom
Just like a waving flag ...*

I thought, "wow, what a cool song!"
and the more I thought about it, the
more touched I was ... one of our
counselors found that song, and played
it for us, and it really caught on.

Fast-forward to the middle of winter,
when I thought of the song. My oldest
daughter found the album online and
bought it, and we both really love it.

His name is K'naan, a Somalian
refugee who grew up in the capital of
Mogadishu. His songs are filled with
messages about giving back, to make
the world a better place.

Director's 2¢

Wisdom from the Ice Cream Social

He lives in Toronto now, and
he talks openly about his future
being brighter, and how people
giving to him changed his life,
both here and in Africa.

He's right — more than ever it's
important that we give. There are
so many needs in the world, and
those of us who are able, share a
responsibility to help ... whether
it's giving a kid the chance of a
lifetime at Coniston this summer,
helping a family afford our
afterschool program, or donating
to one of the many earthquake
funds that have come up around
the world.

We hope you donate to Camp ...
but my real hope is that we all do
something to help someone's life.
I know K'Naan would approve.

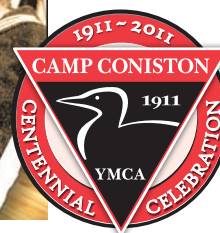
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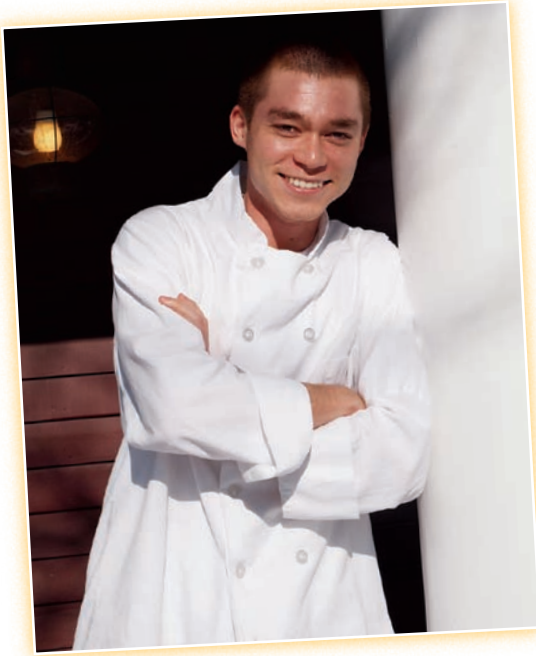
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entrepreneurial spirit — “my mom and dad both started their own businesses, so I have a pretty unique background ... it’s kind of natural to me.”

Welcome to Town!

In April 2009, after four months of work and with help from family and friends, Gen opened Ellie’s Cafe & Deli in downtown New London. “I knew right away I could provide a top-quality menu with more contemporary choices, and a really warm environment.”

Ellie’s offers traditional breakfast and lunch but with some unique twists, like creme-brule french toast and breakfast chimichangas, and speciality coffees from a local roaster in

Manchester NH “... We make cappuccinos like they’re *supposed* to be made!”

“It wouldn’t be possible without Coniston”

Gen is very direct when he talks about Camp’s contribution to his new venture ... “there’s no way I could have even considered this if it wasn’t for Coniston. When I was 19 and Waterfront Director I had 20 people on staff, and as Program Director I managed 100 employees

for an entire summer ... at 22! Where can a 22-year-old get that kind of experience?”

Gen says he has “*only* ten employees now!” but his experience at Camp pays him dividends every day. “Coniston entrusts 18, 19, 20 years olds with a great responsibility — you have to grow up quick. Think about having to talk to parents about activity choices, what their kids will be doing ... a cabin counselor handling 14 pairs of parents every two weeks. *That’s* customer service!”

“You have to learn not to panic, to think your way through ... how to work hard and work *selflessly*

and be happy doing it. This is exactly the training that comes from Camp.”

Initial Financial Goal: Donate to Camp

“I’ve always thought about donating to Camp,” says Gen, “and donating big when I could!” One of his first goals was to give to Coniston’s Campership Fund, and Gen saw his chance with the new one week End of Summer Program.

“I saw it as a great opportunity for a kid who might not get into the other programs, so they could have a new experience. I’ve never donated more than \$100 to any cause, but I know and agree with Coniston’s long-term goals, and I trust that they’ll implement their short-term plans to get there.

“Camp is one of the very few organizations I’m completely confident they’ll ‘do right’ with the money” says Gen, “and besides, it is nice ... to give something back.” —*Gen*



Croydon Gives Coniston 2009 Service Award

YMCA Camp Coniston celebrated along with the town of Croydon at our semi-annual Croydon Day picnic, where we received the town’s 2009 Community Service Award. A celebration since 2003, all 600 residents

are invited to Coniston for a day of good food, activities and lots of fun.

“We were very proud to accept the Community Service Award at the Town Picnic.” John Tilley said. “It’s very gratifying because local community members acknowledge our

service to the youth of the town.” Coniston also offers every Croydon child the opportunity to attend Camp, through our Campership program.

“It’s just another way for Coniston to give value to the community, in ways that touch people’s lives.” —*Gen*



AS WE MOVE INTO OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR OF 2011, WE EXTEND SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE 2009 SUCH A SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING YEAR FOR CAMP CONISTON.

Chairman's Triangle

\$5,000 to \$35,000

Carl Witherall Fund
Josh Young Fund
Kearsarge Sunshine Fund
Lane & Elizabeth
Dwinell Foundation
NH Charitable
Foundation

TOP TEN REASONS TO GIVE TO CAMP CONISTON #1

Assist families with children who have pediatric cancer diagnosis attend Coniston's and the Childhood Cancer Lifeline's "Camp Winning Spirit."

Platinum Triangle

\$1,000 to \$4,999

Bedford Cost
Segregation, LLC
Bryant, Maria & Greg
Calcutt, Ann & John
Eldredge, Chris & Sophie Sparrow
Eldredge, H. Newcomb & Sally
Evans, Dan
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Greenbaum, Steven & Sue
Hogan, Brian & Mary Jo
Sanders, Scott & Tamar

TOP TEN REASONS TO GIVE TO CAMP CONISTON #2

Help save the land surrounding camp for future generations to enjoy

The Redmond Family Foundation
Tilley, John & Tricia

Gold Triangle

\$500 to \$999

Adler, David & Hedy
Blank, Lane & Jon
Deasy, J. Michael
Dewhirst, William & Patty
Ellie's Café & Deli, LLC
Gesens, Nancy
Gillett, Kathy & Bill
Glennon, Jennifer & Marty
Glynn, Barry & Patty
Johnson, Nancy
Leach, Richard & Cornelia
MacNeil, Mary-Liz & Glen
Myer, Bert & Ann
Sweeney, Amy & Joe
Zimmerman, Patty & John

Silver Triangle

\$250 to \$499

Bailey, Paul & Eileen
Bank of America
Matching Gift Foundation

Barnico, Kate & Thomas
Berkowitz, David
Boston Foundation
Comstock, Scott & Sandra
Dickey, Holly
Evans, Lois & Evan
Freedman, Karen & Jared Reid
Green, Richard
Hiipakka, Jonathan & Sara
Hugg, Myra & Joseph
MBIA Foundation Inc.
McLean, Nelson
Moran, Anne & Michael
Morris, Robert & Mary Helen

TOP TEN REASONS TO GIVE TO CAMP CONISTON #3

Expand the Dining Hall for improved service and "sound level" during meals.

National Grid
Pushee, Karen & Mark Greenberg
Scudder, Steven & Donna Palley
Smidt, Maura & Clark
Underhill, Carl & Ellen
Woods, James & Theresa
Zegans, Claudia & Michael

Bronze Triangle

\$1 to \$249

Abbott Library
Albers, Dede

Altmann, Kerbey & Stephanie Lucas
Anderson, Laura & Scott
Arell, Barbara & Thomas
Ballou, Bronwen & Bob
Barden, Dave & Fay
Barlowe, Charles & Amy Stephens
Bascom, Dana
Bates, Josh
Becker, Beate & Jimmy
Belamarich, Matthew & Linda
Beliveau, Albert & Laura
Belknap, Allen & Karen
Benson, Steven & Cynthia
Birkland, JoAnn
Bishop, Cynthia & Dave
Boyer, Joseph & Leanne
Boy's Summer Staff 2009
Brown, Dr. Henry & Patricia
Burke, Chris
Buttor-Foederl, Caitlin
Cairns, Tracey & Matt
Calcutt, Jack
Candell, Amy & Larry
Canotas, Vasiliki & Mark McCue
Carroll Concrete
Carroll, Ryan & Alison Myer
Chirico, Carol & Joe

TOP TEN REASONS TO GIVE TO CAMP CONISTON #4

Support future civic minded Americans through the NH Youth in Government program.



TOP TEN REASONS TO GIVE TO CAMP CONISTON

#5

Build a new Girl's College

Claiborne, Gwyneth & Robert
Clarke's Hardware
Collin, Patricia & Mark
Comstock, Frederick
Couturier, Barbara & Paul
Cox, Nancy Kane & Barry
Crossen-Sills, Jackie & Phil Sills
Currier, Phillip & Jane
Damon, Jim Hurst & Susan
Davidson, A. Joseph & Ann
Deasy, Jennifer
Delise, Lynne & Robert
DeLong, Susan & Robert
DeTurk, Martha & Dennis
Dinneen, Paul & Ann
Domenichella, Paul & Jeanne
Donahue, Rita & Jeffrey
Donahue, Sarah
Donor, Anonymous
Donor, Anonymous
Dorr, Olive Hadley
Drake, Deborah & Joseph
Dwyer, Barney
Ensign, Stephen
Ernst, Charles & Annie
Faulkner, Charles & Charlotte
Feins, Mickey
Fink, Pam & Roger
Finlay, Scott & Martha
Franks, Ruth
Freedman, Judy & Jeff
Freeman, Philip & Jill
Goldstein

Frey, Conrad
Friedman, Steven & Jane
Hanenberg
Furdyna, Frank & Adele
Gardiner, Carita & Christopher Oostenink
Gillespie, Camille & David
Gmeiner, Faye & John
Goddard, Eleanor & Walter
Graf, Patty
Griffin, Larry
Grip, Kelly & Brian
Hall, Travis & Shirley
Handley, Jane & Stephen
Harris, Ken & Jen
Harris, Randy & Janet
Hart, Carolyn & Alden
Heaney, Fiona & John
Hickey, Bruce & Nancy
Hooton, Michael & Margaret
Horn, Bill & Betsy
Howe, Carol Ann
Hunter, Stephen & Betsy

TOP TEN REASONS TO GIVE TO CAMP CONISTON

#6

Rebuild four new boy's cabins.

Hutchinson, Patricia & Ford
Ighodaro, Dawn & Osaro
Kalfus, Phyllis & Don
Kelsey, Peter & Ginger Ryan
Kershner, Molly & Lewis
Kessler, Bob & Susan
Kirkland, Kathy
Koch, Linda & David
Kolb, Nancy
Kren, Robert & Betty
Larsen, Brian & Elizabeth

Larsen, Elizabeth
Larsen, Leslie & Eric
Laurien, Ann
LaValley Building Supply
Levine, Jessie W.
Lewis, Shari & David
Lopez -Cadenhead, Toni
Lustig, Dylan
Macinnes, John & Gail
Magari, Patrick & Elaine

TOP TEN REASONS TO GIVE TO CAMP CONISTON

#7

Help working parents on a daily basis by supporting After school programs.

Silverman
Malenka, David & Ann
Maloy, Judith & Joe
Mansour, Lauree & Haitham
Mario, Joseph & Karen Young
Marvin, Sarah & Jonathan
Marzelli, Mia
Merrill Lynch & Co Foundation
Mertz, Carolyn & Peter
Messer, Amy & Jack Ruderman
Miller, Katie & Tom
Morris, Ann & Marc
Morse, Emily
Moses, Ruth & Joel
Moss, Frederick & Marjorie
Neubert, Marsha
Null, Corinne & Evere
Orne, Steve & Sigrid
Otis-Cote, Catherine
Palladino, Mary Ann
Peterson, Robert & Norah

Piaker, Randi & Steve
Pike, Alan & Marcy
Pizzi, Peter & Elizabeth Joyce
R.C. Brayshaw
Reiss, Nicole
Rodeschin, Beverly & Henry
Rossetti, Joanne & Edward Hahn
Rush, Tyler & Catherine
Ruttenberg, Michele & David
Salvas, Margaret & David
Sawitz, Beth
Schaper, Carol & Dorsey
Schoonmaker, Jill & Bill
Seymour, Shirley
Sharp, Stephen & Anne
Sheff, Jordan & Tina
Ship, Brad & Meghan
Ship, Carl & Christine Flynn
Shull, Jennifer
Slafsky, Julie & Marc
Smith, David & Heidi Fishman
Smith, Tammy & Scott
Spring Ledge Farm
Springer, Clinton & Francesca
Steward, Barbara
Stowell, Dwight & Barbara
Surprenant, G. R. & Valerie
Taber, Julie
Tapp, Nadine & Stephen
Terwilliger, Faith & George

TOP TEN REASONS TO GIVE TO CAMP CONISTON

#8

Build strong cabin ties through the purchase of "War Canoes" which hold an entire cabin.



TOP TEN
REASONS
TO GIVE
TO CAMP CONISTON

#9

Help build a new outdoor chapel on Cranberry Pond.

Tierney, Linda & Steven
Twadell, Susie & Peter
Valence, Susan & Mark
Vandycheva, Olga & Boris Makarov
Wagner, Bill & Jan
Wakamatsu, May
Walton, Debra
Wasserman, Peter & Jennifer
Whelan, Kevin & Irene

Wilcox, Terri & Lee
Wilson, Cheryl & Rodney
Wood, Mary & Bruce
Wood, Michael & Lisa Ensign
Woods, Deborah Hall & James
Yoder, Kate & Doug
Zadeh, Jenna
Zimmerman, Zach

TOP TEN
REASONS
TO GIVE
TO CAMP CONISTON

#10

Send deserving children on the camp experience of a lifetime in Adventure Camp.

AND EVEN MORE!!!

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