

In Harmony

people, programs, events

Harmony Hill School, Inc.

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A Message from our President/CEO

Dear Friends of Harmony Hill School,

I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year and I invite you to take a look back at the wonderful programming and events that took place throughout 2016 for Harmony Hill School. This past year we were so proud to be celebrating 40 years of dedicated service to the youth that we work with in Rhode Island, and nearby Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Since 1976, Harmony Hill School has been providing clinically informed specialized programming and services to all youth. Youth who have social, emotional, behavioral, and learning needs, can work in a safe and inclusive campus and community environment. Our policies promote respect among our youth and professional staff. Our programming builds on identified strengths and offers individuals and families the opportunity to realize and reach their potential by validating experiences and facilitating healing. Harmony Hill School believes that all youth and families deserve the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment.

We have also expanded our work with our youth LGBTQQI population in our Day Treatment Program as well as expanding our outreach of support to all of our youth by providing new therapeutic groups to our clients. In addition we welcomed a new on campus consulting clinician who will be dedicated to the needs of our LGBTQQI youth.

We were very happy to end this year on a positive note. We received word from RI DCYF that our RFP's (Referrals for Programming) were accepted by the department and we will be able to continue to provide exceptional services to the youth in Rhode Island! In addition to this great news we are happy to report that our number of referrals has been steadily increasing which allows us to continue this work and provide support and services for the many youth that are in need.

I look forward to the year ahead, as we will once again begin the accreditation process from the *Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services* (COA). We are also proud to announce that we will soon be adding Equine Assisted Psychotherapy to our programming for our youth this spring. Please stay tuned for more information about this innovative program I am certain that the work that we do here day in and day out, coupled with the support and guidance from our supportive Board of Directors and our dedicated staff, that we will once again pass with flying colors as we strive to provide nothing but exemplary service to the youth and families that we serve.

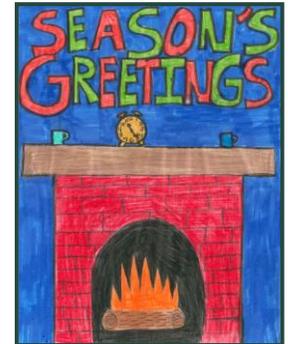
Please continue to read the following edition of *In Harmony* to learn more about the many wonderful events and programs here at Harmony Hill School throughout 2016! We have also recently updated our website www.hhs.org please visit the site to check out the new design and view our updated information! Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2017!

Sincerely,

Eric James
President/CEO



1976 ~ 2016
Celebrating 40 Years
of Dedicated Service



For the 5th year in a row Harmony Hill School held a contest for its students to design the artwork used for our 2016 Holiday Cards. Each student was given the opportunity to create winter scenes for the design. The winners received gift cards to stores of their choosing as prizes. This year we had two first place winners. Their designs are pictured above.

2016 HHS Summer Program

The Importance of Financial Literacy

Focusing on decisions that will impact the everyday lives of our students

The focus of the program is *Financial Literacy*. Students will explore how decisions they make can affect their lifestyle: costs and benefits. Activities included banking, dining out vs. eating in, reading labels on food for nutritional value, coupons, discounts and how the decisions they make effect the money that they have available for expendable income. Students will also be researching careers provided as a result of *Way to Go RI* and transitional assessments.

The summer program ended as always with a huge celebration on our front field where our boys enjoyed a day filled with activities such as giant inflatable water slides, obstacle courses, music, Kona ice truck, and more!



Harmony Hill School held its First Annual Wine Tasting Event at Crystal Lake Golf Club on November 19, 2016

All proceeds from this fundraising event went toward the purchase of Christmas Gifts for the youth residing at Harmony Hill School



On behalf of the students and staff of Harmony Hill School, we want to offer our sincere thanks to all of those in attendance for your continued generosity to our school. We were so very grateful to be able to hold our First Annual Wine Tasting Event at Crystal Lake! The support from Crystal Lake, Michael Antunes & Friends, Kevin Kitson of Christy's Liquors and his entire group of vendors was amazing. Thank you all for such a wonderful and successful night filled with wonderful music, dancing, wine, food, and fun. We were so happy that everyone that was able to attend could be a part of our very first one. We look forward to making this an annual event! The success of this event helped us to raise over \$4,000 to purchase Christmas gifts for our residential students here at Harmony Hill School. The students here will be very grateful on Christmas morning to wake up to a variety of presents, especially at this time of year when it is needed most for so many of them.

The generosity of all those in attendance made Christmas morning so special for each and every one of our residents here at Harmony Hill School. Support from friends like you offers our students the opportunity to have a very special day, much like the many children who have the benefit of being home with their families during this holiday season. With these wonderful gifts, you are restoring hope, and building lasting memories for our youth.

34th Annual Golf Tournament

Thank you for your support!



The 2016 Golf Tournament Committee as well as the students and staff of Harmony Hill School would like to offer their sincere thanks for the participation during our 34th Annual Golf Tournament. Your involvement and support for our largest fundraising event of the year was greatly appreciated.

We are very happy to report that this year's tournament raised over \$12,000! These funds will support our various enrichment program opportunities offered to our students throughout the year at Harmony Hill School.

Once again, we would like to recognize and thank our tournament sponsors: this year's Dinner Sponsor, Agnone & Associates, and our two Gift Sponsors, Navigant Credit Union & WD & Associates, as well as our Corporate Sponsors, The John Rocchio Corporation, and United Healthcare. I would also like to recognize our 2016 Golf Tournament Committee for their hard work and dedication, especially our Golf Tournament Chairperson Michael "Tunes" Antunes. His involvement and support for the second year in planning this tournament has made it such a tremendous success!

We look forward to seeing you all again next year! If you would like information about the upcoming 2017 HHS Golf Tournament please check our website www.hhs.org for the most updated information.



Winning 2016 Golf Tournament Foursome Pictured from left to right: The Agnone & Associates Foursome - Greg Agnone, Chuck Jaeger, EJ Wholey, and Dennis Bouchard



Thank you sign created by Harmony Hill School Art Teacher, Marcy Feeney, and HHS Students for this year's Golf Tournament

In Memory of Laura C. Spring

1921 ~ 2016

Hope & Healing In Harmony

Unfortunately this past year we also suffered the loss of our beloved co-founder Laura C. Spring. We look ahead to this New Year in the hopes of continuing the traditions and services put in place by her and the Spring Family those forty years ago, and building upon their dream for Harmony Hill School.

Harmony Hill School was founded by Edward and Laura Spring in 1962, with approximately six to eight students. The program evolved into a year-round residential center in 1963. Harmony Hill School's reputation began to grow, and as a result, more and more children came to Harmony Hill School, which became a non-profit organization in 1976.

Mrs. Spring's legacy will continue to live on here at Harmony Hill School through the services we provide as we continue this very important work at an exemplary level for the children and families that we serve in Rhode Island and nearby Connecticut. We look back with pride on the many years of dedicated service Mrs. Spring provided, and look forward in hope of continuing and enhancing her legacy in the years ahead. She will be missed by all that had the chance to know her.

Ed and Laura Spring's daughter, Valerie, married Dave Begin, a forty year former employee of Harmony Hill School. Dave is currently on our Board of Directors. The Spring Administration Building was named after and dedicated to Mr. & Mrs. Spring on June 13, 1983.

On behalf of all of us here at Harmony Hill School, we want to offer our sincere thanks to everyone who donated to our school in memory of Mrs. Spring. We are so very grateful to be recipients of these generous donations in honor of our founder Laura Spring for our youth here at Harmony Hill School. With these extremely generous donations, you are restoring hope and building lasting memories for our youth. Thank you for the joy you have brought to all of our children. Harmony Hill continues to grow upon the solid foundation left by the Spring family as we continue to provide *Hope & Healing In Harmony*.



Welcome New Harmony Hill School Board Members 2016

*Harmony Hill School would like to welcome the following
new members to its Board of Directors*

**Mary Dixon
Kevin Lavoie
Kathleen Melucci**

As always we thank all of our new and current members for their guidance and support throughout the past year and welcome the new members!

Harmony Hill School Dresses Down, Raises Funds, and Awareness in Support of Local RI Charities

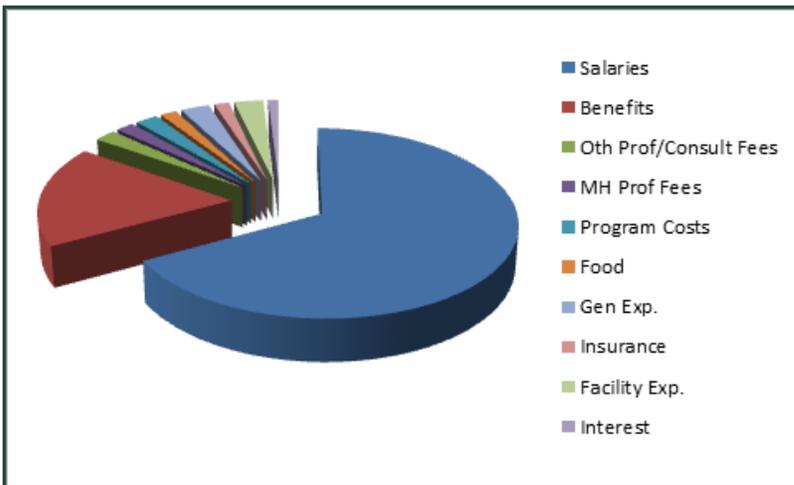
Throughout the year Harmony Hill School Employees supported The Tomorrow Fund by holding a 50/50 raffle allowing us to raise over \$350 for their very worthy organization. We also supported Hands That Heal RI an organization of volunteers who donate their time and skills to ensure all animals are cared for and no owner is forced to give up a pet because of financial hardship, by collecting pet food, and supplies for this local organization. HHS staff also collected gifts throughout the month of December to support The Gloucester Police Annual Christmas Toy Drive. In addition our Elementary School classroom once again had a Sweet Breads Sale during the week before Thanksgiving. This year the students and teachers in the East 2 Classroom were able to raise over \$300 for the Rhode Island Food Bank.



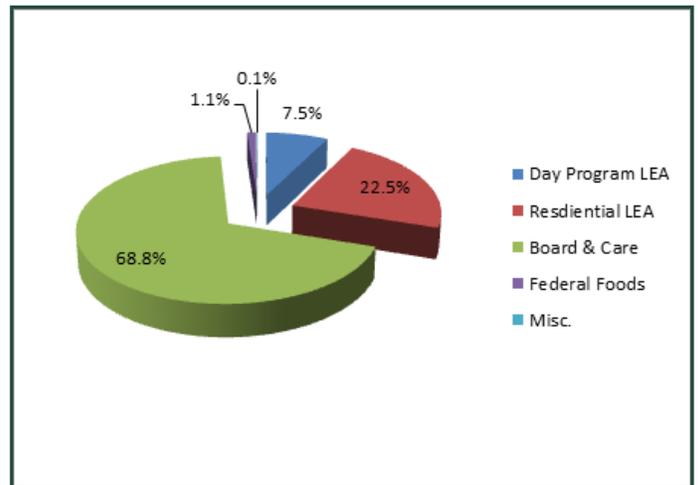
The Director of Hands That Heal RI, Elaine Birrell (pictured above center) expressed her gratitude to us for Harmony Hill's support, especially during the winter months when those donations are so greatly needed. Thank you to Marcy Feeney, HHS Art Teacher and Jennifer Kohanski, HHS Development Coordinator (both pictured above left & right) for organizing this fundraising effort with Hands That Heal RI! Please visit The Hands That Heal RI Website for more information about this wonderful organization www.hthri.org.

2016 Financial Review

Harmony Hill School Expenses



Harmony Hill School Revenue



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