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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

Greetings from your friends at the Echo Hill Campership Fund.

We are always happy to report good news and good news we have! EHCF has had another fantastic year; working hard to fulfill our mission while doing our best to ensure we're having and providing fun at the same time. As you'll read in this newsletter, we raised lots of money, reviewed lots of campership applications, selected lots of kids to send to camp for more time than ever before, held a few fundraising events and a "thank you" event, worked with Echo Hill to refine our processes, and now, look ahead to a new year in which we'll host a reunion. Not nothing for an all-volunteer board, but nowhere near as impressive as what you all have done to support this now-mature endeavor.

You all have stepped-up in new and creative ways; raising money, generating matching gifts, sending notes of encouragement, providing applicants, and much, much more. If you've read this column over the years, you know EHCF is your organization. You created it. You drive it and you drive us. You've offered suggestions, comments, complaints, and kudos. Thank you. As we've said before, we love all of it.

We've heard from recent campership kids about the growth they experienced and the friendships that have sustained them. We received news from Echo Hillers who are traveling around the world, yet somehow still miss the bug juice and steamy close quarters of an army tent during a summer storm. And over the past few years we've heard from elected officials in DC who are coming to know our organization and efforts and seek to support us and/or take lessons from our success.

We even recently received a donation with a short note. Anonymous simply wrote: Time to put my money where my mind is. Which got us thinking. Too often we get great letters

RECORD BREAKING FUNDRAISER - AGAIN!

The Campership Fund held another successful event this year on September 18th. It was the organization's third annual fundraising reception and the second year in a row that **Robert Alfandre** (father of board member Nicole Halbreiner) generously hosted the event at his beautiful home in Washington, DC. Many of the sponsors and guests commented that the night is one of their favorite charity events because of the wonderful location.

Thanks to generous donations from repeat sponsors Terrestar, RCN, and Mobile Satellite Ventures, and new large donors Alltel and DirecTV, this year's fundraiser broke last year's record with contributions over \$35,000.



Heather Harvison & Amy Mehlman

The night honored representatives from the public and private sector, each dedicated to helping the underprivileged. We were also fortunate to be joined by **Heather Harvison** from My Sister's Circle, a non-profit organization which has referred several campers to the Campership Fund. Heather spoke briefly about the relationship EHCF has had with My Sister's Circle and shared heartwarming stories of the life-changing experiences "her girls" have had at Echo Hill Camp.

After Heather's moving words it was fitting to honor **Alan McLeod** for his dedication to the Echo Hill Campership Fund. Alan and others formed the EHCF about 20 years ago. As a result, dozens of kids have been sent to camp - for more than 200 hundred weeks in the last five years alone! On behalf of the campers and their families, we salute Alan for his vision and dedication to the Echo Hill Campership Fund.

The other honoree was a sitting Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, **Robert McDowell**. Commissioner McDowell has also been a tireless advocate for children in the Metropolitan DC community.

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Alan McLeod



4th Annual EHCf Crab Feast

Saturday, October 27th 1:00 - 6:00 pm

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EHCf CRABFEAST

OVER 100 ECHO HILLERS ENJOY CRABS & SUNSET AT 4TH ANNUAL EHCf CRAB FEAST

On Saturday, October 27, 2007, over 100 Echo Hill alumni, family, and friends spent a beautiful afternoon on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay at the 4th annual EHCf crabfeast. The event, usually held in September, was moved to October after heavy rains and gale-force winds threatened the outdoor event's success for the first three years. The later date proved no exception though, as four straight days of heavy rain caused the event to be relocated indoors at Silver Swan Bayside at Queen Anne's Marina on Kent Island.

The new venue offered heavy, best of the year Chesapeake Bay blue crabs and lots of other good food and drink. Current and former Echo Hillers came from near and far to enjoy old camp stories, catch up on the latest news of Echo Hill alums, and listen to Annapolis musician Matt McConville sing and play guitar - yes, old camp songs were included! Attendees included **Marisa**

(LaDuca) Crandall, Carrie Robertson, Matt Concannon, Adam Zetzer, Peter, Julie, and Katie Rice, Michael Boyd, Bo, Marnie, and Ryan Randall, Annielieke Nordhook, Peter Boyd, Amy (Marshack) Mehlman, Jordan Chasnoff, Mike Grossman and Christine Lusk. Current campers Carter MacLeod, Cullen Cassidy and Nick Kirsch Jr. also attended.

We were very pleased to see former board members **Alan Macleod, Nick Kirsch, and Julie (Margulies) Hassett**. These former board members are largely responsible for EHCf's existence and growth, and we are grateful not only for their past contributions but their current support. The surprise guest of the event was none other than **Pauline Rice**, who delighted many in the crowd with stories of Echo Hill as it was some years ago.

After generous servings of crabs and other goodies, the crowd enjoyed what became such a special part of so many Echo Hill evenings - a beautiful, bright red sunset over the Chesapeake Bay. The event was a fundraising success as well, as our generous donors contributed over \$2,500 towards our important mission. We hope to see everybody at next year's crab feast!





...FUNDRAISER

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We wanted to recognize his efforts to promote, by example, much needed community service and activism.

We look forward to the 2008 Fall event and with your help it will yet again be another record-breaking year.



Commissioner Robert McDowell



Letter from the Board

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and emails that you all never see. Some are plaintive and sincere, others are straight up whacky. All are well received, by us, but not enough can be shared with you in these few pages.

We want to change that.

We are also taking note of the social-network revolution taking place online. So in the spirit of Web 2.0, mash-ups, and other tech-y jargon, EHCF will bring you a new web experience: EHCF.TV. Beginning in early December, you will be able to visit www.EHCF.org and click on the EHCF.TV button. Once there, you will find a video uploader that will allow you to upload short, relevant, tasteful videos to our site for everyone's viewing pleasure. Call it EHCFtube.

Now, is this a good idea? Who knows?

What we do know is that Echo Hillers have always been very creative. If people flock to YouTube to watch dogs on skateboards, certainly we'd want to watch each other telling our stories, sharing news, providing opinions on various issues teed up, and more. If you're lucky, we'll post Honey's famous BBQ wings recipe. So grab your video camera, video phone, or any recording device. Generate compelling content. Upload it to our site. Soon everyone will view your work, vote for their favorites, and you'll be famous. Maybe a few of you will become a regular presence on our site. You can become one of our guest hosts, helping get others motivated or onto a particular topic.

We don't know where this will end, but we've met some crazy, funky, talented, and intelligent Echo Hillites.

Thank you for all that you do.

It's your world - we're just living in it.



The Kids...

EHCF Increases Camperships for 7th Year in a Row!

We have done it again! This is the seventh year in a row the Echo Hill Campership Fund has increased the number and length of its camperships. Thanks to your generous donations we were able to raise the number of kids we sent from 15 to 20 and the weeks they spent at Echo Hill from 50 to 54. Both are new records!

This increase is even more impressive given that we had a number of campers "age out" last year. For eight of this year's twenty Campership recipients, 2007 was their first summer at Echo Hill. EHCF just sponsored more new kids this past season than our total for 2001.

While the number of kids changes and grows, some things unfortunately stay the same. Echo Hill is still the only escape these children have from a world most of us could never imagine. Many still live in poverty, where food and shelter are not givens, and lack a traditional family structure.

EHCF's continuing success is a tribute to you, our dedicated constituents. As former campers, counselors and parents, you know first hand how Echo Hill can change a life. Many of this year's participants were referrals from former campers and counselors. Your support allowed the Board to recruit more and more eligible applicants and encourage area corporations to give higher amounts during our fundraising events.

Please continue this support of the Campership Fund through donations and referrals. We know that many of our eight new campers will want to return for four weeks in 2008. We would also like to add new campers to the mix. We need your help to accomplish this. On behalf of the Campership kids and their parents (who continually thank EHCF for their Echo Hill experience), we thank you, our donors, for your generous gifts. Without you twenty kids would not have experienced the joy of an Echo Hill summer. Let's make 2008 even more successful.



HAVE YOU HEARD ...?

Have you heard???

Hobie pontoons on a lazy day, the back of the bus on the way to Crumpton, and any activity called by Sara Tomlin remain the best sources of gossip you will ever hear. Unfortunately for many of us, the days of Art Center and beach hikes are long gone...

Never to fear, the EHCf has enlisted the likes of Perez Hilton and Michael-K to bring you the latest scoop of 2007. What a year it has been!

We will start with everyone's favorite, the babies! In breaking news, **Peter and Libby Rice** welcomed their first baby boy into the world – they decided to name him **Petey** after his father. Not news? Well, consider that this would have been the lead story on the EHCf news letter 21 years ago! That's right; Pete and Libby's youngest child is now old enough to... be assigned to "Office." What else would he do after check out?

In other future camper news; **Mark and Emily Porter** had a daughter, Nora Lucy Porter, on July 25. Mark suggested that Nora might not start camp as early as he and his siblings. So we don't expect Nora to be the Waterfront Director any earlier than the summer of 2010. **Philip and Dara** had their second daughter, Rosa Clementine, on June 27. Hanna Michelle Sornstein, born April 27 to, **Jacqueline (Veiss) Sornstein** and **Fred Stornstein**, will round out the group 2023 Green Cabin Girls. **Marti Gilbert**

and her husband had a future Cabana Boy. We have a few future campers expected for 2008 from **Jen (Stephenson) Mathews** and her husband Jeff, as well as from **Lucy (Fox) Sinrod** and **Jay Sinrod**.

If you have had a few letters returned to sender after using the addresses from the 1989 yearbook, you are not alone. 2007 was the year of many big moves for EHC alumni. Back in the country from Ethiopia, **Mark and Emily Porter** have purchased a home on Maryland's Eastern Shore. **Liz Polsky** is pursuing her MBA at Johns Hopkins after moving down from New York. **Hazen and Stacy Arnold** bought a house in Chestertown and had their second baby boy named William Wyatt. **Cissy Fenwick** moved to California to pursue a career in SkyMall product testing. We hear that the adult footsie pajamas are really great. Moving out west were **Adam Lucas** to Oregon and **Jared Press** who has survived his first earthquake in San Francisco. **Zoe Abram** is lost at sea. When asked how she is doing, **Julie Martin** said "Laissez les bon temps rouler" – she bought a house in New Orleans. Mexico is playing host to a number of Echo Hill alumni including **Dan Fuerst** and **Jak Loenstein** who are working on an organic farm. **Matt Diana** is Mexico as well. He has been keeping all his friends up do date on his adventures through his Facebook page.

Following in the footsteps of the esteemed Echo Hill scholars from Kenyon and Guilford, **Maggie**

Littlewood is *expecting* to graduate from the University of Virginia in December. **Caitlin Coselett** is in law school at NYU. The Captain of the Washington College Lacrosse Team and Editor of the school sports magazine; **Sean Repelyea**, is in his last year at Washington College and will be attending Law School in 2008.

While prolonged college careers are the perfect compliment to a great Echo Hill Staff, some of us have to pay the bills eventually. **Julia King** will be bringing in the big bucks next year as a Teach for America teacher in Chicago. Largely due to the patronage of **Sam Clark** (who is working for the Mayor in Baltimore) **Aaron Zetzer** is bringing in the big bucks as a bar tender in Baltimore. **Alex DeMooy** is training for the Nintendo world championship title in Florida with **Chelsea**. **Eliza Derek** has moved to DC to teach school and learn carpentry.

Last but not least, 2007 brought wedding bells for a number of Echo Hill favorites. **Adam Rosenberg** was married to Claudia. No word on whether or not Adam played the Star Spangled Banner in his underwear at the reception. Apparently girls dig guitar players as **Chris Tull** was also married to his wife Tracey. **Lauren Spielmen** was recently engaged and will be married in 2008. We were not able to confirm all the details of Lauren's engagement at the time of print, but we do understand that the wedding flowers will not be pink.



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