



2024 IMPACT REPORT

What your support means to
the kids of Agassiz Village

2024: The Power of a Village

Dear Agassiz Village Family,

Thank you for your continued and unwavering commitment to help underserved children. Through your support, more than 500 children from around the Northeast enrolled in our summer sessions in 2024.

This year's camp season was a true testament to the power of a village. Through the work of our staff, alumni, corporate partners, sponsors, donors, and volunteers, we were able to:

- Make much-needed upgrades to our facilities and campus.
- Introduce a new THRIVE Leadership Program for our teens.
- Strengthen our SEL programming through a new partnership.
- Reenact an historic Agassiz 3-state trip.
- Create relationships with new community partners, organizations, and schools.

While I am proud of this year's accomplishments, I know there is much more work to be done. We continue our mission with a sense of urgency as there are thousands more at-risk children out there who need us. Many kids were waitlisted this year because of the lack of scholarships, and data shows that children from low-income families face the greatest risks to their well-being during summer days. We need to be able to welcome these kids to Agassiz.

I am very excited for 2025. As we enter our 90th year, we look forward to improving and expanding Agassiz to serve these deserving kids. I hope you will continue to join us on this journey.

Our 2024 Impact Report is produced with the deepest appreciation for all of you who make our work possible and give our kids a much brighter future.

With sincere gratitude,



LISA CARTER
Executive Director
Agassiz Village



Your Donations Are Changing Lives

FACT

Children in low-income households have less access to opportunities like summer programming.

Thanks to you, the 31% of this year's campers who registered as refugees, homeless, in foster care system, or had an incarcerated parent were able to experience Agassiz.

FACT

Children from low-income households who are given 1 to 4 out-of-school opportunities like summer programs increase their odds of graduating college by 50% and increase their annual salaries by \$10,000 at the age of 26.

Thanks to you, we are closing the opportunity gap. In our summer programming and iThrive year-round program, underserved children are learning the skills necessary to excel in college and the workforce.

FACT

80% - That is the portion of waking hours that students spend outside of school, often unsupervised. These after-school hours and summer days are when all kids, but particularly those from low-income families, face the greatest risks to their well-being. It's also when low-income kids fall behind their wealthier peers academically.

Thanks to you, we provide a safe environment where kids can be kids, have fun, and learn important life skills..

FACT

Only 1/3 of youth of color participate in outdoor programming. The summer overnight camp experience is largely reserved for more affluent families.

Thanks to you, that barrier did not exist. In 2024, 87% of our campers were of color. Agassiz gives all children an opportunity they might not otherwise have.

FACT

92% of families enrolling youth at Agassiz in 2024 qualified for federal assistance, and 56% earned less than \$25,000 a year. Such families cannot afford to send their children to summer camp.

Thanks to you, 100% of children who attended Agassiz Village this year received scholarships.



REPORT

According to the September 2024 Hechinger Report:

"Opportunities can be particularly valuable for brain growth and learning. The more chances you get, the greater the likelihood that you will find that setting, that activity, that place in life that aligns with your strengths and your talents and your abilities."

Thanks to you, Agassiz kids can find that place in life.

Our Programs: Traditional Overnight Camp

Your support helps us build award-winning programs.

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

<p>Dance</p> 	<p>Yoga & Meditation</p> 	<p>Swim Instruction</p> 	<p>Boating</p> 
<p>SEL COMPETENCY: Self-Awareness & Social Awareness</p>	<p>SEL COMPETENCY: Self-Awareness</p>	<p>SEL COMPETENCY: Self-Management</p>	<p>SEL COMPETENCY: Social Awareness & Relationship Skills</p>
<p>Dance teaches emotional regulation and self-control through rhythm and movement activities, helping children channel their emotions constructively develop resilience.</p> <p>Culminating Activity: Best Dance Production and Talent Show</p>	<p>Campers learn how to use yoga poses such as downward dog and tree pose as a way to focus on tasks and to calm their bodies and minds during stressful situations.</p> <p>Culminating Activity: Camper-led Morning Yoga</p>	<p>Learning to swim creates several emotions, from fear and safety to achievement and happiness. Youth must relax their minds and learn to swim.</p> <p>Progression: American Red Cross Levels</p>	<p>Boating fosters social awareness by requiring an understanding of others' actions, and enhances teamwork and communication skills.</p> <p>Progression: Levels of Achievement</p>
<p>High Ropes</p> 	<p>Archery</p> 	<p>Art</p> 	<p>Outdoor Living Skills</p> 
<p>SEL COMPETENCY: Social Awareness, Teamwork & Responsible Decision-Making</p>	<p>SEL COMPETENCY: Self-Management & Responsible Decision-Making</p>	<p>SEL COMPETENCY: Self-Awareness & Social Awareness</p>	<p>SEL COMPETENCY: Responsible Decision-Making</p>
<p>Climbing wall teaches campers to work together to complete elements of the course, and to encourage each other to reach their potential.</p> <p>Achievement: Complete Elements as a Team</p>	<p>Archery teaches kids to manage their emotions and stay calm, and to control their breathing and maintain composure during stressful situations.</p> <p>Culminating Activity: Village Tournaments</p>	<p>Art serves as a powerful platform to enhance social and emotional skills. Campers collaborate to create pieces of art as well as explore emotions through self-portraits.</p> <p>Achievement: Hall of Fame Art Walk</p>	<p>Presents real-life scenarios where choices have tangible consequences. Campers must assess risks and make informed choices about safety.</p> <p>Achievement: Full Comprehension of Survival Skills</p>

Agassiz Village is not just a place to go, it's a place to grow.

Children ages 8-13 come to Agassiz for the fun activities, all of which help develop social-emotional learning (SEL) competencies. We provide 12 days of immersive residential camp experience filled with classic recreational activities that help kids learn new skills, strengths, and talents. By integrating a SEL curriculum, we're able to help nurture happy and healthy kids who have a positive outlook on their future.

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Inspiring Kindness

Through our partnership with ThinkGive, we help kids build character and confidence. ThinkGive's research-based and standards-aligned SEL program empowers kids to gift kindness and strengthen their connections to others. Lessons inspire kids to use kindness and empathy to engage with their world.

Our Programs: iTHRIVE

Your support allows us to create new adventures for our teens.



Our iTHRIVE summer and year-round teen enrichment programs prepare kids for success in school, college, and the workforce.

iTHRIVE Summer Camp

Ages 14-15

During camp, we encourage our teens to be leaders to the next generation of campers as counselors in training and as program staff in training. We make sure to create a safe and welcoming environment for all by teaching respect, kindness, and positive relationship building. We encourage our teens to dream big and foster their creativity.

iTHRIVE Year-Round Program

Ages 16-17

We provide our 16–17-year-olds who have completed their 3-week program at summer camp on-going programming throughout the year. These monthly programs and meetings range from career and college readiness workshops, financial literacy training, and personalized conversations with established working professionals and mentors.



T = Trustworthiness & Teamwork

H = Heart & Humility

R = Resilience & Responsibility

I = Inspiration & Inclusivity

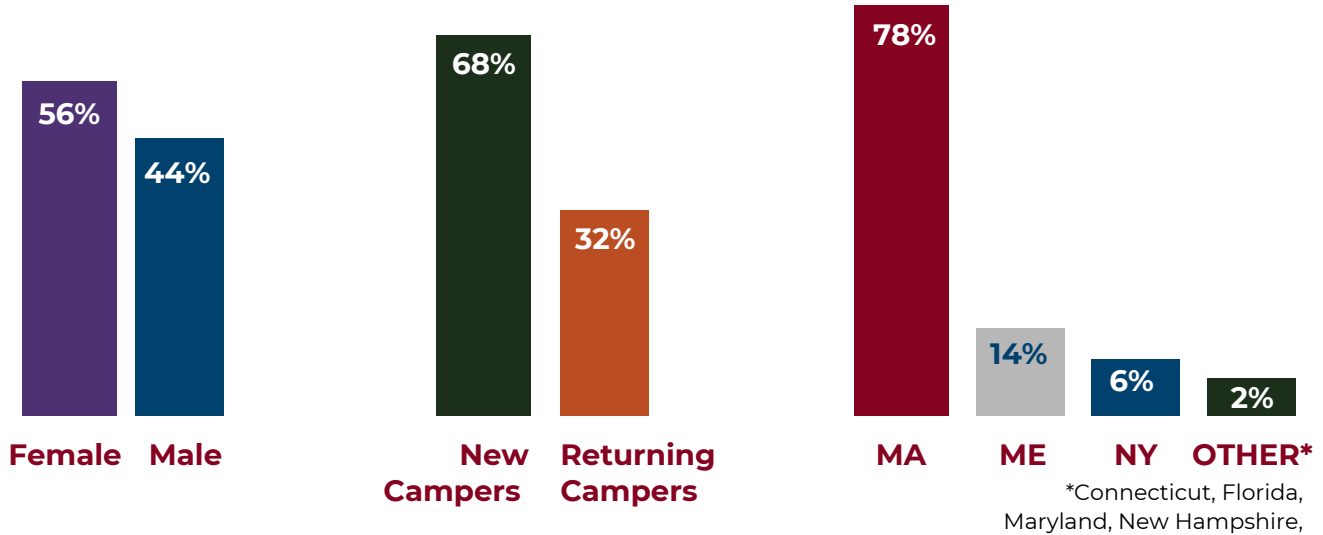
V = Vision & Values

E = Emotional Intelligence & Empowerment

What Your Support Meant in 2024

Out of 315 summer camps in New England, only 7 offer traditional overnight experiences for underprivileged children. Thank you for making Agassiz one of those 7 camps.

2024 BY THE NUMBERS



516
campers enrolled for summer sessions at Agassiz Village.

11,455
meals were served to campers and counselors during summer sessions.

696
hours of programming were provided during the summer sessions.

575
loads of laundry were done for campers on-site during summer sessions.

70
staff members provided campers with caring support and encouragement.

118
teens participated in our new iTHRIVE Program.

16
iTHRIVE campers went on a 3-state trip that included climbing Mount Agassiz.

100%
of families received scholarships from Agassiz donors

PARENT SURVEY RESPONSES

90%
of parents saw positive growth in their child after attending two weeks at Agassiz Village.

"[Her] confidence has improved, and she has more self-respect. There have been situations where she has done a great job standing up for herself, which, prior to this summer would not have happened."

"[She] is independent, outgoing, and displaying leadership. She knows all the camp songs and wants to return next year."

"[He] came home happier from the camp. I think the no electronic policy was a great part of this."

"Our son seems more confident and calmer."



How 7 Years of Agassiz Has Impacted Kaili's Future

My name is Kaili, and I am fifteen years old. I'm proud to say I'm an Agassiz Village camper. I've been at Agassiz since I was nine years old, and I can't wait to return next year.

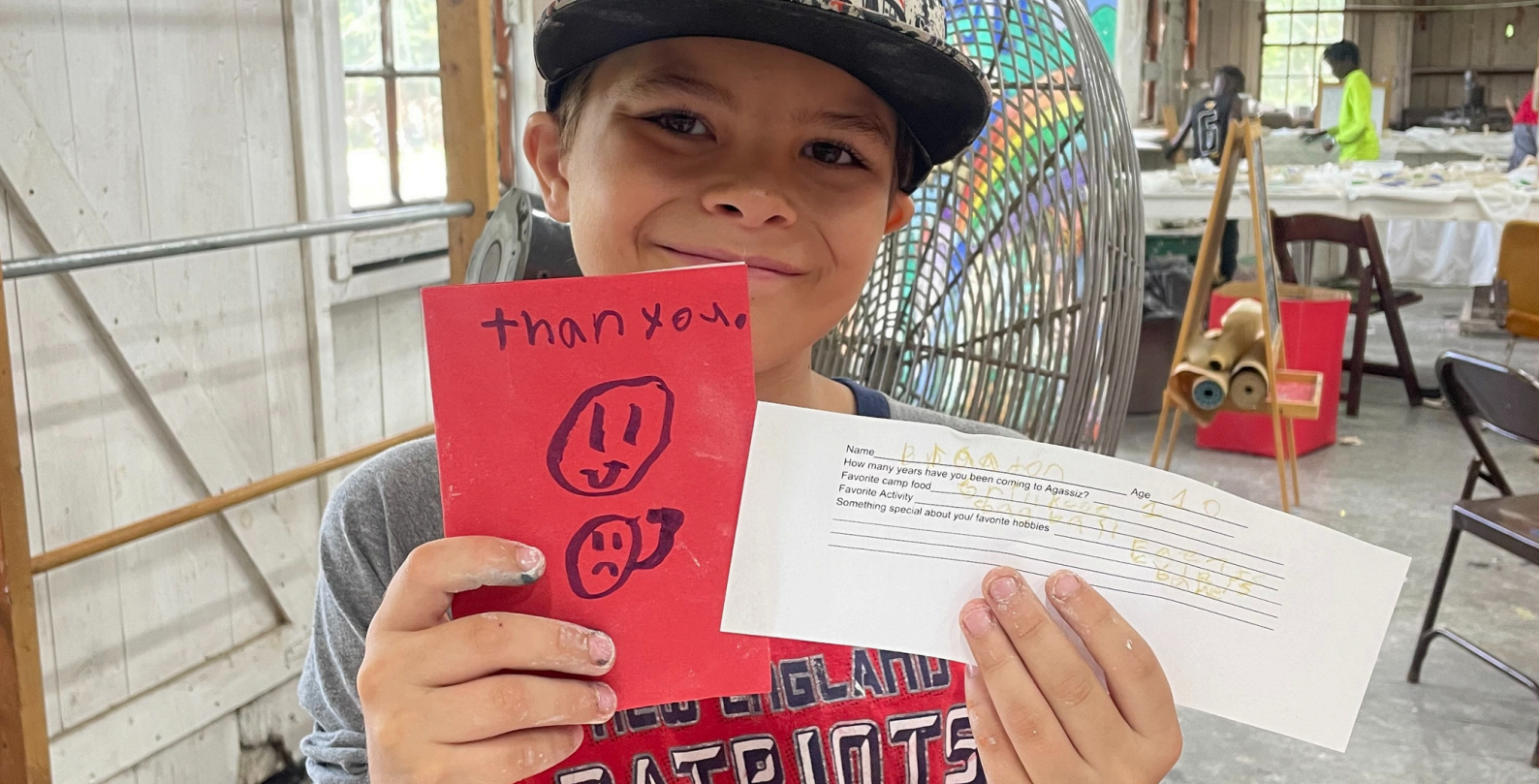
You might be wondering what Agassiz means to me. Fairly easy question. In three words, Agassiz means family, home, and adventure. Throughout my summers at Agassiz, I've noticed that it has shaped me in many ways. It has pushed me to work on my advocacy and leadership skills, shaping my understanding of myself and the world around me in profound ways.

The camp's diverse array of activities plays a crucial role in my personal development. For example, in Arts & Crafts, I've learned to be confident in expressing myself. I love to be creative and let my ideas come to life. In Archery, I've learned to be courageous and determined and to keep trying even when things get tough. In Rope Climbing, I'm able to show the daredevil side of me while also cheering on my peers. In Performing Arts, you can often find me singing on the microphone as if I'm performing at a concert. And during water activities, I feel the most joy. I've learned how to fish, how to sail a boat, how to snorkel, and this summer, how to dive! These experiences have taught me resilience and self-confidence, and I have realized that I am capable of much more than I had previously known.

Agassiz has also taught me life skills that I can use at school and later in life. The SEL program teaches all of us kids how to deal with our emotions when we are angry or sad or in a tense situation. I have built relationships with counselors who have shown me throughout the years what it's like to have a strong support system. They never fail to recognize each year how much I've grown.

I really do love Agassiz Village. It feels like a second home where I can truly be myself. The supportive and vibrant atmosphere helps me feel valued and understood, and it's where I've discovered new passions and strengths. The connections I make with others and the sense of community I experience there fill me with a joy that's both deep and lasting.

There are many kids like me who need Agassiz Village. I feel stronger and happier, and I know that what I have learned at Agassiz will help prepare me for my life journey.



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