

Frequently Asked Questions About Kurn Hattin Homes

What makes Kurn Hattin's program unique?

The Kurn Hattin program is offered year-round and children remain in their parent(s) custody. We are truly a charitable organization—parents and guardians pay what they can to support their child. Kurn Hattin provides services to heal a family which would otherwise not be available.

What states do the children come from?

We have children in residence representing much of the Northeast. Our population is most often made up of youngsters from Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Rhode Island, New Jersey, and New York.

Is there a summer program?

Yes, we have a comprehensive summer recreation program. It's similar to summer camp with many outings, swimming, arts and crafts, games, sports, and life skills exposure such as working in the kitchen, the main office or on the farm.

Kurn Hattin also conducts basketball camps, a soccer camp and other camps during the summer recess.

How is Kurn Hattin funded? Does Kurn Hattin receive state and federal support?

Kurn Hattin's primary source of support is private philanthropy. Outright gifts, endowment income, and unrestricted bequests comprise almost 95 percent of Kurn Hattin's annual operating budget, with less than six percent from tuition or state and federal funding.

How do families become aware of the Kurn Hattin program?

Kurn Hattin's Director of Admissions regularly spends time visiting potential referral sources including social workers at schools and social services organizations. Kurn Hattin also maintains a booth at many childcare conferences and conducts numerous on-campus tours. One of our best referral sources continues to be the parents of children who are or have attended Kurn Hattin.

What is a youngster's average length of stay?

Children are usually with us for about three years. Initially, we ask parents to consider the minimum enrollment of one year.

What happens to the children after graduation?

Many children return home and attend public school. Home is not always a viable option for some graduates. In such cases, we work with the family to find placement in another residential program with a mission similar to that of Kurn Hattin.

Our Family Outreach Coordinator does follow-up with children and families after graduation. Planning for post-Kurn Hattin placement starts when a child enters the seventh grade.

How are the children's spiritual needs met?

Each child's spiritual needs are met in a variety of ways. The entire Kurn Hattin community participates in Catholic or Protestant church services on Sunday morning in our local area. We work with families if other arrangements are needed.

Why do you need my contribution if you have such a large endowment?

For 125 years, Kurn Hattin Homes has been able to provide charitable services to families in need because of the financial stability provided by the endowment and by annual giving.

Because we do not seek federal or state funding, each donation ensures that Kurn Hattin will continue to serve children well into the future.