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125 years strong



2019 Annual Report





Changing Lives for 125 Summers



# Celebrating 125 Summers

A message from Hartford's Camp Courant Chairman



#### Dear Hartford Camp Courant Supporter:

I would like to personally thank you for your continued support of Hartford's Camp Courant, the nation's oldest continuously operated free day camp which has been providing a safe, nurturing environment for Hartford children to learn, play and grow for 125 years.

The year 2019 marked an important part of our history as we celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> summer welcoming Hartford's children to our campsite. With one hundred and fifty new campers, enhancing the early learning program for children ages 5 through 8, and adding additional staff social workers to provide increased support to our campers, the summer was the best year yet.

This was made possible due to the undying support from our incredible community partners. Coming together to raise over \$200,000 at our annual Buddy Bash celebration, bridging together enough support to welcome 2,000 volunteers to camp, and over 500 camper-season visitors, made it one summer we will never forget. A stand-out collaboration of the year is that of our partnership with FoodShare. Together we provided 4,500 weekend meals to our camper families! We are looking forward to this continued partnership for many years to come.

Thank you all again for all you have done for Hartford's Camp Courant and the children and families from Hartford whom we are so honored to serve. During a time of such uncertainty caused by the pandemic, your support has been invaluable, and I greatly look forward to working with you in what promises to be a bright future.



Adam McLaughlin Chairman of the Board

Sincerely,

Adam McLaughlin President

Hartford's Camp Courant Board of Directors



# Statement of Activities



### For the period ended Vecember 31, 2019

#### Support and Revenue

| Grants and Contributions         | \$650,396   |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Individual Contributions         | \$127,309   |
| Special Events Income            | \$322,175   |
| Trust Income                     | \$97,457    |
| Investment Income                | \$102,311   |
| <b>Total Support and Revenue</b> | \$1,299,648 |

#### **Expenses**

| Camp Operations | \$1,081,433 |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Administrative  | \$128,566   |
| Fundraising     | \$255,982   |
| Total Expenses  | \$1,465,981 |

#### Change in net assets from operating activities (\$166,333)

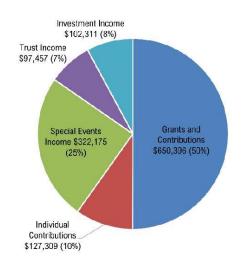
#### Other changes in net assets:

| Capital contributions                             | \$0       |
|---|-----------|
| Change in assets held by HFPG                     | \$218,887 |
| Change in beneficial interest in perpetual trusts | \$284,485 |
| Unrealized gain/(loss) on marketable securities   | \$55,482  |
| Total change in net assets                        | \$392,521 |

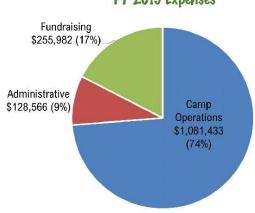
Net assets, beginning of year \$7,107,662

Net assets, end of year \$7,500,183

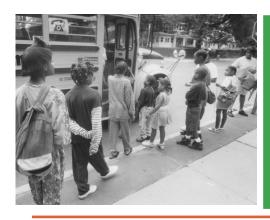
### FY 2019 Support and Revenue



#### FY 2019 Expenses



"Camp Courant has given lower and middle class families the opportunity to allow our children diverse social interaction, leader-ship and social skills, swimming lessons, familiarity with previous counselors/campers, and the opportunity to become a Junior Leader." ~ Camp Parent



# Numbers At a Glance

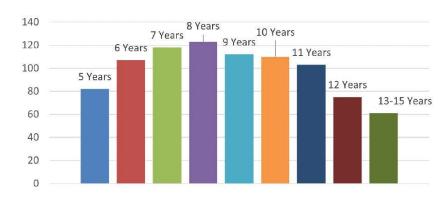


# 2019 Camper Demographics

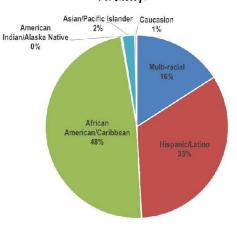
- Total Campers Served: 891
- 49% Female

51% New

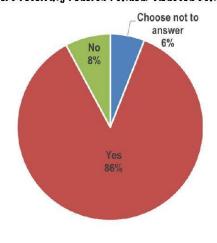
#### Ages:



#### Ethnicity:



#### Campers receiving Federal Funded/Reduced Lunch:





#### **Camp Facts:**

- Hartford's Camp Courant is currently the largest and oldest FREE summer program in the United States
- Services include transportation, two meals a day and dental screening for every camper
- The camp season runs six full weeks, Monday through Friday, rain, or shine
- Five year-round staff members and 93 seasonal employees work together to create a fun and educational summer experience for Hartford's youth



# 2019 Programming



By keeping Hartford's children engaged, learning and inspired during the summer, it is more likely that they will be able to keep up to the pace of which their higher-income counterparts learn, and thus drop out of high school at a lesser rate. By providing a safe, nurturing, and active learning environment for these kids, we can improve their social outcomes, instill confidence, promote healthy lifestyle choices, thereby creating a stronger generation of young people and a stronger Hartford community.

#### Camp Specialized Programs:

- Arts & Crafts
- Bank of America Junior Leaders (CIT)
- Computer Lab
- Financial Literacy
- Fund for GH/United Way Early Childhood Education
- Summer Foodshare for Kids Program
- Girls Empowerment
- Harvard Pilgrim Healthy Choices
- Low Ropes

- Richard P. Garmany Fund Music & Performing Arts Program
- Peter DeBell Fund Nature Program
- Photography
- Sports & Recreation
- LEGO STEM & Manufacturing
- Swimming 101
- Yoga

### 2019 Program Highlights

#### Girls Empowerment Program

In 2018, Camp staff noticed that several of the female campers, especially those ages 10-12, were reluctant to join in activities with boys present. Girls expressed feeling shy and asked to form their own "club." Camp Courant staff responded by creating the Girls Empowerment Club for the 2019 camp season. The Club provided programming for

#### The goals of the Club include:

- 1. Positive self-image/self-talk
- 2. Career/college readiness
- 3. Problem solving/cooperation skills

girls of all ages (5-12) at Camp Courant.

4. Positive friendship/communication skills

Girls worked with their Program Director to engage in a variety of activities, including field trips to the Harriet Beecher Stowe House, and Central CT State University, as well as a number of women from the Hartford area who came to Camp to share their experiences and presented information about their careers. The girls also participated in a t-shirt design contest and worked together to identify what it means to be a good friend. We look forward to expanding this important program!





#### Early Learning

Thanks to expanded funding from The Fund for Greater Hartford and United Way, Camp Courant was able to expand the Early Learning Program in 2019, allowing us to serve the most at-risk children ages 5-8 (previously only ages 5-6) with group and one-on-one supports in literacy, numeracy and social-emotional skills. Jennifer Kinell, Program Director, works to complete an assessment with all campers ages 5-8 at the start of the summer. Those children who are identified as most "at risk" following the assessment, receive one-on-one supports as well as group lesson time throughout the six-week camp season. Program staff check in with parents regularly, sharing activities that parents can do with children at home to support their learning. At the end of the summer, campers again complete the early learning assessment so that we can document progress. The expanded Program was a great success. Jennifer wrote, "we had a camper that knew no letters and numbers. At the end of the season she knew 13 letters and sounds and could count to 10." We are grateful for the support from The Fund for Greater Hartford and United Way, which allowed us to serve more children in 2019.



# Special Events



**Thank you** to the leadership and support from the Board of Directors, event committee members, corporate sponsors, community partners, and the many generous individuals for making 2019 the best year yet! Over 1,000 individuals participated and collectively raised over \$250,000.

The proceeds from these events help Camp Courant to carry out the mission of giving Hartford's kids, regardless of economic or social circumstances, the opportunity to have fun, learn, make friends, and be mentored in a safe, happy environment that creates a sense of wellbeing and a sense of belonging. Each summer 700+ campers come to our campsite in Farmington to engage in active learning, fun activities, and specialized programs that promote positive youth development, healthy lifestyle choices, and inspire big dreams for the future.

#### 8th Annual Arch Street Tavern Fundrasier







Johnson Brunetti 5k & Kids Fun Run

Opening Pay Celebration









Annual Buddy Bash 'Camp Days'



# Thank you to our Ponors



## Hartford's Camp Courant Family Tree

The family tree was established to recognize those individuals, families, and organizations that demonstrate their commitment to the children of Hartford's Camp Courant through their annual giving. These generous donors are helping to create the summer of a lifetime for 1,000 of Hartford's young people each year.

The list includes gifts from individuals, families, foundations, corporations, and other organizations made between January 2019 – December 2019.

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"My daughter has attended Camp Courant for several years now and she still enjoys going there. I ask every year just to be sure its what she wants and every year she's excited to go. I went as a kid and I also loved it. We didn't have all the luxuries but it was still fun. I love all the improvements." ~ Camp Parent



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