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Summer 2024 Recap



LISA CARTER
Executive Director
Agassiz Village

What a summer it was! Record enrollment for our overnight camp. A new THRIVE Leadership Program for our teens. The reintroduction of an Agassiz 3-state trip. A new partnership to strengthen our SEL programming. New corporate partners, sponsors, donors, and volunteers. New community partners, organizations, and schools joining us in giving underserved children the chance to experience Agassiz.

And, most importantly, our campers. More than 200 *new* campers from throughout the Northeast joining the multitudes of returning campers who look to each summer with such joy. Seeing the faces of these kids as they arrive at camp is the most rewarding part of the work we do.

I am so proud of what we achieved in 2024. This year has been a testament to what happens when we work together to give kids the resources to positively impact their future. Your investment in them sends a powerful and enduring message that others genuinely care about their well-being.

I am so excited for what is to come in 2025. As we enter our 90th year, we look forward to continuing our mission to serve these deserving kids. I hope you will continue to join us on this journey.

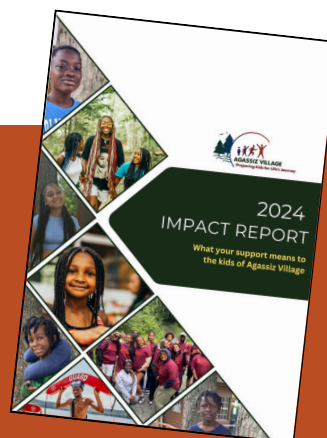
With sincere gratitude,

Lisa



2024 Impact Report

Now available on our website. [Click here.](#)



Agassiz 2024 Highlights

NEW LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

This summer we introduced a new program to help teens prepare for high school, college, and the workforce: the iTHRIVE Leadership Program. Offered during the summer sessions and as a year-round program for our 16- to 17-year-olds, iTHRIVE offers youth development based on core principles:

T = Trustworthiness & Teamwork

H = Heart & Humility

R = Resilience & Responsibility

I = Inspiration & Inclusivity

V = Vision & Values

E = Emotional Intelligence & Empowerment



NEW ACTIVITIES

The 2024 sessions saw the addition of three new activities for campers:

Hiking: New trails were built around camp and the culminating activity for the year was a 3-state hiking trip (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont).

More Water Opportunities: We now offer a junior lifeguard program, sailing lessons and a water vertebra course from our friends at the Thompson Lake Environmental Association.

Funday Saturday: Free Choice Programs include a variety of activities that are not available during the week, such as woodworking, African dance, photography, and ping pong.

CAMP SEASON 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

Reviving an Historic 3-State Trip

This past summer, Agassiz Village revived an old tradition from its early days of existence: the 3-state trip.

It began in the Appalachian Mountains of Maine, when a group of 16 Agassiz campers had breakfast in Poland before embarking upon their adventure.

Then it was on to the White Mountains of New Hampshire (visible from the Agassiz campus) and a climb up Mount Agassiz. Yes, there really is a Mount Agassiz. It was named for Louis Agassiz, the father of Alexander, after whom our camp is named.

Finally, it was on to the Green Mountains of Vermont, where the group enjoyed dinner at Tirozzi's Bakery in Saint Johnsbury.

Thanks to our teen leaders Jayden and Brittany, who led the group with the support of Ben and Freddie!



Agassiz Welcomes Back Tim DeGavre



Tim DeGavre (right) with his wife Caroline and Agassiz Village Director of Development Michael Smith.

Agassiz Village recently had the honor of welcoming back Tim DeGavre, formerly Tim Thompson, and his lovely wife, Caroline, to camp after 65 years!

Tim was a staff member from 1955–1957, working first in the kitchen and living above the dining hall before becoming a cabin counselor for the next two summers. He reflected on his incredible summers here and attributes most of the success he has enjoyed in life to his time spent at Agassiz.

After his last summer at camp, Tim had a post-graduate assignment as an ensign to a destroyer in the North Atlantic. Soon after, a visit from a liaison officer at the Air Force Academy said he would get him into the space program if he joined. (At that time, John Glenn was just going into orbit.)

Tim thought, why not? He became a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force and headed off to ballistic and guided missile school. Among many of his space-related assignments, he was most fond of working on the planning of the Air Force's support to the Saturn Apollo moon-landing program.

After 21 years, Tim retired as a Colonel and became the Station Manager of the Missile and Satellite Tracking Station on Antigua, a far cry from summers at Agassiz Village.

Here's to a life well lived and the memories we carry with us along the way!

2024 Golf Outing Way Above Par!

Record donations received for the event



Agassiz Village held its annual Golf Outing on August 19 at the Woodland Golf Club in Auburndale, MA. Hundreds of volunteers, supporters, and sponsors made the outing the most successful event in Agassiz history. We achieved \$270,000 in donations—all going to help underserved children go to camp next summer!

Thank you to our amazing corporate sponsors!

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2024 Maine Course Event Rocks Out to the 1980s

On September 9, Agassiz Village held its annual Maine Course Event (MCE). Our '80s-themed party was a rockin' time!

Held at Gore Place in Waltham, MA, this totally rad night welcomed attendees in their best 1980s costumes. Richard Simmons, Ferris Bueller, Axl Rose, and even one of Robert Palmer's guitar-playing dancers were all there! Guests danced the night away to tunes from Bon Jovi, Van Halen, The Go-Go's, The Cars, Journey, and more, played by the totally awesome band Fast Times.

The event featured online and live auctions that offered fabulous trips to such places as Lake Tahoe, the Adirondacks, Lake George, and Stuart Cay, Florida. Special regional packages for Salem, Boston, Portland, ME, and Burlington, VT, were popular, as were fine dining certificates, Celtics and Bruins tickets, and unique items such as a whiskey tasting event and ice fishing trip. Our thanks to all who participated!

If you were unable to attend the event or participate in the auction, watch our website and Facebook page for news on next year's MCE. We have something special planned for our 90th anniversary!



BEST COSTUME WINNER



Heading into a Milestone Year

We are so excited to be celebrating our 90th Anniversary in 2025!

It's not every nonprofit that is able to sustain its organization through changing times, but we are fortunate to be one of the few. Through the continuing support of alumni, friends, donors, and corporate partners, Agassiz Village has been able to continue founder Harry Burrough's mission to help underserved and marginalized children going strong after nine decades. So, we plan to celebrate that milestone in 2025. All year long. We hope you'll share the journey with us!

- 1. Mark your calendar for August 9, 2025, for our 90th Celebration Day.**
- 2. Check our website on January 1, 2025, as we launch a series of 90th-related items.**
- 3. Consider sponsoring an Agassiz child for 2025.**

We look forward to the coming year, and hope to see you at Agassiz on August 9, 2025.

90th Anniversary T-shirt Now Available

In observance of our 90th milestone, we are offering this throwback design to our many friends and supporters—and most especially, our current and former campers!

Memories of Agassiz Village are precious to the thousands of underserved children who have passed through the camp over the last 90 years. Here, on the shore of beautiful Thompson Lake, children who have been homeless, in the foster care system, or from broken homes from across New England have had the opportunity to relax, reflect, and enjoy the stunning Maine landscape.

Your 90th Anniversary T-shirt purchase will help support the mission of Agassiz Village by funding scholarships for campers. Being here is not everyday life for underserved kids – it is a gift. Get yours today!



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THANK YOU: Bob's Seafood



Agassiz Village was honored to be the recipient of the generosity of players, sponsors and ownership of Bob Seafood Restaurant in Windham, Maine, and their Craft Beer Cup event.

Bob's Seafood is a family-owned business now operated by second generation siblings Travis, Derek, and Tarah Mathieu. Two years ago, they learned of the importance of Agassiz Village and the campers we are so committed to serving—specifically, our 2024 goal of serving more underserved campers right here in our local community. With their support, we were able to increase the number of Maine campers from 46 to nearly 70 this summer.

The weather this year did not cooperate as the predicted forecast was fulfilled with rain throughout the day. However, that wouldn't deter 21 of 22 registered teams that showed up! Their support of our campers was resolute as they continued to play throughout the soggy day. In the end, the unwavering crew was able to raise nearly \$4,000 in support of our program. We look forward to next year's event. If you ever find yourself near Agassiz Village and craving local lobster, clam chowder, haddock, or any of their other seafood offering, be sure to "swing" by and see our friends at Bob Seafood.

THANK YOU: Sullivan & Sons

A big welcome and thank-you to Sullivan & Sons!

Joe Sullivan and his team have collected donations of stain and donated their time to redo cabins at Agassiz Village. So far, they have completed three staff cabins and the old sheriff's office.



BEFORE



AFTER

To All of You Who Made a Difference

As 2024 comes to a close, we recognize the hundreds of people and the organizations that helped make camp possible this year. We could not do it without you.

- Loomis Sayles & Co. for camper packs and financial gifts.
- L.L. Bean and PwC for sending volunteers to prepare the camp and financial gifts.
- New Balance for the donation of sneakers for our kids.
- Deloitte, Walmart, Home Depot, Machias Savings Bank, AAA of Northern New England, Thompson Lake Environmental Association, Agassiz Village Alumni Committee, Rebuilding L/A Maine, and more for getting camp ready for the season.
- The many residents of Thompon Lake communities who donated items to the camp, including a deck boat, canoes, floating mat, clothing for the kids, sleeping bags, and towels.
- The many friends of Agassiz Village who donated in-kind items such as a grill, inflatable water trampoline, sailboat, paddleboards, pickleball nets, and woodworking tools.
- The sponsors of our major fundraisers, the annual Golf Outing and the Maine Course Event.

Thanks to all of you, our kids had an amazing summer!

Our full list of major donors will be included in our 2024 Annual Report, coming in January 2025.



Agassiz Village is a nonprofit organization that provides opportunities for children in underserved communities from New England to discover interests, uncover new skills, make lifetime friendships, and connect with inspiring mentors at our overnight camp in Poland, Maine. The skills kids learn at camp and through our year-round teen program, help campers thrive in school, college, and beyond.

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