



CAMP TIMES 2020

Dear Friends,

We are celebrating our 119th season of camp this year, but not in the way we expected. The Covid-19 global pandemic has affected all of us in ways that seemed unimaginable just months ago. The Board of Directors and management made the heartbreaking decision not to proceed with in-person programming this summer, but to transition to a virtual model. We are extremely proud that we continue to provide services and a true camp experience despite not being together in-person.

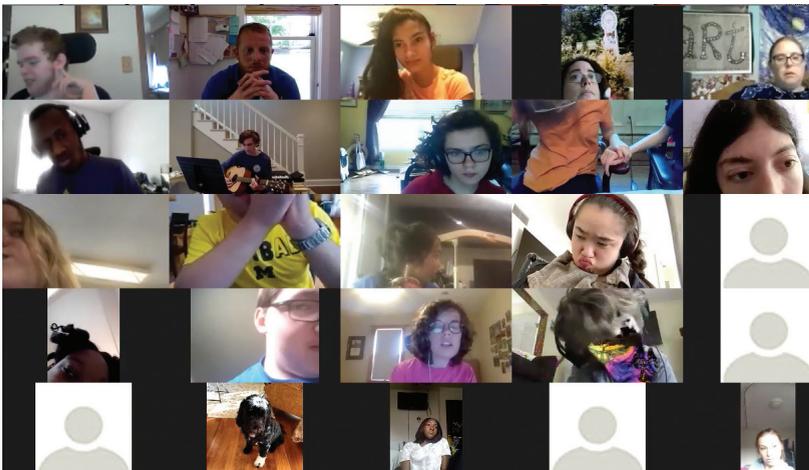
As a non-profit founded in 1901, SFAH is no stranger to crisis. Having endured two world wars, the Spanish Influenza pandemic of 1918 and the Great Depression, we have lived through difficult periods. SFAH was on the front lines serving many children affected by the polio epidemic. Thanks to our rich history and continued support by our community, we continue to adapt and persevere.

Prior to the mandatory government shutdown in mid-March, SFAH had provided seven overnight weekends and 10-day trips as part of our off-season programming. Most of these events included a Life Skill Lab component. Our new adaptive bicycle program was a favorite part of each weekend. Our off-season programs continued throughout the



Campers enjoy riding the adaptive handcycles during an off-season weekend.

spring with three weekly Zoom activities which included games, watch parties, Life Skill Labs and more.



Campers and alumni participate in our virtual summer camp activities.

While campers cannot be here with us in-person this summer, SFAH is providing a comprehensive daily program schedule that offers recreational and educational activities to give children the experience of being at camp from the safety of their own homes. The program runs five days a week through the end of summer. The daily on-line schedule provides structure and togetherness that would otherwise not be possible during the pandemic. There really is a sense that, for the short time we're together, we're at camp.

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Camille Glatt (left) and Annie Unwin (right) help plant the 2020 accessible gardens which play a prominent role in our virtual Life Skill Lab workshops. Each camper received seeds at the start of the season to enable them to participate at home and follow the progress of our garden during weekly updates.



These potted vegetable plants are the result of a camper's at-home garden, grown, decorated and hand delivered to SFAH.



Annie with the gardens mid-summer.

Our programs give the campers an identity and a focal point to engage with both their teammates and opposition. Even virtually we see how our campers and staff encourage each other and cheer when they win, or support each other when they finish second. Through the games and within the teams, the sense of community continues to prevail.

Also, we see the support of our alumni campers to our current campers, particularly through our Life Skills Labs where alumni often co-host an activity with our staff to add an authentic perspective to topics such as independent living, travel and accessing appropriate services for people with disabilities.

The Jean-Georges Luncheon at New York City's Mark Hotel benefiting SFAH was a true highlight of the year. While we were not able to host our traditional D-D-D and Picnic fundraisers this year, the community support for our annual fireworks display was remarkable, as are the donations which we continue to receive that support our year-round programs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and all of our campers and alumni, I thank you for your extraordinary generosity.

Sincerely,

Thomas Naro
Executive Director

OFF-SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



Our Veteran's Day Weekend crew stops for a photo in-between activities.



Day trip to enjoy a New York Knicks game.



Arts, crafts and pumpkin decorating are on tap during the Halloween weekend retreat.



SFAH participates in the Massapequa Bicycle Club's Tour of the Hamptons on a picture perfect September day. Using our new adaptive handcycles, the group raised \$4,000 for our year-round programs.

LIFE SKILL LABS



Life Skill Lab workshops include beauty & make-up instruction and baking/kitchen skills.



Our friends at the NYC Ballet welcome a group of campers for a performance of Swan Lake at Lincoln Center.





SFAH Board members, management, campers and alumni meet at the annual Camper Advisory Committee luncheon prior to the holiday party in December.



SFAH visits Southampton Arts Center for their Silent Disco party during a fall weekend.



Campers and counselors reunite at the Holiday Party.



Photo Credit: Daniel Gonzalez

Chef Jean-George Vongerichten at The Mark Restaurant by Jean-George speaking at an Author's Luncheon benefiting SFAH in celebration of his book *JGV: A Life In 12 Recipes*.

SFAH SOCIALS

New this year is our SFAH Social which is a monthly meetup event focusing on recreational, informational and Life Skill activities!



Alumni campers enjoy a afternoon of painting pottery.



Fun filled afternoon meeting up at the bowling alley.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Southampton Fresh Air Home is a not-for-profit residential camp offering summer sessions and year-round programs and opportunities for youth with physical disabilities. Our mission is to provide an enriching, recreational camping experience. We are committed to helping our campers develop physically, emotionally, and educationally, with the goal of fostering self-esteem, maturity and independence through a broadly balanced program, while providing their families with a well-deserved respite.