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On the Cover: Kurn Hattin students studied photo journalism under the direction of teacher, Kristie Lisai and submitted their work for publication in the Youth Writers Project section in Vermont and New Hampshire newspapers. Cover photo and poem below by sixth grader, Musa Abdi.

Friendship

Friendship is like rings connected to each other.

Friendship is trusting one another.

Friendship is helping one another with anything they need.

Friendship is being grouped together.

Friendship is Kurn Hattin.

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Remembering

JOHN WATSON
Executive Director, 1963-1977



Former Executive Director, John Watson, passed away on February 15, 2012. On March 17th my wife, Julie and I traveled to Fayetteville, NY for his memorial service and to visit with his wife, Priscilla.

In the September, 1976 Bulletin John wrote,

I have resigned my position as Director effective at the end of this December, 1976. My association with Kurn Hattin dates back to January, 1941, but was interrupted by four years of military service and six years in the administration of Yale University. I will have concluded about fourteen years as Director when my resignation becomes effective. My reasons imply no dissatisfaction with the Trustees and Executive Committee for they have always been most supportive, understanding, friendly, and ready to give me as much time and consideration to our problems as I have requested. During my administration there have been far-reaching program and physical changes, most of them thoroughly interdependent. I do not propose to provide an inventory of these changes, although that might be interesting, because they have been related piecemeal in previous reports and in Bulletin editorials of the past several years. They have established the direction and tone of this organization for the near and, in some instances, for the distant future. My feeling is that it is time for another person to pick up the torch and hold it high.

John and Priscilla will always hold a special place in my heart. They hired me right out of college as a classroom teacher. Today, I look back forty years later thankful that they provided me with a tremendous opportunity.

I have truly enjoyed my job and as John was, I am ready to have another individual pick up the torch and hold it high.

~ Christopher W. Barry
Executive Director



SCHOOL AND RESIDENTIAL *Life*



School Principal, Scott Tabachnick and Director of Residential Services, Karen Lansberry are proud of the very successful and fulfilling year that resulted in all the best for the children. The level of commitment and care is much rewarded in this heartfelt farewell given by graduating Valedictorian Scarlett Stanhope at Graduation Ceremony on June 9, 2012.

No matter where life takes us, we must remember "not to be sad because it's over, but smile because it happened" (Dr. Seuss). We all know there are the happy tears and sad tears, but it seems that we relate most tears to sadness. I heard that if the first tear falls from your right eye, it's a tear of joy and if it's from the left eye, it's the exact opposite. Usually when we are feeling mixed emotions, sadness overpowers the rest, but on a day like today, the happiness we feel for each other will equally balance the tears. I believe that it is possible for us to shed tears of joy and sadness from both eyes and it may be this way for years to come.

We grew together as a class and as a family. We bonded with time because time is something you can't change. Throughout this year we made a book, one that has spoken to the hearts and minds of many of us. We developed a hard cover made up of our own individual lives, sealed together by Kurn Hattin. Each page is made up of all the days we spent together, while in the back of our minds we all knew that this day would come. Each page is filled with words, pictures and memories that will remain in our hearts no matter where we go. We bound all of it together with an unbreakable thread of tears. Tears from our left eyes and tears from our right eyes. Then we made a case. One that can never be worn down or shattered. It is made up of love. Love for each other that has developed throughout years of being here.

Deciding to come here seven years ago changed my life. My time at Kurn Hattin is one that I will remember forever. The people, who helped me through hard times, loved me through the painful ones and laughed with me through all the rest. These are the people in my life that I consider my family. My brothers and sisters who will travel with me in spirit when we are apart. Then, there is the staff. The houseparents, the teachers, those working in the offices, on the grounds and our many volunteers. Everyone here cares and has helped many of us on our journey to this day, including the ones that have left along the way. These are the people we will have in our memories and can look back on and remember the times, good and bad. This is what I want for the next class and all the classes to come. I wish you all luck, whether your 8th grade year ends at Kurn Hattin or somewhere else.

To the 8th grade class, we will all go our separate ways; we wish each other luck and love and will never forget each other. We will always be connected because of this moment and this year. We have become one, so I know it will be hard separating and leaving this special place many of us have called home. We have to remember that until you spread your wings, you will have no idea how far you can fly. As long as there is love, we will have each other and we will find a way through life together. Thank you and congratulations to the 8th grade Class of 2012.



“Family is everything to me,” Shirley smiled brilliantly. “They always come first,” she added while drinking from her Kurn Hattin coffee mug, slices of her homemade coffee cake in front of both of us at her home in Florence, Massachusetts. Shirley Bacon Doyle, Class of 1949 enthusiastically began to tell me about her remembrances and values learned while being raised at Kurn Hattin Homes.

Learning about the importance of family came from her stay at

Warner Home in Saxtons River where the girls lived. All the girls had chores which changed monthly: make the beds, clean the floors, wash the clothes and do the cooking. “All the food came from the farm.” HOME MADE ROLLS. All the alumni from that era remember the homemade rolls.

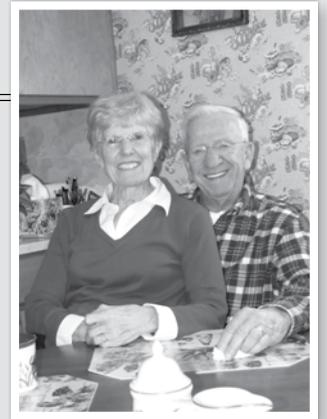
The holidays were extra special and the girls were allowed to ask for 10 items, if not too extravagant, which they wanted or needed. She remembers getting all ten! Many of the knitted and other items came from the community at large including local church groups, the National Society of New England Women NSNEW, and the Daughters of the American Revolution DAR. Ski boots came from Dunham Brothers in Brattleboro, Vermont. Shirley showed me a gold and opal ring she still has which was given to her when she was in the eighth grade. The community has always been very generous to the Kurn Hattin children.

Growing up at Kurn Hattin included taking piano lessons and being reprimanded for breaking rules. She broke her share. The rules and reprimands were strict then and Shirley remembers not being allowed to knit or sew on Sundays. “If you were caught breaking this rule you had to stand in line in the dark. Things certainly are much different now. You could read on Sunday, and that’s often what we did as well as the cooking. In high school, if you wanted to go on a date with a boy (to go see a movie in town), the boy had to come to Kurn Hattin and be interviewed by the three house mothers: Miss Ward, Miss Jeff and Miss Bishop. If after the interviews, they didn’t like him, you couldn’t go out,” Shirley recalls with a smile. She was caught kissing a local boy and had to wash the gymnasium floor for her transgressions. She would have had to miss the upcoming Halloween dance because of it, but Mr. Mayo, Director of the Homes, insisted she go because they were short girls for the dance. “Things were strict but also gentle. Missing the long-awaited dance would have been a true regret.” Shirley sighed then grinned when she remembered, “We were served tripe for dinner one night. I tried to flush mine down the toilet, but it clogged it up. They had to call some boys over from the Westminster campus to fix it. The next night we were served tripe again.”

“My favorite memory is the friendships I had with my Kurn Hattin sisters. They were my family. I loved all the house mothers. Miss Ward made my wedding cake when I married. Miss Jeff gave me a corsage to wear and sat in as my mother. I learned how to take care of a home and be a good wife and mother. Everything I learned has helped me throughout my life.”

Shirley continued to live at Kurn Hattin throughout high school in Bellows Falls because there was no other home for her to go to as her mother had died when she was just two and she had lived in foster homes until Kurn Hattin. Living at Kurn Hattin after the 8th grade was quite common at that time. After high school, she went to nursing school in Northampton, Massachusetts and met the man of her dreams and married him a year later. “She’s quite the lady. A lot of it is from how she was raised at Kurn Hattin,” remarked Shirley’s husband, Ed. Shirley added, “I work as a dental hygienist. We have two children and grandchildren. We’re a close family. I took the values I learned and they made me a happy and productive person. I always tell everyone that I am a Kurn Hattin girl. I’m very proud to be one.”

~ Kim Fine, Senior Development Officer



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I can't believe it's only been 3 years since I graduated. I want to thank all the people who helped me get to where I am today. So first, I'd like to thank Mr. Fahner because without him, I don't know where I would be right now. Second I'd like to thank Ms. Amber and Ms. Sara for being the best houseparents and all of my teachers, especially Mr. Fontaine and Mrs. Lisai for always believing in me. I would also like to thank Mrs. Bianconi for letting me show my talents. Lastly I'd like to thank Ms. A for always being there when I needed some advice and Mr. B for keeping me in line. Kurn Hattin isn't just a school, it's a big family and I'm so glad I got to be a part of it.

~ Shania Robin Caswell '09

I just want to say thanks to all the people who helped me when I attended Kurn Hattin and a huge thanks to Mr. Fahner for always believing in his students and helping them reach their goals. This is an amazing school that can lead you in only the best directions...honestly, it's not even a school...it's a family.

~ Caleb Dionne '09

Some might ask, what exactly is kinship care? Well it is a fast growing way of life for many families. Kinship care is the guardianship and/or care of a family member's child. Many grandparents, aunts, uncles or close family friends are finding this to be a necessity due to unforeseen challenges arising within their lives. Many medical and personal circumstances make it impossible for a parent to meet their child's needs. When this happens, kinship care comes into play.

Kurn Hattin has seen an increase in the number of inquiries and applications received from family members providing care for their extended family members. Life changes rather quickly when, all of a sudden, you find yourself parenting again. Now your life circles around the needs of a child who has school, basketball, ballet, piano lessons, and most importantly, love and stability. No longer is it a matter of just going to work and coming home to relax. There are dinner, homework, parent/teacher conferences and play dates! You ask yourself, "How did I ever do this?" You may think, "There's a reason people have children when they're young!"

I receive many phone calls from family members providing kinship care. Out of love, they pick up the phone and begin to consider Kurn Hattin as a possible solution. They want what is best for their family, and are not sure that is what they are providing. When they realize how actively they can be involved in the Kurn Hattin program and their love ones' lives, all of a sudden there's a sense of hope—an answer to their concerns. Their loved ones will be provided with an excellent education, vast extracurricular activities and a loving and structured environment, which can include them.

Maybe you know of a family that would find Kurn Hattin to be helpful, due to a similar situation. If so, please don't hesitate to mention we are here. I enjoy sharing information regarding Kurn Hattin's amazing program and would welcome them to come and visit our campus to see for themselves how we can be of assistance

~ Darlene Pecor,
Admissions and Family Outreach Associate

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few changes that have occurred in Health Services. At the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year, My coworker and I split our shifts. In the past, we had always worked the same hours from 7:30am to 3:30pm. I continue to work those hours, while she now starts her day at noon and ends at 8:00pm. The reason for the change is to better meet the children's needs. The houseparents have 10 or eleven children to care for and having a nurse available for longer hours to assess, treat and care for a child during this extended time is a big help and provides the best continuity of services for all the children. When a child is ill, he or she is able to rest and recover in the Wellness Center and then go directly to bed at the cottage when the houseparent is putting the other children to bed. There's a longer period of uninterrupted rest for the child and therefore faster healing. This was so important when several children came down with the flu this past winter. The nurses also visit the houseparents at dinner for a medical update and take preventive measures should a child be on the cusp of an illness. On the whole, it saves the children's families and Kurn Hattin funds they may have spent on treatment later. The houseparents are also now able to give the children, who take prescribed medications, their medications at the cottages. And these medications are now more conveniently managed in blister packs and recorded on medication record sheets exactly like the sheets that hospitals use. This process has made the medication system flow so much more efficiently for both nursing and the houseparents. The children's families also like this new system. We strive to provide the children with the safest, most caring, and nurturing ways to ensure their best physical and emotional health.



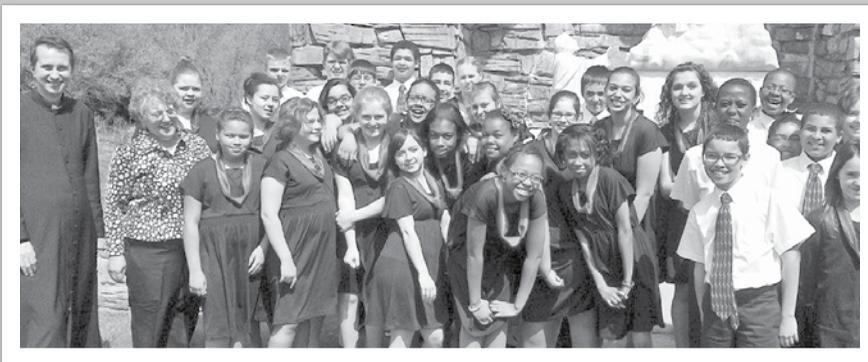
~ Eileen C. Brown, RN
Director of Health Services

FLORA H. MORRILL LaCLAIR WELLNESS CENTER

Mother, Caregiver, and Friend. Dedicated by her son, Thomas E. LaClair, June 2011

A Loving Place for Children





Springtime is travel time for the Kurn Hattin jazz band and choir. This year's trips took the children to local performances and to Burlington, Vermont, northern New Jersey and Mount Kisco, New York. A beautiful

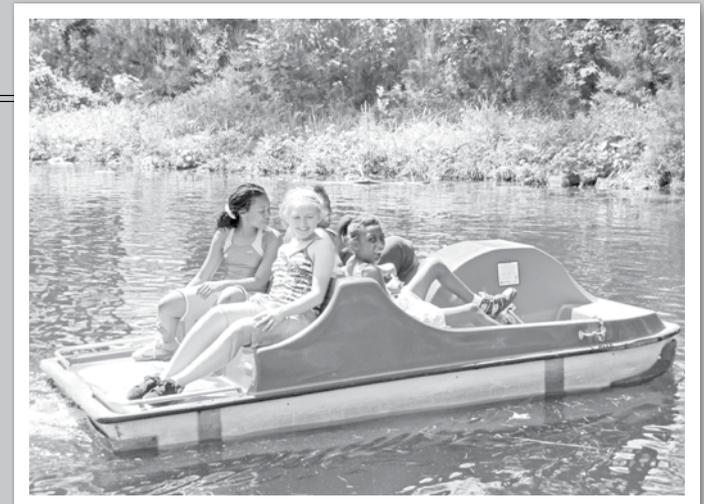
Sunday morning in April found the children at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Burlington, where they performed a selection of songs and hymns they had been rehearsing all year. Church members and **Father Lance Harlow** have been active supporters of Kurn Hattin's Healthy Children Fund. At the New Jersey and New York concerts the Jazz Band also had a chance to shine, and toes were tapping when they broke into "A Little Bit of Latin." During the New York trip, the students enjoyed a Japanese buffet, a trip on the Staten Island ferry to visit the Statue of Liberty, and an exciting evening at Medieval Times, where the children participated in jousting, and had to eat with their hands! A big thank you to the supporters of these trips, and to Roseann Rutherford for her help arranging the Mount Kisco event.

Horses are our teachers. Kurn Hattin horses come in all shapes, sizes and personalities, just like our children. They say that horses are prey animals and people are predators. Why would a horse trust a predator? The children learn skills to begin to build a relationship with their horse. From this, partnerships begin. This bond helps children find feelings of empathy, confidence, leadership, focus, responsibility and so much more. These emotions and skills are with the children throughout their lives. The riders must be focused on their balance and movement. When the children ride, they know how their bodies affect the horse's body and emotions. With expert guidance, our horses are happy to help our children learn to ride. "Kurn Hattin has given me an obsession and that obsession is horses whether that is riding them or just spending time with them. Working with horses is better therapy than talking. Riding horses is like a breath of fresh air after being locked up for awhile. The horse program has done so much for me, academically and mentally. My first year at Kurn Hattin has filled me with many memories. I made good friends, and one amazing friend. Kurn Hattin has brought me to many new places." -Krysta Gottfried, 7th Grade



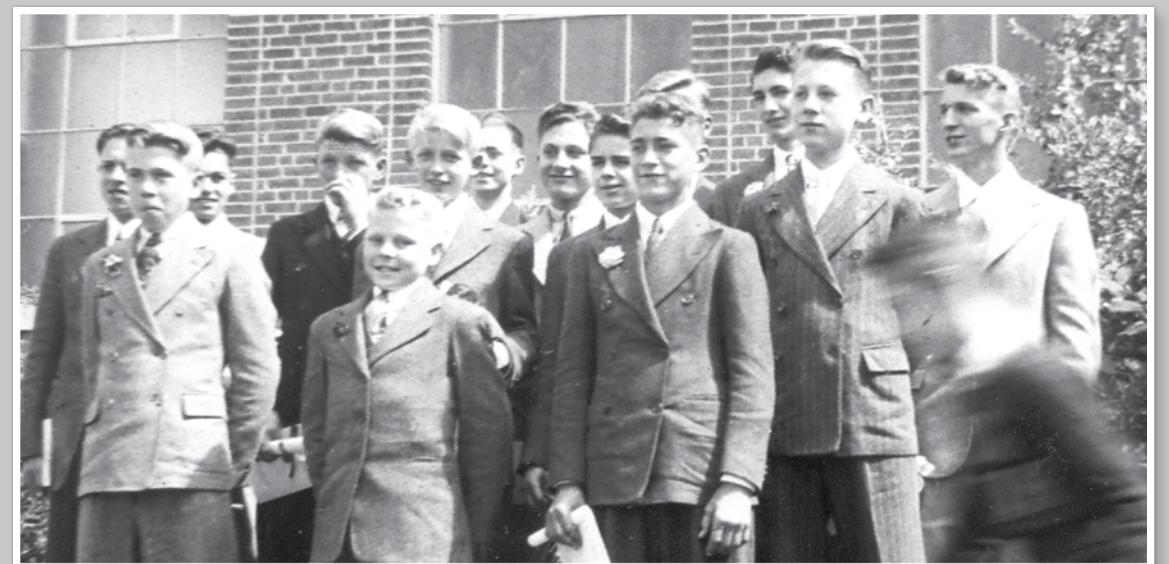
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Every year the cottages of Kurn Hattin Homes plan end of the year cottage trips. Woodhull Cottage, over the years, has made trips to Boston to ride the Duck Tour, visit the Salem Witch Museum, and other places of interest that are voted on by the girls and the houseparents. This year Woodhull Cottage visited beautiful Look Memorial Park in Florence, Massachusetts and spent the day having a picnic lunch, riding the steamer train, and enjoying the pedal boats. The park is very scenic and offers many fun activities. Kim Fine from the Development Office joined the Cottage for the train ride and took pictures of everyone having lots of fun. After leaving the park in the Kurn Hattin blue bus, the group stopped at the Bridge of Flowers in Shelburne Falls and walked across to take in all the beauty and fragrance of the flowers that were in bloom. By then, it was dinnertime, so they drove along the Mohawk Trail to their chosen dinner spot and the children's all time favorite, McDonald's. The day concluded with ice cream treats and big smiles. The cottage trips are always memorable.



On June 2, we celebrated the most amazing Kurn Hattin Day and Annual Alumni Meeting. The great energy from the alumni gathering resonated throughout the entire day, and everyone raved about the children, the wonderful campus and tours, the performance, and the sumptuous luncheon. Jacky Clark Goodrich '44 was celebrated for her 23 years of service as Alumni Association Treasurer and Christopher Barry, Executive Director for his 40 years of service to the Homes. Graduates from 70 years ago to just last year came to celebrate. The children are all so talented and well behaved and always do us proud. It's a pleasure to share our home with our alumni and supporters.

Photo provided by Clayton "Skinny" Russell, Class of 1942. Can you identify anyone in this picture?





NSNEW Green Mountains Colony hosted President General, **Mrs. Linda Brown Jones** and **Mrs. Clarice Shaw** Historian General of Virginia at Kurn Hattin Homes on May 16. After a tour of the campus and a nice luncheon, they were treated to a special concert by the Kurn Hattin Jazz Ensemble and Select Choir. The National Society of New England Women is very generous to Kurn Hattin in so many ways. They began an endowment fund at Kurn Hattin in 1950 with a \$10,000 contribution, In later years, they established the Library Fund, along with the Extended Care Fund

which is used for needs of children who have graduated from the Homes. Kurn Hattin was honored that Elaine Bowen, President of the Green Mountains Colony and former Senior Development Officer at Kurn Hattin, chose to host Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Shaw at the Homes. Pictured (l-r) are NSNEW Historian General, Clarice Shaw and President General, Linda Brown Jones holding Virginia-themed table decorations made in art class by the 7th and 8th children.

Kurn Hattin is fortunate to have a large naturally seeding, forested campus. Kurn Hattin Trustee and retired Vice President of Cersosimo Lumber Company, **Gary Carrier** is working on a project with **George Weir**, consulting forester to prepare a section of the Kurn Hattin woods for timber sale. Good stewardship of our land means taking care of the timber-cutting the mature wood to make room for the growth underneath. The children have been studying and learning along the way. When the timber is harvested it will result in income for Kurn Hattin, improve the woods and leave new trails for hiking, cross-country skiing and horse backing riding.



On Wednesday, February 29th, Kurn Hattin unveiled its new mission statement at an all school assembly. It was an inspirational gathering. Our new mission statement: *Kurn Hattin Homes Transforms the Lives of Children and Their Families Forever.* One student shared: *“Kurn Hattin is the ladder to get you down from the roof; it’s the floaty when you can’t swim; it’s the backup copy of an important paper. It’s here, in all of us. It’s the bandage that holds our lives together.”* Another student: *“Kurn Hattin has found a place in my heart, making it not just a school, but a home. I’ve changed so much I don’t even recognize myself.”* Kristy Trujillo, Class of 1986 wrote this on Facebook after reading a post about the new mission statement, *“Wow, reading this made me cry, this describes Kurn Hattin so wonderfully. It did change me and my family forever. The best memories of my childhood were made there with some of the most amazing brothers and sisters that I will always have. Kurn Hattin is still in my heart and all the boys and girls are still my brothers and sisters, even after 25 years. I love Kurn Hattin.”*



The Kurn Hattin School Farm Program was fortunate to have many helping hands this semester. The children worked with Liz Kenton from UVM Extension on dissection of flowers. The different parts of the flowers were removed and taped onto a piece of paper and then labeled. Four of the science classes helped Farm Manager, **Patrick Barry** start seeds. The seeds ranged from bright flowers to an assortment of vegetables. The students took the seed trays down to the greenhouse where they were cared for until planting day. Price Chopper’s Golub Foundation also gave a grant in support of the School Farm Program.



Emerging Voices

FEATURING THE CREATIVE GIFTS OF
OUR STUDENTS PAST AND PRESENT

End of the Tunnel

There is always light at the end of every tunnel.

And, in fact, it is with you wherever you go.

Some people don't think so because they don't set goals and believe.

Where there is darkness, there is light and people just have to believe in themselves, and the light will guide them out of darkness.

There is always good that comes out of evil.

When there is no direction or light to guide you, there is always hope.

With the right thoughts, a little bit of light can conquer darkness and fear, and push through the barrier of darkness.

~ Krysta Gottfried, Grade 7

One Step at a Time

Life is like a map. You have paths, roads, and trails to discover.

In my opinion, I think life is like crossing the bridge to my dreams.

But the dream is a goal, and a goal involves taking some chances.

That is why you take one step at a time, to figure out who you really are.

Use the map of life to guide your soul into a new beginning.

Even though you may look at a person as someone not worthy of your expectations, remember you could get stuck in the mud too. And if you were to realize that you could be friends, and even that your enemies have dreams.

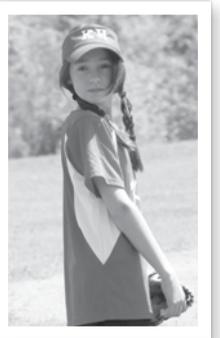
People knock you down, but you will know to take one step at a time in order to get where you need to go.

~ Danielle LaBrecque, Grade 8

Before this school, I didn't have a plan for my life. It was like I was on a train riding through space on invisible tracks. I was endlessly wandering on those tracks with no signs to direct me on which way to go. Suddenly, all the transparent forces of the world came together as one. After coming to Kurn Hattin, my world and character changed. My future was beginning to form. My once invisible track became a thick steel bar that could not be broken and was always supported.

~ An excerpt from a personal narrative written by Scarlett Stanhope, Grade 8

FROM THE Alumni Association



Baseball season is in full swing. I'm a fan-have been since the 50s. I just love how baseball is all about just trying to get home.

I have a friend who says she was born on third base—she is an American, has a loving family who have grounded her with faith and a moral compass, a good education and a job. Since hearing her, I've reflected on my own life and my time at Kurn Hattin. I have all the things she counts as blessings though they look a little different than hers. And I believe if we think about it most of us do as well.

The blessing I reflect on most is the family I've come to love at Kurn Hattin. When I had struck out more than once at the plate (parents' divorce, too many babysitters, poor with what I thought were little resources with which to get ahead) someone steered my mom to look to Kurn Hattin. And I hit a triple (a home with much less turmoil, no crisis to concern me, a family to steer and guide me through the middle grades, lessons to learn, skills to build, faith to nurture, and academics to give me the edge I needed to recognize my gifts and talents).

Just as in baseball, March Spring Training brings back that sense of hope, a sense of rededication. Spring Alumni meeting gives all the KH graduates an opportunity to come home, meet former brothers and sisters, see the new members of the family, catch up with present staff on our time at Home, and recommit ourselves to the values and traditions learned there.

No matter how we get to third base, home is just 90 feet away. Some have hit a sacrifice fly to get us home, others a single or double. Remember we're just trying to get home.

~ Jackie (LaDue) Mallory '54, Alumni Association President

Alumni DROP-INS: 02/28/12 – 06/15/12

Here is a list of Kurn Hattin Alumni who have stopped in for a visit recently. We hope more alums will just drop in!

JILLIAN BACON CLASS OF 2010
SAVANNAH BENOIT CLASS OF 2010
KATE BORT CLASS OF 2010
JOSHUA BREEN..... CLASS OF 2004
COURTNEY BUSSINO CLASS OF 2011
DEVIN BUSSINO CLASS OF 2011
DYLAN BUSSINO CLASS OF 2010
KYLE BUSSINO..... CLASS OF 2009
MARVIN COBLE CLASS OF 1968
JESSICA CORMIA CLASS OF 2011
DEIONTE DAVIS CLASS OF 2011

MARANDA DEANE..... CLASS OF 2009
BRANDON FERNANDEZ ... CLASS OF 2008
ADRYAN FOSTER..... CLASS OF 2008
JUSTIN FULLER CLASS OF 1987
LYSSA JACKSON CLASS OF 2008
HEATHER KAMPFER..... CLASS OF 2001
CODY LACKEY CLASS OF 2009
JEFFREY MATTESON CLASS OF 2010
JORDAN ORTIZ CLASS OF 2011
HANNAH PERRY CLASS OF 2010
NICHOLAS POSSIEL..... CLASS OF 2007
JASMIN (SEARS) QUEEN .. CLASS OF 1986
LANCE A. SCANLON CLASS OF 1978
JENNICA SKIDMORE..... CLASS OF 2010

Gift Profiles

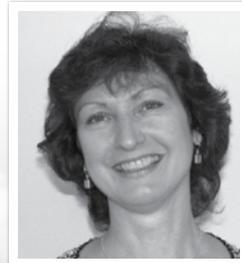
TWO DONORS CREATE LASTING LEGACIES FOR CHILDREN

Helen Kunzelmann was a gifted gardener. Decades of loving care were evident in every corner of the property surrounding her home in Old Bennington, Vermont. Throughout her life Helen's nurturing spirit extended well beyond those borders, to care for those in her community who needed tending. When she passed away in 2011, she left significant bequests to charity, and Kurn Hattin was fortunate to be the recipient of a large, permanent bequest. This restricted bequest will be invested in our endowment, and the income will be used to help support services for children at Kurn Hattin Homes. Helen admired the work of Kurn Hattin, and was always interested to hear updates about certain children or about program enhancements. She took an interest in our growth, and, as in her lifetime, provided sustenance so that Kurn Hattin would continue to thrive.

Across the country, another longtime friend of Kurn Hattin Homes, Tom LaClair, was contemplating how he could permanently help Kurn Hattin. In his case, the ideal solution involved a gift of real estate. There are many considerations for a charity when accepting real estate as a contribution. Is there a mortgage? Will the charity be able to sell the property? Are there any liens on the property? Each charity has considerations which must be satisfied. Once Kurn Hattin was sure that this gift met our criteria, a wonderful win-win package was developed. The sale of the home provided an opportunity to invest the proceeds in a charitable gift annuity, and Mr. LaClair now receives income for life on his generous donation, with the remainder going to Kurn Hattin Homes upon his death. Given in memory of his mother, the donor added to the contribution to create a gift eligible to name the Kurn Hattin Wellness Center in her name.

These are just two examples of ways to support Kurn Hattin today, and in the future. Our ability to care for children who need help is dependent on your generosity. If you are interested in more information on ways to create a permanent gift for Kurn Hattin Homes, please call me at 802-721-6963 or email csanderson@kurnhattin.org. I look forward to talking with you about the best plan for your circumstances.

~ Connie Sanderson
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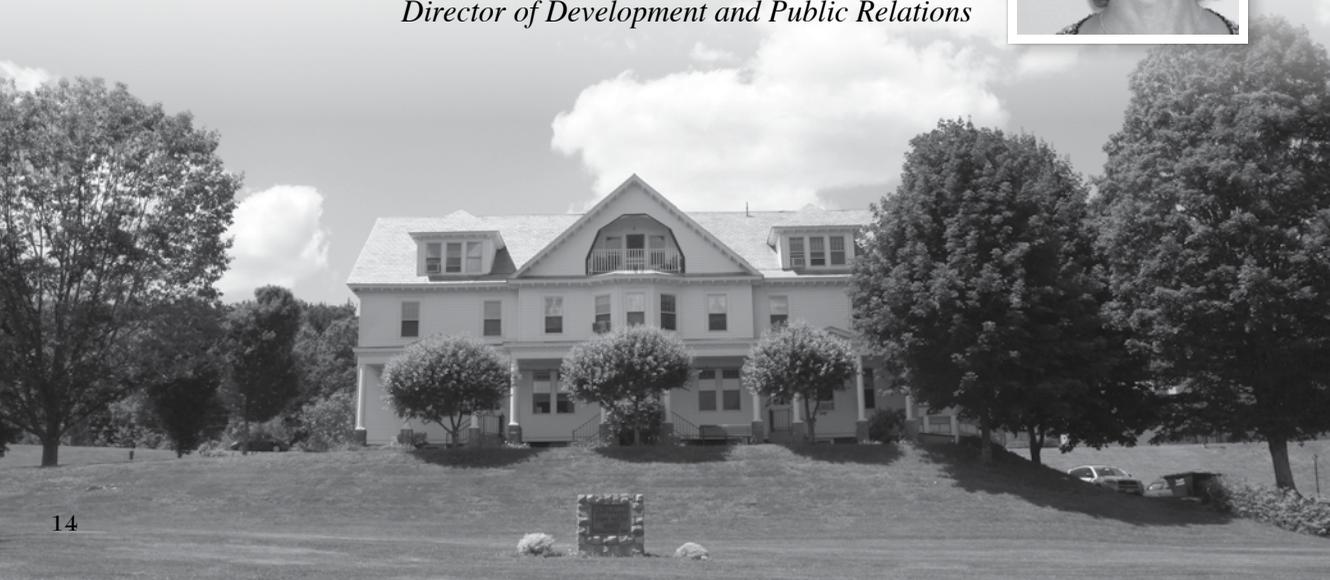
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