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Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting Nichols Day Camp.

Your gifts to our Fall Appeal have tangible impact on our 53 year old camp, the counselors we mentor, the campers we serve and our broad peninsula and island community. The generosity and loyalty of alumni, parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors, businesses, fraternal orders and foundations allow us to maintain and improve our facilities; develop and enhance our programming and staff training; and continue to provide the Nichols Day Camp experience to 300 or more campers each summer.

Your contributions support visible improvements. We use general Fall Appeal donations where year round program and yearly maintenance concerns are most needed in order to continue to open camp on Walker Pond each summer. In the past two years your support helped Nichols design and implement an innovative counselor-in-training (Bridge) program to strengthen the skills of our first year counselors. We also used your charitable gifts to maintain and improve our beautiful buildings and grounds in order to continue to receive the highest marks available from our state health and program certification board, thus providing our campers a safe and inspiring place to learn, play and grow into well rounded camp and community members.

Your spirit of volunteerism is appreciated as well. We are grateful for your gifts of time, skill, and hard physical labor each year. Both monetary and volunteer contributions in the past two years enabled us to bring a fulltime RN position to camp and graduate eight newly minted Bridgers who will become awesome counselors. You helped us provide leadership opportunities as the peninsula and county's largest employer of 17-30 year olds. For these counselors, this first, "very real" job opportunity defines, shapes and influences their future life choices. Your support helps our executive director work with local school principals and volunteer organizations to bring literacy and environmental science opportunities to our campers and staff in order to fulfil our mission: "to instill in Peninsula, Hancock County and visiting youth, lifelong passion for outdoor recreational and educational experiences".

Your generosity over the last fifty-three years provided summer camp and summer magic to over 10,000 campers and is constantly made visible by the thousands of campers, now grown to adulthood, nurtured and shaped through the years by their Nichols Day Camp experiences.

With kind thoughts and gratitude,

Nan Nan Fowler

Executive Director Nichols Day Camp

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