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Be strong and bold; have no fear - Deuteronomy 31:6



2020 Barbara C. Harris Center Annual Fund

A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends:

Be strong and bold; have no fear...

Deuteronomy 31:6 is the theme of the Barbara C. Harris Center's 2020 Annual Fund Campaign. Given the events that currently consume our everyday living: pandemic, fires, hurricanes, protests, dysfunctional politics, the reason we chose this scripture is self evident.

If there was ever a time to rest in the words of scripture, **HAVE NO FEAR**, this is it.

Happily, it would appear we are doing just that. Collectively we are strong, we are bold, and we are pushing back against fear. We have found new ways to cope and thrive in this new reality. We have rediscovered our neighbors, made new Zoom friends, even mustered up enough gumption to turn off cable news and enjoy a peaceful night gazing up at the stars instead. These may be difficult times, but we are going to be fine. After all, as Deuteronomy points out, ***it is the Lord, our God who goes before us.***

This year has given the BCH Center many opportunities to be **STRONG**. The pandemic has financially

devastated the camp and conference center. Even with the assistance of a Paycheck Protection Program loan we are facing significant losses for 2020. The Annual Fund, traditionally an important part of our budget, is now a critical component of our survival.

To date we have been very fortunate, thanks to the **BOLD** actions of some of our partners, the BCH Center has already raised over \$60,000 toward our \$120,000 Annual Fund goal. A terrific start in a rough year!

We are now counting on you to fill in the gap and bring us across the finish line **Please consider a gift to the 2020 Barbara C. Harris Center Annual Fund.** If you are an annual giver, please consider increasing your gift. If you have never given to BCH, please consider doing so now.

I have every confidence we **will not fail** in meeting this challenge.

All the best,



John C. Koch
Executive Director



Be strong and bold, have no fear or dread of them because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. - Deuteronomy 31:6

BCH Center Annual Fund Information

What is the Annual Fund?

The Annual Fund is a yearly campaign that assists in closing the gap in the Barbara C. Harris Center's annual operating budget. The BCH Center intentionally keeps fees low to allow for widespread use of our facilities by all. The fees that we do charge do not adequately cover all our expenses. The Annual Fund assists the BCH Center in being self-supporting.

How are annual contributions used by the BCH Center?

Annual Fund contributions are spent as they come in and are directed wherever the need is greatest. Traditionally contributions are used to cover such things as building renovations, facilities and equipment upgrades, programming materials and scholarships. They also give the BCH Center the ability to take advantage of emerging opportunities and to respond to unanticipated needs and challenges. This is particularly true in 2020 as the BCH Center struggles with the economic effects of the Pandemic.

Your 2020 gift helps fund projects like:



Does my gift really matter?

YES! The number of individuals contributing to the Annual Fund is just as important as the dollars we

raise. The total number of individual contributions is a measure of support within our broader community. All gifts, regardless of amount, contribute to the BCH Center's ability to provide hospitality to all who visit.

What is the 2020 Annual Fund Goal?

The 2020 Annual Fund goal is \$120,000. To date, we've raised over \$60,000!

To learn more about the 2020 Barbara C. Harris Center Annual Fund or to give a gift, please click the link below:

[2020 Annual Fund](#)



Win a MacBook Pro!

Thank you to a generous donor:

Beginning October 16th, 2020, any new gifts made to the 2020 BCH Center Annual Fund (over \$100) will be automatically entered to win a new MacBook Pro!

BCH Conference Center News

Open Guest Period

This summer, after the State of New Hampshire allowed for safe reopening of businesses, the Barbara C. Harris Center was once again able to welcome guests. Instead of normal conference groups and retreats where guests were in constant proximity to one another, we began offering long weekends in a "vacation rental" format. This design allowed our guests to enjoy the BCH Center surroundings while still staying socially distanced from one another. Guests were assigned tables in the Dining Hall, picnic tables at the waterfront, lifejackets and boats that were theirs for the duration of their stay. Normal BCH Center lodging was offered as well as all the delicious Dining Hall food guests have come to know and love.



We began offering these weekends in the beginning of July and the reception was incredible! Guests raved about their time spent at the BCH Center during the Open Guest Period weekends. Many of our guests returned for a second, third or even fourth weekend! The weekends were so successful that we hope to incorporate them into our future offerings in 2021 and beyond.



A guest enjoying her time on a cabin porch



JP, the Food Service Director, preparing to serve lunch

BCH Camp News

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BCH Camp Staff Michael Fenn, cutting lengths of gimp to add into boxes for bracelets

BCH Camp-In-A-Box

This summer, unable to hold traditional camp, the BCH Center offered a camp alternative, dubbed "Camp-In-A-Box". The Camp-In-A-Box boxes were full of traditional BCH Camp games and crafts that our campers have grown to know and love. From friendship bracelet materials, playing cards, watercolors, construction paper, glue sticks, gimp and some assorted BCH Camp swag, each box contained hand-picked love from BCH Camp staff! Boxes were offered to all 2020 registered campers and all registered campers that had attended a camp session in summer 2019. Thanks to very generous grants from the Church Home Society and the Bristol County Case Trust, the BCH Center was able to offset all costs for Camp-In-A-Box and offer each package free of charge to campers. In total we were able to send out 192 boxes! It is very special to us to know so many children wanted to participate in BCH Camp, no matter the format. We missed everyone so much this summer and hope to see all our campers and staff for BCH Summer Camp 2021!



Featured Recipe

Moose Poop Cookies

These no bake cookies are the perfect sweet treat in the fall. No baking required, and if you leave the cookies in the fridge (or outside on the cold New England nights...), a nice cool treat!



Prep Time: 3 Minutes
Cook Time: 5 Minutes
Additional Time: 5 Minutes
Total Time: 13 Minutes

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Cup Butter/Margarine
- 1/2 Cup Milk
- 2 Cups Sugar
- 6 Tbs Cocoa
- 3 Cups Oats
- 1 Cup Coconut (shredded)



Directions:

1. Start by melting butter/margarine in a large pot
2. As your butter melts completely add in the milk, the sugar, and the cocoa. Mix well, until it starts to boil. Make sure that you get your cocoa broken up and mixed in well. You really don't want to bite into a clump of cocoa later on.
3. Once it comes to a boil, remove from heat, and mix in the remaining ingredients: oatmeal and coconut.
4. Line a couple cookie sheets in either wax paper or parchment paper. Pour by the spoonful onto the cookie sheets.
5. Refrigerate. It takes about 30 minutes or so to set before you can start enjoying them.

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