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A Place We Hold So Dear

Adapted from "Cheer for Kurn Hattin"

Checking the sugar lines—that first time you go out collecting.
Stars as you've never seen them. Clear cold, dead or dying.
Corn fields in the moonlight.
Pumpkins and gourds in all the shades of sunshine.

The smell of the cows, of the sheep, of the hens.
How feral now, cat—on my lap?
Here, you purr.

A flat palm with an apple, a gratified horse.
A old Holstein named Tony.
Too heavy for one hand, the hay.

The last harvest.
Potato dirt beneath your nails.
Indian corn exteriors.
Blue hubbards for Hubbard, oh my.
Crystals on the pumpkins, their blossoms becoming earth.

Sugar on snow.
Two, three, four steps from the door—shin deep and not even drifts.
Icicles like cave formations, dangerous and thrilling.
The snow turns us all into penguins.
Lie on your belly and lick the ice.

Down hills in twos on plastic sleds.
Brace your feet for that fence—painted white and white again,
last summer—such a long time till the next.

Endless winter.
The white.
The wind.
The woods.
Gloves when they work, mittens when they won't.

The clouds parting to illuminate a clearing high
along the other side of the valley.
Making you think of old paintings, and of God.

Mud season. When the river runs thick again.
The first melt means marching bands of children with brooms.

The first growth, green—soft and bringing promises
of those dandelions that live to dot the hills we called
the Homes.

My home. Where my childhood still lives.
Red and secret, like a covered bridge in my mind.

My favorite class, an afternoon in the sugar shack.
A sweet tooth, a good mood.

Letting your cup of syrup cool in the snow bank before you
drink it down, gulp after gulp.
Heading home wet, smelling like smoke.

~ Erin McCarthy, Class of 1997

"Kurn Hattin is one of those full circle sort of things for me. You see, my older brothers and sister went there and I remember once getting the Bulletin at Mom's with a map of the campus on the back. I so badly wanted to leave home for Kurn Hattin. I read the Bulletin cover to cover and sat tracing my finger all around the back-page map, pretending I was there. Sometimes, it seems, we get what we want."



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On the Cover: Nothing warms the heart more than the face of a smiling child. Seventh grader, Breanna Holmes enjoys the sun on a warm early fall day after being named Student of the Month.

Photo Credit: Kristie Lisai

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EDITOR'S CORRECTION

Correction in Summer 2012 Kurn Hattin Bulletin: Apologies to Shirley Bacon Doyle, Class of 1949. She is an office manager, not a dental hygienist as written on page 5.

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Two Heads ARE BETTER THAN ONE

...especially when you put them together.

On January 11, 2013 two familiar, friendly faces on campus assumed their new roles as Co-Executive Directors of Kurn Hattin Homes. Tom Fahner and Connie Sanderson are sharing the Homes' lead administrative duties, with Tom as head of Residential and Academic Life, and Connie overseeing Business Operations and Institutional Advancement.

Board President, Charles Kelsey, announced the new appointments in a letter to all staff, saying the new team leadership model will strengthen Kurn Hattin's services and position the organization for the future. "It aligns our resources to focus fully on each service entity," Kelsey said, "as well as ensures that the core business of Kurn Hattin is protected and thrives in the coming years."

To most in the Kurn Hattin community, Tom and Connie need little introduction. Each of them has already made many significant positive contributions to the organization in their respective previous leadership roles at the Homes, Tom as Director of Residential and Educational Services and Connie as Director of Development and Public Relations.

Connie came to Kurn Hattin as a Development Officer in 1988 and held the position of Director of Development from 1990 until the present. During her tenure as head of development, the organization saw its endowment double. Connie also developed the highly successful Public Relations program, as well as a thriving Charitable Gift Annuity program. In addition, she instituted the creation of the Kurn Hattin archives, and advanced the Alumni Association to the active organization it is today. She lives in Westminster with her husband, Lee. The couple has one son, Todd, of Marlborough, CT.

Tom joined the Kurn Hattin community as school principal in 1989 and became Director of Residential and Educational Services in 1993. Under Tom's direction, the Kurn Hattin school implemented multi-aged ability

grouping in classes in order to more effectively serve students' needs. Tom is responsible for expanding the summer program to its current vibrancy and including summer sport camps in its offerings. He also started wonderful community events, such as Family Days and Spring Fling, now traditions on campus. Tom resides on the Kurn Hattin Homes campus with his wife Donna, a PE teacher at Kurn Hattin. They have three children, Kelly, Kim, and Christopher.

Connie in the early 1990s visiting Lois Higbie (left) and another donor.



There's no doubt that Tom and Connie make a great team. In addition to the two decades they've spent working together, both are originally from Long Island, so there's a common history and a shared sense of humor between them that carries through in their professional relationship. To their new responsibilities, they bring not only their individual strengths, experience, and expertise, but also a deep mutual respect, a collaborative spirit, and a shared understanding of what really matters at Kurn Hattin—the children and their families.



"The main thing we have in common is that we are both totally invested in these children," says Tom, "That comes first before everything else. It's not about what's advantageous for us; it's what's best for them."

The shift to having two Co-Executive Directors has already proven to be a positive change on campus, and Tom and Connie agree that the benefits are far-reaching. Both say that sharing responsibilities and decisions has given them a wonderful sense of optimism and possibility. "What the Board has done is amazing," Connie says, "Tom and I will be able to work more intensively and effectively to get things done. We really get to put our whole heart and soul into the areas that we are overseeing."

"It's reassuring to have another person to go to," adds Tom, "We can bounce things off each other, discuss ideas, and look at things from a different angle. When one of us has an area where we need to grow, we can rely on the other person to help fill that void."

Shared roots, shared responsibilities, and a shared passion for Kurn Hattin's mission of transforming the lives of children and their families forever.

French writer Jean-Nicolas Bouilly wrote, "Whatever we possess becomes of double value when we have the opportunity of sharing it with others." With Tom and Connie sharing common goals and a common vision for the future of Kurn Hattin Homes, all of us can expect uncommonly wonderful results.

Tom in 1993 talking with students.





Our faculty continues to meet the needs of our diverse population of students, encouraging them to progress in all of their academic areas. Our very youngest students are proud to say that they are all reading! Elsewhere in the building, one group read *The Last of the Mohicans*, while others read and discussed *The Red Badge of Courage*. Our students have studied the poems of Robert Frost and visited the Frost farm in Shaftsbury, Vermont.

They have written their own poetry and taken beautiful photographs. For the holidays, some studied *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Some of our students went on to compose essays for a contest sponsored by Kurn Hattin volunteer and donor, Mrs. Frank J. Prindl. In our library, Kurn Hattin students checked out over 800 books since August and read many more in the Reading Room. They read 241 books during November alone!

Kurn Hattin students studied civics using the nationally recognized “We the People” curriculum. This fall, forty-three Kurn Hattin students participated in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest. Two of our students moved on to district competition and another placed third in the local competition. We had the largest number of entries of all school participants in the competition this year. In our science classes, Kurn Hattin students researched famous ship wrecks, learned about health and nutrition, studied flight and even built bridges. They learned the cider-making process and provided us all with a taste of the sweet juice they squeezed from local fruit. Our middle school students get PLENTY of practice writing their science essays!

At Kurn Hattin, we offer our students many novel learning experiences to supplement our more traditional academic curricula. For the holidays, our farm manager and science teachers worked with our students to make beautiful holiday centerpieces and wreaths with greens, pine cones and ribbon to take home and give to loved ones or friends. Some of our students decorated bags for Meals on Wheels, contributing to our annual Kurn Hattin tradition.

In our physical education classes, our students have been introduced to a variety of activities with wellness and movement being the primary goals. While on campus it is common to see groups of our students walking to our gymnasium or playing on our fields. Our winter activities include skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, winter hiking, digital photography, woodworking, arts and crafts and line dancing. Our students all take part in weekly social skills classes as well, which is taught collaboratively by school faculty, counselors and residential staff. The music department has had a very busy year.

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~Scott Tabachnick
School Principal



The Counseling Center offers therapeutic group counseling to a number of the students. “Some students need skill development more than a venue to reflect, process, and “work through” challenges in their lives. While individual support continues to be quite beneficial “to many students, the needs of some are more suited for a group setting. The groups which have been offered so far have been a new students’ group for older boys, an anger management group for older boys, self-esteem group for older boys, a “girls’ group” for middle school girls (various topics), and a social skills group for younger girls. In addition, there is an ongoing facilitated mentoring “group” between the 7th & 8th grade boys and the youngest boys. Soon there will also be the annual “**Good Grief Group**” which is colead by a member of the counseling staff and a volunteer facilitator from Brattleboro Area Hospice.

The type of group, including the topic and the age/gender of the participants, is solely determined by student need and interest. For example, there was a new student’s group for older boys because there were a lot of new, older boys this year and the counselor for these students assessed that they would prefer, and benefit more from, a group format. There were not as many new older girls, and those that were new, seemed to make good use of their individual counseling appointments to help with their transition to Kurn Hattin.

The counseling staff also is sensitive to students’ self-concept with regards to the name for a group and how it is facilitated. For example, the self-esteem group is called “**Sense of Self**”. Most groups are a combination of activities, discussion, and psycho-education (i.e. providing information about emotional/behavioral dynamics). Some groups are based on published materials (i.e. the anger management group, called “**Seeing Red**,” is based on a specific curriculum) and others are developed by the counselor leading the group. Both students and staff have found these groups to be beneficial and enjoyable.

~Jennifer Jacobs
Director of Counseling



FOLLOWING IN MY *Footsteps*

Marvin Claude Coble was lucky. His grandmother was able to care for him and his older brother when his mother died. “She did a really great job,” Claude admits. But just the way things go sometimes, he started having trouble in school and eventually came to live at Kurn Hattin as a 6th-grader in 1966. “The nice people, especially the Rogers and the Watsons, helped me immeasurably in adjusting to my new environment.” Sports were important to Claude and with the changes of the seasons, he played football, basketball and baseball. For music study, the trombone and the drums kept him busy. “The social skills classes and discipline I received and having a positive attitude helped me become very independent and a survivor in any situation. I learned acceptance and tolerance. I really credit that to Kurn Hattin. Kurn Hattin gave me independence.” Claude continued to advance his skills and career. However, the many challenges of raising a child in today’s society posed some issues. One of which was that his and his wife Paula’s daughter, Brianna, a bright and talented young girl, wasn’t reaching her full potential in the school she attended. So they contacted the home and school that put Claude on the track to his success—Kurn Hattin.



Brianna is in her second year at the Homes and is on the Honor Roll. She’s a drummer, in the Select Choir and Jazz Band, and is a great basketball player. “When I pick her up to take her home for a school break, she asks if there is anything she can do to help. I was shocked at first. Is this my same girl?” Claude laughs. “She’s confident and polite. With her head held high, Brianna adds, “It was amazing to be able to follow in my father’s footsteps. I came here for a better education and surroundings. Before I came, I didn’t have as many friends as I have now. School is definitely better.” Claude says he’s indebted to Kurn Hattin. “This place transformed my life. I would not have had the life I have, had I not come here. And now, in a time of need, it’s also helping my wife and me with our daughter. She’ll do just fine now too.” Paula agrees, “I feel that Claude is a whole person, because he is able to think on his feet. He is very versatile and communicates well and confidently with everyone. I believe the education and strong foundation he received as a child at this home for children gave him that foundation. I am happy that Brianna is also able to learn the important things in life, much of which I am not able to show her. I believe that she will grow to be a strong and independent woman and for this reason I am delighted and feel blessed that she is here.”

Claude and I took a walk across the road on campus to a big shady tree. “Look, I planted this tree in 1967. It’s grown big and strong.” Claude smiles proudly. “I learned to embrace life. Take the good with the bad and keep moving. Keep smiling. Brianna is learning these important things too.”

~Kim Fine
Senior Development Officer

Who Will TUCK MY DAUGHTER IN?

“Who will tuck my daughter in every night?” That is just one of the many moving questions that a prospective parent asked recently. We were meeting in the office of her daughter’s school counselor and discussing the possibility of applying to Kurn Hattin.

A lot of my time is spent on the road, traveling throughout the Northeast spreading the word about Kurn Hattin and talking with families about how their children would benefit from our program. People repeatedly say that it’s very helpful to meet with someone from Kurn Hattin on their home turf as a first step. They’re full of questions and very interested in finding out more about the opportunities that the program provides. And this helps with any anxiety or worry they may have concerning their child attending school away from home. They want to gather as much information as possible and try to imagine what it would really be like both for their child as well as for themselves as parents, grandparents or guardians. We work very hard to ease the transition for everyone involved.

For a family who might want to consider Kurn Hattin, a visit to campus and a tour can be very reassuring. If you know a child who might benefit from the opportunities our program provides, please contact the Admissions office at (802) 721-6932 or email skessler@kurnhattin.org. I’d be happy to talk with you about the steps we can take together to help make a difference in a child’s life. Our Mission: Kurn Hattin transforms the lives of children and their families forever.

~ Sue Kessler, Director of Admissions

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FROM FACEBOOK: “Ten years ago, as I was preparing to graduate 8th grade and leave my place of comfort. I had no idea what was in store for me and my future. I knew it was going to be hard, but I felt I was prepared enough to handle it. I was in for a big surprise. These last 10 years have been filled with hard times and easy times, love and loss, and A LOT of growing up and finding myself. I have gone through so much, gaining strength and motivation to become the best I can be. I have been blessed to have such amazing people in my life, guiding and supporting me. If it wasn’t for the 6 years I spent at Kurn Hattin, who knows what would have become of me and where I would have gone in life. Kurn Hattin was my first home, being a part of the Kurn Hattin family gave me the chance to become someone, a chance that I would have never gotten without them. I will always cherish the love and kindness I received.” ~ Sandra Rockett, Class of 2002

KURN HATTIN *Album*



The Kurn Hattin Music Program has been making some great music with very talented children. The Jazz Band and Select Choir have performed several concerts. They have traveled to Boston and Peabody, Massachusetts to play, they've performed for the Kurn Hattin Veteran's Day Celebration, marched in the Westminster Halloween Parade,

practiced for the Big E, Springfield, Massachusetts parade (but it got washed out), auditioned and made the first round so far for the Western Massachusetts PBS television station WGBY's *Together In Song* Choral Competition; and performed with Cape Breton Grammy Award winning fiddler Natalie MacMaster at the Bellows Falls Opera House. They've been selected for and have sung solos in the Connecticut Valley District Schools Music Festival, and performed at the Walpole, New Hampshire and Manchester, Vermont Congregational Churches. They have also performed for the Brattleboro Rotary Club; and Kurn Hattin's Christmas Visitors' Day and Family Day Christmas concerts. And they were also featured at Landmark College during the Vermont/New Hampshire Visiting Nurses Hospice Butterfly Release event. All of the students in these performing ensembles also play on a sports team or participate in an after school activity. They're also high honor students (all As) or honor students (all As and Bs). We are very proud of all their accomplishments.

Each day we read and respond to emails of every type, from the urgent to those that are of a business or personal nature. A curious email address from the Ukraine, 6,000 miles away and yet so close, appeared one evening in Connie Sanderson's inbox, with an inquiry that would pave the way for a joyous and emotional family visit to see the childhood home of a beloved father and grandfather, John Newill, who lived at Kurn Hattin Homes from 1917-1920. The email was a stab in the dark for grandson Ken Sears, who was doing extensive genealogical research to find out where his grandfather had grown up. Little did Ken know that not only had John spent several years at Kurn Hattin Homes, but that in our Archives were original letters dating back to the 1920's—letters which gave Ken and his mother Mary Ann, from Texas, and her sisters Marguerite and Florence, from New York, a new understanding of John, a man who had been a quiet and loving presence all their lives. Seeing the farm where their father had worked as a boy was one of the many moving moments of their visit on a sunny day last August. To finally know that he had been loved and cared for in such a nurturing setting was a relief to the three sisters, who had always wondered about their father's childhood. In a card sent after the trip to Kurn Hattin, Ken wrote: "Please accept this expression



of our esteem for your wonderful work in honor of our father and grandfather, John L. Newill, who spent the happiest years of his boyhood at Kurn Hattin Homes." For Ken and his mother and aunts, the click of his send button on a blustery winter day brought a new joy and peace to their lives forever. Pictured are the visiting Newill family members and Ken with his Grandpa, John Newill.

Andrea Scott Trout understands well how Kurn Hattin Homes can provide a hand up in a time of need. Years ago, when her children were young, she had Kurn Hattin temporarily provide what she was

unable to at that time. She has been a good friend and supporter ever since. Pictured with Andrea are her son, Brain Scott and his wife Jody; her daughter Susan and her husband Steve Bailey; her daughter-in-law Karen and her son, Andrew Scott; her daughter Julie Horvath; and her son, Shaun Scott and his wife Debra. Not pictured are her eight grandchildren. "My grandchildren are a beautiful God's blessing directly due to the help and blessing of Kurn Hattin."



Lyssa Jackson, a graduate of Kurn Hattin, was the recipient of the 2012 Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy, given by the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Northern New England Chapter (AFP-NNE) and Demont Associates, a philanthropic counsel company. The award is given annually to an individual, age 8-17, who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the community through direct financial support, development of charitable programs, volunteering and leadership in philanthropy. Lyssa, who's currently a freshman at Skidmore College, accepted the award and a \$5,000 scholarship check on November 15th at National Philanthropy Day during the AFP-NNE Conference in Stowe, Vermont. After graduating from Kurn Hattin in 2008, she received a full scholarship to attend the nearby Putney School. Last year, while a senior at The Putney School, Lyssa mobilized her fellow students to raise funds for Kurn Hattin so she could give back to the place that she felt gave her a chance in life. The students performed manual labor tasks for residents in the community, with the proceeds going to a selected charity. Putney School students chose Kurn Hattin after a heartfelt presentation from Lyssa. She told of her hardship as a child and how a home for children just down the road helped her become who she is today. At the end of just one full day of hard work in the community, the group had raised \$5,316 for Kurn Hattin. Pictured (l-r) are Janet Wilson, Trustee and Lyssa's mentor, Lyssa Jackson '08, Audrey Jackson, Lyssa's grandmother.



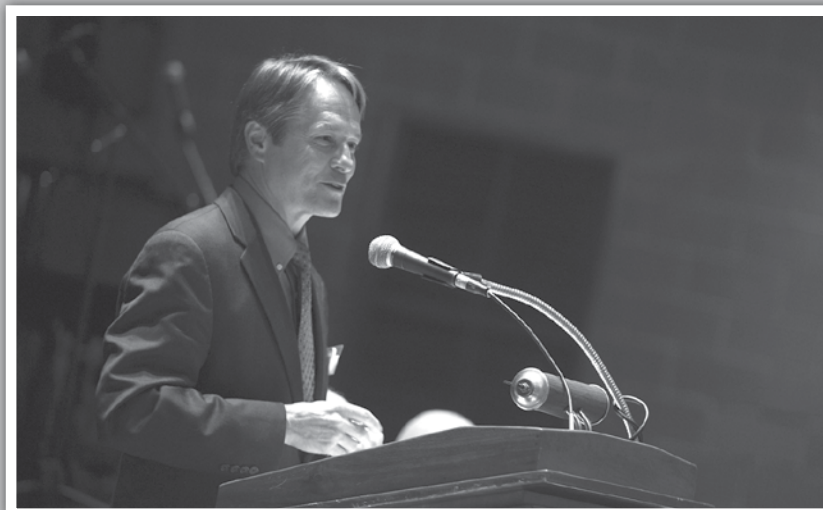


The time-honored tradition of Boys' Haircut Day took place recently. Fifteen boys waited somewhat patiently in the science lab for their turn to have their bangs trimmed, their full locks cut to a manageable length or to get a buzz cut. Each boy knows what he wants and looks forward to his turn. For the last five years, barber and per diem house parent, Laura Carroll, has been coming to the Homes with a large mirror, scissors, gowns and all the implements needed to give each boy 20 minutes of her undivided attention. Watching the boys still and calm as she worked was awe inspiring. When she finished, she brushed away the loose hairs and let the boys admire her work and their fresh new looks. In six weeks, fifteen more boys will have their turn and quiet time with Ms. Carroll.



In September, Kurn Hattin welcomed Trustee Charles P. Kelsey of Deerfield, New Hampshire as Kurn Hattin's new President of the Board. Kelsey is Vice President of Resident Life at Riverwoods in Exeter, New Hampshire—a continuing care retirement community serving 600 seniors. He was officially sworn in at Kurn Hattin's 117th Annual Meeting at the end of September. Involvement with Kurn Hattin runs deep for Kelsey, who first became involved with the organization as an Incorporator 25 years ago when his stepmother, Pat Kelsey, was Kurn Hattin's Board President. "I saw it as an opportunity to give back," says Kelsey, whose own upbringing gives him a personal connection to many of the children served by Kurn Hattin. "Having lost my own mother at a young age, with three siblings, it was challenging. I've always held a strong compassion for the needs of those less fortunate." Connie Sanderson,

Kurn Hattin's new Co-Executive Director and Director of Development for the past 25 years, added, "Charlie Kelsey brings a new way of thinking to Kurn Hattin Homes. His vision is broad and diverse. He keeps the future success of the organization in front of him at all times, and his efforts and dedication are felt by all who come in contact with him.



The holidays are a very special time at Kurn Hattin. The children celebrate, but more so they give back to the community that supports them. Christmas Visitors' Day is always a sumptuous feast and a beautiful holiday performance put on to show their appreciation for being afforded the opportunity to be a part of Kurn Hattin. Another long held tradition in December, is Night of Giving. This night is all about the Kurn Hattin children giving back... sharing their good fortune with others. It's very much about the New England mantra of embracing that we are our brother's keeper. Each cottage spends months on their initiative. First projects are proposed at a cottage meeting and voted on. Then the kids plunge headlong into fulfilling them in time for presentation at Night of Giving. Some

examples from this night are, the youngest boys' cottage collected toys, clothing and other items from their own possessions to give to the family of one of our own students whose entire home and contents were destroyed in a fire. Another cottage spearheaded collections of non-perishables to donate to the Chester, Vermont Food Shelf in honor of Chester, Vermont Rotary, who sponsor Santa's visit, including the Grinch! One of the girls' cottages donated to a military charity that supports children in need throughout the world. Another made cookie mix for each of the other cottages and delivered it to each houseparent. Another cottage donated to cancer research in honor of Co-Executive Director, Tom Fahner who had recently undergone surgery. Pictured are the children singing and signing one of their holiday songs on Christmas Visitors' Day.



After sixteen years of dedicated service to the children of Kurn Hattin, Dave Baldasaro was bid farewell. Dave was the children's Processing Coach and had also been Assistant Principal for most of those years. At the annual Fall Banquet and Sports Award Ceremony, Dave was given multiple gifts of thanks and appreciation. The children's and Dave's tears said it all. He will be greatly missed. However, Dave is not far away and continues to attend the children's events on and off campus. Pictured is Dave Baldasaro being celebrated by the Kurn Hattin children at his farewell dinner.

Emerging Voices

FEATURING THE CREATIVE GIFTS OF
OUR STUDENTS PAST AND PRESENT

Fall

At Kurn Hattin Homes,
You smell the freshly cut grass.
Fall is a season of sights.
You see the colorful leaves falling off the trees.
You see the flowers starting to wither.
Fall is a season of sounds.
You hear the howling wind blowing.
You hear the giant trees swaying in the wind.
Fall is a season of amazing feelings.
You feel the sun shining on your soft smooth skin.
You feel the cool breeze through your hair.
Fall is a season of taste.
You taste the sweetness of delicious red apples.
You taste the tartness of fresh pressed cider.
Fall is a season of many beautiful things at Kurn Hattin Homes.

~ Brianna Loiacono, Grade 7

World of glistening snowflakes,
Interrupts Mother Nature's green.
Never ending laughter and fun,
Toys for everyone to share,
Eternal life of happiness and love,
Reindeer fly in the night sky.

~ Jahyde Bullard, Grade 8

Winter

Winter comes and goes.
The snow is always glistening.
The kids are building snowmen,
that one day will melt away.
Everyone is so merry
for the upcoming holidays.
Of the first snow fall,
that we forget to look at, the
beautiful picture stands before us.
Winter only stays for a short
amount of time
If we don't enjoy it while it's
here we will miss it.

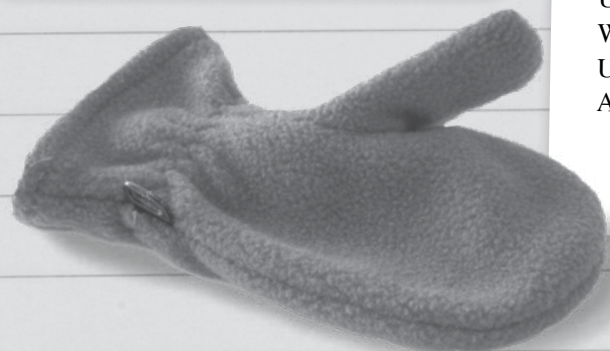
~ Susanna Compare, Grade 7

Winter trees sways,
Interrupting whistles at play.
Night snow falls,
Tossing of snowballs.
Evergreen dress ups,
Rich hot cocoa in coffee cups.

~ Montana Fellows, Grade 8

Wintertime is here,
And all goes still, cold, and quiet.
Birds fly south, and bears hide away.
The rabbits stay in their hole,
And all is calm.
Until spring again,
When the peaceful white melts away,
Until the morning bird sings again,
And until the bear growls again,
Wintertime is here.

~ Chrystal Longe, Grade 7



Alumni Association PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was a volunteer during the recent presidential cycle as a caller getting out the vote. Each day that I went to the neighborhood headquarters, I was given a new voter list to call. I went right to work phoning each day. One day the neighborhood captain came by and said to me, "You are so industrious, I'd be willing to recommend you for any job you might be seeking." I told her I was retired and not planning to seek employment. She replied that I sure was a good worker.

Come back with me quite a few years when my sons and daughter had assigned chores. It fell on my oldest son this one day to do dishes. He protested that that was women's work more properly assigned to his sister. My husband came bolting out of the dining room to the kitchen. He put his hand on our son's shoulder and spoke sternly, "There is only one kind of work around this house and that is work that needs to be done. Get on with the dishes."

Let's go even further back to the 50s when I was at Kurn Hattin. There too we each had our work assignments and I never heard a word about girls' or boys' work. I soon learned that this was the way it went at my new home. I will admit that I loved the kitchen assignment because I could learn from my house mother, Miss Ward. Work contributed to life at Kurn Hattin. And you learned to take pride in your work knowing others depended on your efforts.

I've returned to the Homes many times since the 50s and always found that the children were about their work, contributing to the life of the others. They seem to know that there is only one kind of work and that's work to be done. Thanks Kurn Hattin staff for this valuable lesson. Join the "Alumni of Kurn Hattin" group on Facebook and share your experiences of your work assignments and what it taught you about life.

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

FROM STUDENTS *Thomas & Destiny*

Whether it's been two months or two years, the children's sentiments about living at Kurn Hattin Homes are profoundly the same. "I've never felt this supported." It's not just one person they speak about. It's the entire campus. Imagine going to a new school and on day one, your first step into the building a student comes running up and says, "Hey, welcome. Let me show you around." Eighth grader, Thomas Taylor and 6th grader, Destiny Howell are just two of the many children who have been transformed by their participation in this child-centered home and school in Westminster, Vermont.

Destiny, who had just been here for two months, couldn't get over the physical education opportunities she's had. "I couldn't run a mile before coming here. I already feel so much more healthy and independent too." Thomas, who's been at the Homes for two years, has lost weight; gained friends, and sung solo in concerts (He's always had an amazing voice.) "Before coming here I was bounced around to many schools; I was lonely; I didn't have any friends. Here at Kurn Hattin, I've gotten supported in everything I did or needed to do."

Kurn Hattin transforms the lives of children and their families forever. Come for a tour and see what Kurn Hattin has to offer you or someone you know.



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COME TRUE *Fund*

Support one of the many programs at Kurn Hattin with a cash or in-kind gift. Gifts of \$500 or more will be listed in a special recognition category in our Annual Report. Any gift towards the goal amount is greatly appreciated.



Program/Fund	Goal Amount
Student Reward Fund Lunch Out With Principal	\$75 per month
Summer Recreational Activities and Field Trips Fund	\$850 each
Sports Insurance Fund Allows uninsured children to participate	\$700 per year
Music Program Field Trips Fund	\$1,500 each
Rock Point High School Scholarship Fund Allows 3 graduates a secure environment after leaving the Homes	\$5,000 per child
Equestrian Program Fund General care and aging herd replacement	\$100 - \$3,500
Elmo Brand Document Printer	\$635
Healthy Children Program Uninsured medical expenses	\$20,000
Speech and Language Therapy Fund For 10 students	\$5,250
Brita Water filtering systems and filters for 11 cottages	\$60 per cottage
The School Store Fund Items for inventory Students use Caught Being Good coupons given for good behavior	\$100 - \$1,000
Travel assistance for families to and from Kurn Hattin	\$2,400 per year
Clothing Fund for homeless and other in-need children	\$5,000 per year
Farm/Greenhouse implements and tools	\$500 - \$5,500
New mower deck for John Deere tractor	\$3,700

Please contact Kim Fine for more details (802) 721-6914 or kfine@kurnhattin.org

From the Development Department

Like many people, I am shaking my head that we are already two months into the New Year! The holiday season, now well behind us, is one of the busiest times for the Development and Public Relations Department at Kurn Hattin Homes. Thank you for your generous response to our annual Holiday Appeal, which raised over \$120,000. The total year-to-date amount raised is \$349,158. This is half way to our annual goal of \$700,000. This important mail appeal is one of two that we send out each year. Contributions received from these two appeals are used to fund operations, and represent a critical piece of the overall revenue picture at Kurn Hattin.

It is always wonderful to have our supporters and friends visit campus. In December, a standing room only crowd joined us for the annual holiday luncheon and concert. This day is a special recognition gala to honor those who make our work possible.

Looking to the year ahead, we have exciting opportunities planned which will give donors, alumni and countless friends even more ways to become involved with our mission to help children in need. If you are a golfer, then you know that the Kurn Hattin Golf Classic is one of the premier outings in New England. Plan to join us on July 17 at the Keene Country Club to raise awareness and funds for the children, and to have lots of fun doing it! The Golf Auction is available to all who wish to bid, whether you golf with us that day or not. Join the dinner the evening of the tournament and plan to take home one of many great items!

If you haven't been to the Kurn Hattin web site or Facebook page recently you are in for a treat. Ever-changing articles and photos are just two of the array of features popping up on these sites

GIVING THROUGH YOUR IRA

Donors may once again make contributions with IRA assets after Congress recently approved changes for charitable gifts made from individual retirement accounts, reinstating this charitable option through 2013. In lieu of taking your minimum distribution directly, donors 70½ years of age and older may transfer funds directly from the IRA account to a charity, thus excluding this sum from consideration in your taxable income.

This simple transaction is especially appealing to donors whose IRA's have grown considerably, with the income they are required to take exceeding their needs. Now, instead of withdrawing the required amount and paying taxes on it, you can transfer it directly to Kurn Hattin. For more information on this exciting opportunity contact your IRA custodian or Connie Sanderson at csanderson@kurnhattin.org or (802) 721-6963.

all the time. You can read about our undefeated basketball team, browse archival photos, or read more about specific services.

Our Charitable Gift Annuity Program is robust, and we encourage everyone over age 65 to consider this option to make a significant charitable gift which gives an almost 50% charitable deduction, while receiving an attractive income stream for life for one or two beneficiaries. If you want to defer the income, here is a recent example of the incredible benefits of the deferred annuity. A donor age 69 would have received a 5% rate of return had she elected to receive the income immediately. By deferring to age 74 ½, her rate is now 6.7%!

Please stop by or call for more information on how you can get involved with our mission to transform children's lives forever.

~Connie Sanderson, CFRE
Co-Executive Director

THANK YOU *Corporate Supporters*

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Pictured is Kurn Hattin Trustee, Bill Abbott (r) presenting Marshall Raucci, Jr. (l) of Prime, Buchholz & Associates their special \$10K certificate of appreciation.

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We are thankful for memorial contributions which help us help the children. The names of those being remembered appear in BOLD CAPITAL letters and are followed by the names of those who made the gifts. Bold names followed by a year indicate graduates of Kurn Hattin. The gifts listed were received between June 16, 2012 and January 4, 2013.

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