Remember the times we’ve had here,
Remember when you’re away,
Remember the friends you’ve made here,
And don’t forget all the happy play.
Remember beside a campfire,
Amid the mountains blue,
“That you’re a part of Hochelaga
And she is a part of you.”
You’re invited... to Camp Hochelaga’s Centennial Senior Banquet

Saturday, June 15th, 2019

Join us for an evening of celebrating Hochelaga’s 100 year history and honoring our most cherished camp traditions. The evening will feature a camp themed Senior Banquet dinner, awards ceremony, and a special Candlelight to follow.

5pm Appetizers & Social Hour
6pm Senior Banquet Dinner
7pm Awards and Recognition
8pm Candlelight Ceremony

Rent a cabin and stay overnight at Hochelaga! Just like at camp, your stay will be complete with late night s’mores and a bugle wake up call for breakfast the next morning.

Space is limited, reserve your tickets today!
Check out our website for further event information and ticket details:
ywcavt.org/centennial-celebration
Letters from Our YWCA Vermont Executive Team

‘We’ve got magic to do, just for you’

I have always loved theater but was too self-conscious to be an actor—my claim to fame was being the male lead in “South Pacific” at Hochelaga during my CIT summer. It was a natural progression for me to be in the drama department at camp and I still feel proud of our productions of “Carousel,” “Hello, Dolly!,” “The Sound of Music,” and “Mame” (Wow—we were a sophisticated bunch!). Directing was much more my speed—although I was more of a “tell actors what to do” kind of director, learning more of the subtleties of motivation far later in my life.

As the current President of the Board of YWCA Vermont Camp Hochelaga, I try very hard to motivate and encourage the creativity of our staff and my fellow board members and step as far back as I can to admire their big picture while they work their magic on the details of what it is to run our organization. And what a successful year 2018 has been! Under the steady and organized guidance of executive director Deb Jorschick, our camp director Hannah Bogard and assistant director Hope Wooten had a summer of record breaking attendance and activity—filling 200 more camper weeks than we had budgeted for. Everything the staff touched seemed to turn to gold—simple hellos turned into a donated Jeep, 175 volunteers to take down camp (complete with their own food trucks, water, and DJ!), and increasing numbers of volunteers ready and able to help us celebrate our 100th birthday in 2019!

As we prepare for 2019 we urge you to be prepared as well—for our day of celebration, for centennial merchandise, for opportunities to volunteer, donate, fundraise, and to take a long look at our 10 year plan for our camp on the shores of Lake Champlain. As the song goes in one of my favorite musicals (“Pippin”), “we’ve got magic to do, just for you.” Oh, do we ever! Join us!

Maureen (Moe) Kaplan
President, Board of Directors
99th year stronger than ever!

Thank you for making 2018 yet another remarkable year for YWCA Vermont Camp Hochelaga! Our dedicated staff has done an incredible job at expanding our outreach, program development, partnering with area businesses, improving our camp property, and giving 700 plus campers and staff an experience of a lifetime. This fiscal year found YWCA Vermont Camp Hochelaga continuing to prosper and thrive. Camp Hochelaga; our heart, our signature program is constantly being refined to serve our population and align with our mission work. In short, YWCA Vermont serves to define and build the future of Camp Hochelaga.

Highlights of our record breaking year... Volunteers from local businesses, GlobalFoundries, Ben & Jerry's, IBM, and FoodScience Corp. provided over 2263 hours of work in helping to set up and maintain our camp property. Our Board of Directors created and implemented a sustainable strategic plan, with execution and continual work for prosperous outcomes. YWCA Vermont joined many of our sister YWCA associations across the country moving from a membership governance organization to a directorship organization. Our staff assisted us in expanding relevant and refreshed content in our programs to reflect our mission. We hired a year round Programs Director/Assistant Camp Director. Our ongoing goal remains ensuring accessibility to all campers despite financial obstacles, we continue to expanding our Circle of Girls scholarship program to accommodate existing and new camper families.

We are stronger because of donors like you who come together to give resources, time and talent in support of our important mission. We cannot stop and rest on these successes. We need your help, your support, and your feedback. YOU are why we are here and together we can build the future for our beloved organization. Thank you for wholeheartedly being a part of YWCA Vermont Camp Hochelaga. We are looking forward to much more in 2019 as we celebrate 100 years!

Sincerely,  
Deb Sawyer Jorschick  
Executive Director  
Joanna Scott  
Development Director

Howdy Everyone!

This summer sure was a special one for us, and we are so thankful to all of the incredible people who were a part of this unforgettable year. We are excited to share with you the many successes of this season and give you a glimpse into the spirit of Hochelaga we all hold so dear to our hearts. It has been a summer of empowerment for campers and staff alike and as a whole we have felt the strength of our camp community grow within.

During our 2018 season we launched several new camp programs including a robust farm & garden program, opportunities for outdoor adventure trips in Vermont’s wilderness, and many days of paddle boarding on our shores of Lake Champlain. We also fostered new community partnerships with Pomkyala Farm, Wally’s Place, Health Hero Farm and Red Barn Dairy to bring local food into our camp meals. ‘Laga’s core traditions held strong as campers and staff took us to the streets of New York City for Middler Banquet and back in time to a 50s Diner for Senior Banquet. They entertained us all with musical productions of The Little Mermaid and Camp Rock and indulged our sweet tooth with a candy themed Log. Campers shared powerful messages of appreciation at Candlelight ceremonies and the burning H will forever cast a radiating spirit across our moonlit waters as we sing taps songs into the night.

On the heels of a strong, empowering 99th summer, we look towards Camp Hochelaga’s 100th season with incredible spirit and excitement. The Hochelaga family is ready to embark on another 100 years of core camp traditions and lifelong friendships. Thank you to our donors, volunteers, and community members for all that you have given and all that you have done for Camp Hochelaga this summer. We are honored and humbled to be surrounded by such invested, caring, and giving individuals. Thank you!

With lots of ‘Laga love,  
Hannah Bogard  
Camp Director  
Hope Wooten  
Assistant Camp Director
During 2018, gifts given to specific programs and projects funded the remodel of the Long House bathroom, 6 new paddleboards for camp’s waterfront, 2 new cabin roofs, and many campers through the Circle of Girls scholarship fund.

**Circle of Girls**

Making the magic of a Camp Hochelaga experience accessible to campers who would otherwise not be able to attend is one of Camp Hochelaga’s highest priorities. During summer 2018 our Circle of Girls scholarship fund brought 72 campers through camp’s gate and past the big green H to join us. Camp Hochelaga’s 2018 scholarship recipients included campers experiencing homelessness, living in foster care, and from families with extremely limited resources. YWCA Vermont also grew a partnership with UVM’s Migrant Education Program to offer children from migrant working families access to the camp experience.

As we look towards Camp Hochelaga’s centennial season, we strive to offer the magic of the Hochelaga experience to 100 campers during summer 2019. You can help us meet this goal! We are deeply and genuinely thankful to all of the donors who support the Circle of Girls scholarship fund. The safety, freedom, connection, joy, and empowerment that can be found at Camp Hochelaga are important experiences for many Circle of Girls scholarship fund recipients during their time at camp and beyond.

**Why Camp is Important**

All summer long we hear campers talk about why they love camp so much, but it is hard to quantify what our campers get out of their experience at Hochelaga. In 2018 we worked to capture our campers’ experience in their own words and found an overwhelming amount of evidence of skill development and social emotional development across all ages. At camp, kids will:

- Meet new people from all over the world and make lifelong friends
- Gain an appreciation for nature
- Learn a new concrete skill
- Take time to unplug and make intentional connections with others
- Work together to create a positive camp community

**YWCA Vermont Camp Hochelaga Giving**

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Camp Hochelaga’s Centennial Year Registry

We can do so much because of you! We value the generosity with which our ‘Laga community gives to grow and improve camp each year. Through Camp Hochelaga’s Centennial Year Registry, we strive to offer our donor family opportunities to give specifically to the camp programs they feel most passionate about. Above all, we want to assure you that your financial gift will be used for the specific purpose for which you intend it. Below is a list of projects and programs our camp team has identified as high need for Hochelaga’s centennial season and many future seasons to come. If you would like a percentage or the entirety of your gift to fund one of these projects please put a note on the donation envelope included.

$40,000
New Sport Court for Tennis and Basketball Programs

$35,000
Refurbish Halfway House

$25,000
Turn the Office into a Year Round Building

$5,000
New Athletic Field and Rock Climbing Wall

$3,000 (per boat)
Help us grow our Sailing Program
Goal: 4 more boats

$2,000 (per roof)
Put a New Roof on a Cabin
Goal: finish 7 remaining cabins

$2,000
Supplies for General Arts & Crafts Including Ceramics

$1,500
Build a New Sand Volleyball Court

$1,000
Camping Equipment for Outdoor Adventure Programs

$1,000
New Costumes and Scripts for Performing Arts

$600
New Soccer Goals, Quidditch Hoops, and general sports equipment

$500
New bows and arrows for our Archery Program

“I Love Camp Because…”

“The exploration activities are really fun because I get to do things I have never done before” – Lower Mid-Line Camper, 2018
Facilities Improvements

With the support of volunteer groups and generous donors, Camp Hochelaga remodeled the Long House bathroom on Lower Mid Line, replaced 2 more cabin roofs, added a pine bench amphitheater to the main campfire circle, and built a GaGa pit.

New Camp Programs

Camp Hochelaga’s leadership team is excited to announce the successful launch of several new camp programs. During summer 2018, Hochelaga campers embarked on an overnight camping and outdoor adventure trips to Underhill State Park and Grand Isle State Park. Campers hiked, swam, grew their appreciation for uninterrupted wilderness, and developed their leadership and teambuilding skills. Building on the success of 2018’s outdoor adventure trip, Camp Hochelaga will offer an opportunity for a 4-week session including an extended outdoor adventure trip in 2019.

Camp Hochelaga also added a Farm & Garden program, bringing 12 chickens to camp for the summer, working with campers in camp’s garden, and sourcing many fresh products from local farms including Pomykala Farm, Red Barn Dairy, and Wally’s Place.

With the generous support of donors, the leadership team added 6 new paddleboards to camp’s waterfront. This growth in waterfront resources allowed the summer staff team to offer waterfront skill building and adventuring to a greater number of campers.

In recognition of young peoples’ tendency towards swings and movement, spring volunteer teams built swinging benches and a circular hammock forest at camp. The addition of both elements supported campers in connecting socially and emotionally, and processing deeper conversations.

“I Love Camp Because…”

“At camp I can be myself. There is a community here, and everyone is included. We make a lot of friends here and we make them faster because we are with them all day. The sisterhood, people, activities and scenery all make Camp Hochelaga the best camp in the world!”

- Upper Mid-Line Camper, 2018
2018 Counselor of the Year:
Olivia Gamsu, Head of CITs & ACs

Olivia, affectionately known to the ‘Laga family as “Gam Gam,” made an incredibly positive impact on campers and staff during the summer. She first joined YWCA Vermont as an intern during Fall 2017 and this summer Gam Gam stepped into a new role at camp as Head of CITs & ACs. She dedicated her time, passion, and skills to supporting Camp Hochelaga’s new leaders and staff members as they transitioned from campers to counselors. Gam Gam was awarded Counselor of the Year by her fellow summer staff team for her dedication to positive, safe social environments and women’s empowerment through leadership.

2018 Hochelaga Cup: Emma Anderson

It is with great excitement that we recognize Emma Anderson as this year’s Hochelaga Cup award recipient! The Hochelaga Cup is a time honored tradition given to the camper that most embodies the Hochelaga spirit and goes above and beyond to give back to our camp community. Emma had an incredible summer working tirelessly as the Log editor and taking a major role in the camp musical as Prince Eric in The Little Mermaid. We can’t wait for her to be a CIT next year!

CIT Program Success

Camp Hochelaga welcomed 10 Counselors in Training to camp during summer 2018 for the 5-week leadership training intensive. This year’s CIT group had opportunities to become certified Lifeguards, embark on a canoe trip, plan and deliver activities to campers, and collaborate with Hochelaga’s staff team as a whole. Camp Hochelaga looks forward to welcoming many CITs back as Assistant Counselors for the 2019 season.

Camper Enrollment Success

Camp Hochelaga welcomed 620 campers through camp’s front gate to fill 799 session spots total, making 2018 a record-breaker for enrollment in the past 10 years. Of these 620 campers, 376 were returners and 244 were new to the ‘Laga Family. Forty three campers registered for more than one session this summer, with some staying as long as 5 weeks!
Stand Against Racism

Stand Against Racism is a signature campaign of YWCA USA to build community among those who work for racial justice and to raise awareness about the negative impact of institutional and structural racism in our communities. On April 27, 2018 YWCA Vermont presented the pledge to Stand Against Racism on the floor of Vermont’s State House in Montpelier. Additionally, YWCA Vermont partnered with SEABA to share works of art by local artists that promote racial justice with the larger community.

Week Without Violence

YWCA Vermont’s Week Without Violence stems from YWCA USA’s national campaign centered on raising awareness of the prevalence of gender-based violence in communities across the globe. During Week Without Violence 2018, YWCA Vermont focused efforts on raising awareness and collecting signatures for new legislature that would better protect the rights of women and girls who are survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

Women’s Weekend

YWCA Vermont Women’s Weekend is 'elevated' camping with purpose, a perfect setting for a weekend away, finding the time to disconnect to reconnect. Women’s Weekend is a unique opportunity for women to practice nurturing and nourishing their minds, bodies and spirits, all while keeping the mission of YWCA Vermont at the core of the program. This year we had 64 women of all ages (from early 20s to well beyond 70s) join us throughout the weekend including participants, workshop leaders and practitioners. Our distinguished keynote speaker, Rickey Gard Diamond, helped set the stage for the weekend’s intentions. The strategic focus: women’s economic vitality, finding one’s voice, and owning one’s story. The weekend allowed women to come together to talk economics and make sense of their personal money story. When women come together with a collective intention, it’s a powerful thing. So much magic happened at our Women’s Weekend. The Camp Hochelaga property was the perfect back drop to make the program successful and connections that were made thrive, far past the weekend.

Leaders on the Lake & Leaders on the Rise

In the spring we hosted “Leaders on the Lake,” a weekend program focused on environmental leadership. Young leaders had opportunities to build our new chicken coop, revitalize our camp garden, and learn about our lake with the Lake Champlain Basin Program. This fall we introduced our newest program, “Leaders on the Rise,” a weekend program focused on social justice and identity expression. Young leaders found their voice through a writing workshop, worked on a community art piece, created ways to spread kindness in our community and took part in the Good Citizens Challenge with Seven Days Newspaper.
Community Partnerships

YWCA Vermont Camp Hochelaga formed many new partnerships in 2018! YWCA Vermont collaborated with the Milton Community Youth Coalition to plan and host the first Navigating Diverse Identities Mentorship Training Day at Camp Hochelaga in May. The Lake Champlain Basin Program joined Camp Hochelaga’s Leaders on the Lake program, GirlExpo camp fair, and Day Camp Programming. LCBP’s team provided youth with engaging activities that grew knowledge about beautiful Lake Champlain and the many ways we as a larger community can work to keep it healthy. YWCA Vermont Camp Hochelaga has also been working with the University of Vermont’s Migrant Education Program to support our local migrant worker families by offering youth a safe space to learn and enjoy being a kid freely at camp.

“I Love Camp Because…”

“Camp gives me the opportunity to be myself and meet new people. I have been going to camp for more than one year and I love seeing counselors and campers I already know. I also love camp because the counselors and campers are so supportive of everything we do. Camp is like my second home.
- Senior Line Camper, 2018

2019 Calendar of Events

April 27 Vermont’s Stand Against Racism Day
May – June Volunteer Groups Help Open Camp
May 18 & 19 Leaders on the Lake
June 15 Centennial Celebration & Open House
June 16 – 22 Staff Training Week
June 23 First Day of Camp
August 17 End of Camp Season
September 6 – 8 Women’s Weekend
September – October Volunteer Groups Help Close Camp
September 14 & 15 Leaders on the Rise
October 14 – 18 Week Without Violence
2018 Financial Report

2018 REVENUE: $574,022

- Camp Tuition: $498,921
- General Gifts & Grants: $47,552
- YWCA VT Programs: $27,549

REVENUE GROWTH

- 2015: $496,774
- 2016: $489,009
- 2017: $460,341
- 2018: $574,022

2018 EXPENSES: $516,804

- Scholarships Awarded: $36,000
- Facilities Improvements: $28,090
- Personnel (Seasonal & Year Round): $290,002
- Camp Programs & Operations: $162,712

CAMPER ENROLLMENT
2018 to 2017 Comparison

2018 Donors & Community Partners

Individual Gifts

Laura Abbott  
Kelly & Paul Adams  
Susan Alden  
Kristin Foley & Richard Anderson  
Nancy Bassett  
Deborah Bedrin  
Jeff Benjamin  
Margarita & James Bernard  
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Melissa & Michael Betrone  
Helen Bishop  
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Ellen Coolidge  
Sarah & Dan Curry  
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Kristin & Tom Winrock  
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Rachel Nevitt & David Zuckerman

$8,900 Raised  
For camp improvements & scholarships by families opting to pay tier C for tuition in 2018

In-Kind Donations with Impact  
Historic Camp Songbooks*, a Jeep Liberty,** & a 16’ Tanzer Sailboat***

Community Partners

Baystate Financial  
Ben & Jerry’s  
Bluebird Barbecue  
Granny’s Attic  
BCBS Vermont  
Cabot  
Carved Solutions  
Change the Story  
Charlie and Ernie in the Morning!  
Children’s Literacy Foundation (CLIF)  
Conversations with Kay  
FoodScience Corporation  
Fork to Fondue  
Gamma Phi Beta  
Girl Scouts GWM  
Global Women  
Globalfoundries  
Green Mountain United Way  
Hannaford’s  
Health Hero Farm  
Healthy Roots Collaborative  
Hero Divers  
IBM  
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Kiwanis Club of Milton  
Let’s Grow Kids  
Leunig’s Bistro  
Local 22  
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Montpelier Kiwanis  
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Razoo Foundation  
Red Barn Dairy  
Ronald McDonald House  
Sarducci’s  
SCHIP  
South Burlington Rotary  
UVM Migrant Education Program  
Wally’s Place  
Warner’s Home for Little Wanderers  
WCAX  
WOKO  
West Star Foundation  
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Thank You All!