

Message from the CEO

Counselor, village director, nature director, Chimney Corners program director, Alumni Council volunteer – those were all the roles Brent Jackson held at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA.

I met Brent several times. He attended Alumni Weekend and Work Weekend and he always greeted me as if we were life-long friends -- a broad smile and an enveloping hug. Camp was his “happy place”.

In late 2009, when we received news of Brent’s passing, the Becket-Chimney Corners community was shocked and saddened. It was unbelievable news.

Just weeks after Brent’s passing, Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA was notified that over 50% of Brent’s estate was donated to the camps as unrestricted endowment.

As you can imagine, this news was stunning. The level of Brent’s generosity was humbling and the thoughtfulness to direct his intention to our unrestricted endowment was very forward thinking.

Today and every day, Brent’s spirit is at camp, a place that brought him so much joy. His gift eight years ago now touches campers through camperships, and funds deferred maintenance projects and programs like his greatest passion, nature education. Brent is with us every day, *Changing Lives for Good*.

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Part Three of Three Part Series -- How Camp Infuses the YMCA Tenets of Youth Development, Social Responsibility and Healthy Living

Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is pleased to present the last of three alumni articles featuring how our YMCA tenets -- youth development, healthy living and social responsibility -- are promoted through our camps, Travel and Service Programs and the Berkshire Outdoor Center.

Camp Becket was the spark that ignited Josh Schupack’s drive to serve children through the YMCA. While earning his bachelor and master’s degrees in psychology at Springfield College, Josh was an AmeriCorps volunteer charged with coordinating an after school program at Brookings Elementary School, a level four school in the City of Springfield, Massachusetts and facilitated a living, learning community for first year students at the college.

Following graduation, Josh joined YMCA of Greater Nashua, in New Hampshire as the Sports and Teen Director. Because of his experience as a counselor and ad staff member at Camp Becket, the YMCA of Greater Nashua tapped Josh to be the Camp Director for their new endeavor, YMCA Camp Spaulding, which in part serves underserved children sponsored by Children and Family Services of New Hampshire and the YMCA.

Camp Becket Inspires Alumnus to Pursue YMCA Youth Development by Josh Schupack

“The love that you find here please don’t leave behind here. It’s yours to share.” –Try to Remember

Those of us who attended Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA hold camp as a sacred and special place that has given us some of the best experiences of our youth and young adult life. We all think about Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp as a place where miracles happen and that simply cannot be duplicated. Underneath the birches and the pines is a one of a kind ... but should it be?

I hated my first summer at Camp Becket back in 1999. I was in Frontier Village and had a little trouble making friends in my cabin and let’s face it, I was a weird kid. My counselors were great and they worked really hard to get me to socialize with

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Masthead Photo Above:

Alumni gathered last spring for a Deeds of Love and Service project in Washington D.C. Learn more about this year’s Deeds on page eight.



Josh Schupack

Josh Schupack regularly volunteers at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA Alumni Weekend. Here, Josh plays the violin at a recent Alumni Weekend Chapel.

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Now that we have successfully concluded *Changing Lives: The Campaign for Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA*, we are redirecting our focus to grow our endowment by talking to our community about planned giving. Brent Jackson is a wonderful example of how a bequest, retirement contribution, or life insurance policy can become a gift years from now that ensures Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA can benefit generations of children.

Brent's family was kind enough to allow us to feature Brent in our planned giving outreach this year. See page four for a special promotion showcasing Brent. His story is a wonderful example of how good planning during your lifetime can leave a lasting impact later on.

In this issue of the *Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA NEWS*, meet our new board chair David Smith and Vice Chair David Leach who are working with me to steward our endowment, facilities and future on the Board of Trustees on page 2. Also in this issue, you will meet alumnus Josh Schupack, who is taking his love of camp and sharing it with other communities and YMCAs. As always, turn to page 7 for an update on our alumni happenings.

Amici & Agape,

Phil Connor



New Board Chair and Vice Chair Ready to Lead BCCYMCA Post Campaign

Now that *Changing Lives: The Campaign for Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA* has successfully concluded, the camps and Berkshire Outdoor Center's Board of Trustees are fine tuning their priorities with a new strategic plan process and leadership.



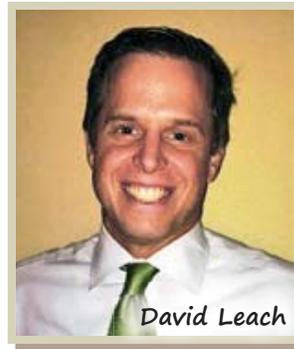
David Smith, newly minted Board Chair and his Vice Chair David Leach agree Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is well positioned.

According to David Smith, dad to long time Chimney Corners campers turned summer staffers, Julia and Laura and son Charlie who will be an LIT this summer, "The campaign has played an important role in firming up the financial underpinnings of the camp. I think the campaign helped to better prepare us to face challenges head on; however, we still have more to attend to."

David Leach agrees, "Prior to the *Changing Lives* campaign we were reactively responding to capital needs for the camp. Now we can think about future building needs proactively and align them with our strategic priorities."

Both Davids agree that the greatest asset to Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA's current success and future sustainability is its community and staff.

"The staff who come back year after year are so strong and committed to the camp. They are the beacon that keeps everything going. The desire for family and kids to keep participating and returning is very strong," says



Smith, adding, "As long as we stay strong programmatically while maintaining our values I am optimistic of making the finances work. Strong programs give people the desire to contribute to the camps so we can stay financially sustainable."

David Leach is a Camp Becket alumnus and is excited to be a first time Becket Dad this summer, eager to see camp through the eyes of his son "and watch him go through his own Becket experiences." Like his board colleague Smith, David is impressed with the staff community and the strong partnership between board and staff.

"What struck me the most going from being an alumnus, to being away from the camp and then joining the board is how much time, effort and behind the scenes work it takes to run Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA and protect the legacy of the camps. The staff is so dedicated and the amount of energy and commitment board members bring is inspiring," reflects Leach.

Camp Becket Dining Hall to Break Ground

One key initiative over the next year is the construction of a new dining hall at Camp Becket. As

recognized by both the Board and the camps' leadership, a new dining hall will provide the space necessary to permit all of Camp Becket to eat as a community and thereby maintain the camp's longstanding traditions around dining. The Board of Trustees is finalizing construction bids and designs for the new Camp Becket Dining Hall which will break ground late spring so it is ready for camper use summer of 2018.

New Three Year Strategic Plan

In addition to moving forward on a major construction project, the Board of Trustees charged senior staff to embark on developing a three year strategic plan. Last Fall, the staff convened for a two-day meeting, along with board members David Leach, Rachel Chou and Amy Gutschenritter to identify the greatest priorities of the organization, determine key strategic initiatives for 2017, and define long-term strategic goals. Since then, the staff has shared their initial strategic plan draft to the board which will be voted and approved at the May 2017 Board Meeting.

"A strategic plan is about taking everything that BCCYMCA does well and looking long term and asking the question what can we do better," says David Leach. "Our fall meeting reviewed our current infrastructure, stakeholders, and what we need to do to remain relevant, inclusive and how we can partner with new communities to bring our mission to all types of people to share in the experience."

For David Smith, the strategic plan does two things, "It recognizes that we know who we are and that we continue to build

on our programmatic strengths and values while recognizing that we exist in an ever changing environment with relevant programs. Chimney Corners and Camp Becket remain places where kids come to disconnect from the pressures of the outside world, to learn to grow up and be strong women and men and ultimately take values and principles into the outside world. The strategic plan is focused on making sure that we can continue to do all of that.”

While still in draft form, the Strategic Plan is focused on maintaining the financial sustainability of the entire organization and on continuing to

address strategically the fundraising needs of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA. The strategic plan will define what diversity means for Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA and determine how we can better serve all families wanting to be a part of our community. The plan also recognizes the importance of supporting our staff’s career development goals and of continuing to cultivate our relationships with the parent and alumni communities.

The Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA NEWS looks forward to providing updates on the Strategic Plan and its progress in future issues.

CEO Phil Connor feels privileged to have the thoughtful intelligence and leadership experience of his Chair and Vice Chair.

“We meet once a week to discuss the priorities of the organization. Both the Davids bring a wealth of knowledge, sophistication and real passion to their board work and every decision is taken seriously. Our campers, families and staff are always considered in every decision we make,” says Phil.

David Smith is honored to take the reins as board chair as a continuum to his children’s connection and interest in a place they care so much about.

“The camps were an important part of my children’s lives and I want to work to preserve this place for future generations. Institutions like camp can be fragile if they are not tended to. There always has to be parents and alumni coming together to make sure camp is not just preserved for next summer but for many, many summers from now.”

Two New Trustees Join the Board

Board Chair David Smith and CEO Phil Connor are pleased to welcome two parents to the Board of Trustees, Friday Abernethy and Jeff Egan.



Friday Abernethy

Friday Abernethy serves as senior vice president of Content Distribution for Univision Communications, Inc. (UCI), the leading media company serving Hispanic America. In this role, she oversees UCI’s Content Distribution efforts with cable, satellite, telecommunications, SVOD, OTT, and Social Media distributors.

Her responsibilities include distribution of the company’s linear networks, including Univision and UniMás, and its diverse cable portfolio including Galavisión, the country’s leading Spanish-language cable network, Univision Deportes Network, a 24-hour cable network dedicated to sports, El Rey, a new 24-hour English-language network, as well as a suite of targeted Spanish-language cable networks. She also manages UCI’s digital offerings and OTT content, including UCI’s direct to consumer subscription video service, Univision NOW.

Prior to joining UCI, Abernethy served as executive vice president of Distribution Sales and Marketing for Pop, formerly TV Guide Network, where she was responsible for setting the Network’s long-term distribution strategy and was instrumental in a major repositioning of the company. Prior to joining Pop, Abernethy was vice president of National Accounts/Field Operations for Content Distribution at MTV Networks, where she and her team secured distribution for all of MTV Networks and BET Networks’ cable channels across linear television, online

content, video on-demand, HD and other new and emerging platforms. Before that, Abernethy held posts at GE Capital, a division of General Electric, and JP Morgan Chase.

Friday is a graduate of Denison University and mom to longtime campers and ICEP travelers Ian and Caroline.



Jeff Egan

Jeff Egan is Head of the Legal Department for Turner Construction’s New York offices, responsible for drafting and negotiating agreements and providing legal guidance for various commercial, residential and public construction projects

with a total value in excess of six billion dollars. Prior to joining Turner Construction, Jeff was a partner with McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter, LLP, senior corporate counsel for Tishman Construction Corporation, Senior Associate with Peckar & Abrahamson and an attorney with Meister Seelig & Fein LLP.

Jeff earned his juris doctorate from St. John’s University School of Law and received a bachelor of arts from Hobart College. Dad to Camp Becket campers Ronan and Griffin and Chimney camper Tatum, Jeff will have an important role in providing guidance in the construction process for the new Camp Becket Dining Hall.

In addition to Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA, Jeff is also a trustee with the DuBose and Dorothy Heyward Memorial Fund.

Moms' Weekend and Dads' Weekend Renamed Gibson Weekend

Moms' and Dads' Weekends have been renamed Gibson Weekend in recognition of Henry and Ina Gibson, the founders of Chimney Corners Camp. Henry Gibson was also the second director of Camp Becket and extremely influential in the traditions and values camp is known for today.

Gibson Weekend recognizes the history Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp share while ensuring Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA remains an inclusive community.

Gibson Weekend will remain the same at each of the camps, providing a single gender program offered Friday through Sunday morning. As in the past, campers are welcome to invite a same-gender adult with whom they wish to share the camp experience and the camps will provide mentors to those campers who do not have someone who can attend. Sunday at Noon through the end of the day, both camps will be open to all family and friends of our campers who wish to attend.

Who are Henry and Ina Gibson?

The Heart of the Camp

Have you smelled wood smoke at twilight?

Have you heard the birch log burning?

Are you quick to read the noises of the night?

You must follow with the others, for the young men's feet are turning

To the camps of proved desire and known delight.

Rudyard Kipling's, "Feet of the Young Men"

The above poem is featured in the forward of Henry Gibson's book, *Camping for Boys*, published in 1915 when he was a veteran camp director of twenty-three years. *Camping for Boys* was one of six books written and published by Gibson, the second director of Camp Becket who took on the leadership of the camp following founder and first director George Hannum's departure.

Henry Gibson was a pioneer in residential camping and applied his writings and leadership within the YMCA movement to his work at Camp Becket. When Henry retired, he and his wife Ina, had a vision to establish a girls camp, knowing that there were no YMCA camps for girls in the 1930s. They purchased a parcel of land in Becket, Massachusetts with a falling



Henry and Ina Gibson

down building around an old chimney. The Gibson's founded Chimney Corners Camp as a private camp built on the same ideals and structure that made YMCA Camp Becket great. Much of that structure and tradition has remained a part of Chimney Corners Camp to this day.

When Henry Gibson passed away, the Gibson Family sold Chimney Corners Camp to the Smith Family. In 1972, Chimney Corners Camp was taken over by the YMCA, formally merging with Camp Becket to become Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA.

In 2009, Brent Jackson...nature enthusiast, teacher, long time program director for the camps and volunteer passed away, leaving 50% of his estate to Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA.



Heritage Club

Today, Brent gives away camperships to deserving children, updates cabins and revered camp spaces and celebrates his love for Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA every day.

Brent understood the power of giving and saw first-hand how children's lives can be changed for good because of camp. A steadfast Annual Fund supporter throughout his life, Brent also included Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA in his estate plans as a way to ensure that a place he loved so dearly will always have the financial resources to serve children for years to come.

Just like Brent, you can make a purposeful gift to Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA with many tax advantages. Here are some opportunities you can pursue:

- **Bequest** • **Life Insurance** • **Retirement Plan Contributions**

For more information on making a planned gift contact Chief Development Officer Brenda Marsian at (413) 822-7950.

Alumnus Pursues YMCA Youth Development

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the other campers, but when the last day of camp came, I could not wait to leave.

When my dad showed up on Closing Day, he told me to go around and say goodbye to my friends. I waved at my cabin realizing I hadn't really made any friends. I walked around the village to say goodbye to a few guys who were nice to me. One boy said to me, "I'll see you next year, right?" I responded with "Yeah, definitely."

I went back to Becket the next summer and had a great time. I returned for two more summers as a camper, picked up the nickname "Papa Smurf," became an Aide and spent the next seven summers on Staff.

My second summer as an Iroquois Village counselor, we were having Chat during Staff Week. The Chat question was, "So many of you come back year after year. What is it that keeps bringing you back to camp?"

When I thought about this question, I remembered the experience of that first summer and shared the story and said, "I realized that the boy saying, 'So I'll see you next year. Right?,' was the first time someone, other than my family, noticed if I was around or not. Being a counselor, I want to make sure that every kid I interact with knows that we will notice them."

So many of us have these kinds of revelations and experiences while at camp. The counselor who talked about seeing pink elephants on the

soccer field during your Period Two soccer class, made you think they were crazy. But on the last day of class the counselor had other staff dress up as pink elephants and parade around the field. The camper that hid under his bed because he refused to take a shower and taught you how much patience it takes to deal with a challenge correctly. The staff team that ran a session long theme of village activities pinning Wonderboy vs. Young Nasty Man that connected back to Iroquois Village history by having a meteor crash into the middle of the village.

For the past two summers, I have been the Director of YMCA Camp Spaulding, a new YMCA resident camp. For seventy years Camp Spaulding had been run by Child and Family Services (CFS) of New Hampshire. Following a change in leadership and a bed bug issue, CFS sought the help and collaboration of YMCA of Greater Nashua to operate and improve the quality of the camp program.

Spaulding serves kids of all walks of life and CFS continues to sponsor low income and homeless children they work with year-round. While there are kids that truly need a camp experience, there were some aspects of camp that could benefit from a little Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA influence. I believed that the campers coming to Camp Spaulding deserved a quality experience as great as Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp.

Camp Spaulding forced me to look at some of the traditions and staples of a Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA experience and pick apart the reasons for their existence. In that first summer, we introduced Cabin Chat, not just because it was a thing we did at Becket, but because of the value it offers any kid who does it. Where else does a kid sit down, purposefully debrief their day and talk about the accomplishments of the day, then answer a thought provoking, opinion based question that offers a chance for peers to listen and learn how to disagree respectfully.

As I move into my third summer at Camp Spaulding, I have come to appreciate that camp can look very different depending on where you are. You can run a cabin activity every night or an all camp activity every night. You can have a camp on a lake or a camp with a pool. It doesn't matter if you have a single gendered camp or a co-ed camp. All that matters is that camps across the country are doing important work to help

campers become the people they want to be, and those camps could not do better than to have a Becket and Chimney influence.

While many things that I do at Spaulding have a Becket influence, Spaulding will never be Becket nor should it be. Spaulding is learning just what their camp experience can be. The love that I found at Becket, I have worked hard to not leave behind at Becket. It is not just the games or the songs, it is the values and the leadership that we teach that resonates with a camper, even if they don't realize right away. The following statement was made by one of my campers last summer during our Candlelight:

"I have been coming to Spaulding for six years. In most of that time, I did not learn anything. Only after the YMCA became involved have I started learning how to be a better person. I have started thinking about how what I learn at camp can help me back at home. I feel like after the past two summers, I can go out into the world and help others."

— CFS Client, Male Camper, 14

This camper feedback was one of those moments you wish you were recording. I stood there listening to this camper last summer, on the verge of tears. It is one thing to "know" that you are having an impact and believe that your actions make a difference. It is another to have someone flat out state it. Confidence has always been something that I have been good at faking for the need of good youth development, but you better believe my confidence soared after he finished speaking.

Camp is not a game. It is not an event. Camp is an experience and a feeling. Camp is an opportunity to become independent and have youth make choices in what happens to them in a safe environment. Camp is a chance to build relationships in an intense environment to forge life long friendships. Camp is a world where adults and youth can come together to attempt a mutual effort in creating an ideal world for growth and community. Camp is a chance for all of us to become the person we want to be.

Remember, camp is yours to share!





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The mission of Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA is to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

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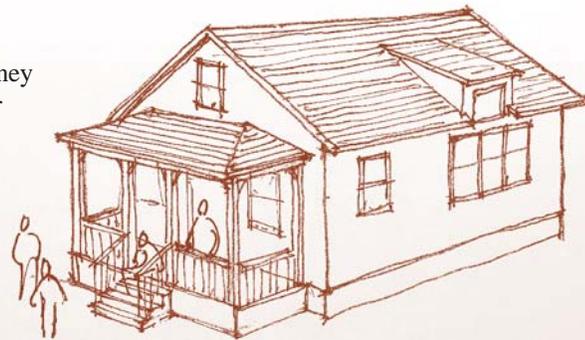
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It Starts With a Sketch of an Idea

The camper, the cabin, the staff and all the behind-the-scenes planning at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA cannot happen without your gift to the Annual Fund.

In late 2016, Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA senior staff and Board of Trustees sketched out a three year strategic plan to advance our good programs to great programs by 2019. Great ideas and great plans require action and the resources to bring results to fruition. You can be a part of bringing our plan to life by making a gift today!



Your gifts to the Annual Fund go to work immediately. Over eighty percent of the Annual Fund is directed to financial aid, serving 15% of our campers and guests.

Your gifts to the Annual Fund also build a new cabin at each camp, transforming fifty year old living spaces into new and functioning areas for kids. Your gifts to the Annual Fund help meet our annual budget. If Annual Fund goals are not met, budgets are cut and tough choices are made that impact quality programming.

This year, the Annual Fund goal is \$850,000. Every dollar goes to campers, to make camp a reality with a campership or to enhance every child's experience -- a new cabin to share night time chats or new lacrosse sticks or kayaks for afternoon play. Every dollar spent from the Annual Fund has the camper in mind.

2017 Annual Fund Names New Giving Club and Challenge

The Office of Development is pleased to announce a new top gift level in the Annual Fund. This new Leadership Giving Society for our Annual Fund donors of \$10,000 and higher is aptly named the **Founders Circle**.

In celebration of this new gift level, a select group of Trustee donors have inaugurated the Founders Circle with an increased gift and to join forces to create the *Giving Club Challenge*. Each donor will increase their own levels of support in 2017 by matching the increases of any and all Annual Fund donors *who also* move up one or more giving clubs or leadership society levels this year – matching every qualifying dollar up to a total of \$50,000!

How does the Giving Club Challenge work?

If you gave \$150 to the Annual Fund in 2016 at the *American Beech* gift club level, your \$250 gift this year at the *Mountain Laurel* gift club level will be matched by another \$100 by our challenge donors. If you gave \$750 last year, your \$1,000 gift this year will be matched by another \$250. Every dollar of your increased Annual Fund giving in 2017 will be matched, *IF* that increase also brings you to the next gift club level.

This year join us in raising the bar, our sights, and the quality experience for every camper, parent and participant at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA. Help us take a sketch of an idea into reality by considering your increased gift in response to any appeal this year, or at any time convenient for you online at www.bccymca.org by clicking *Become A Supporter*.

Annual Fund Leadership Societies

Founders Circle (\$10,000 and above)
Tamarack (\$5,000-9,999)
White Birch (\$2,500-4,999)
Sugar Maple (\$1,000-2,499)



Annual Fund Giving Clubs

Red Spruce (\$500-999)
Mountain Laurel (\$250-499)
American Beech (\$100-249)
Candlelight Giving (monthly)

Alumni News & Notes

Alumni News & Notes appears regularly in editions of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA NEWS. Send your news and photos by mail to John Anz, or by email to janz@bccymca.org.



The Axelrod Family ~ Matt, Emily, Sophie and Jami.

Matt Axelrod (CB camper '80-'84, ICEP '85, Aide '86, Staff '87, '89, '92, Parent '11 to present) says that "All is well here in Bethesda, Maryland, where I live with my wife, Jami, and my daughters, Emily (15) and Sophie (almost 13). The girls love Chimney Corners Camp and spend all year waiting to return for their next summer. Emily will be going on ICEP Peru after having spent six years as a camper and Sophie will be returning for her fifth camper summer. I'm so happy that both girls get to experience the magic of camp and that I get to see so many familiar faces (**Lee Rudy, James Christian, Chuck Morris, Trent Harkrader, Trip Wadleigh** and others) at drop off and pick up each year. Also, I had a great time at camp this past fall at our 30th year reunion of the 1986

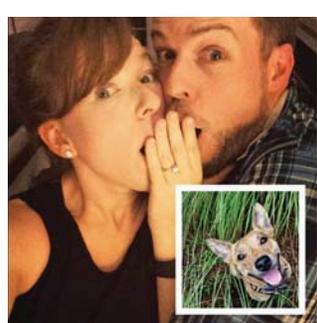
Becket Aides. As for work, I recently left the Obama Administration, where I worked as the Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General at the U.S. Department of Justice. It was an amazing experience getting to help the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General oversee the Department of Justice and working every day to ensure public safety and the protection of people's rights. I am now excited to be a partner at Linklaters, a global law firm, where I do internal investigations and white collar defense work."

Jeff Domina (CB camper '83-'85, ICEP '86, Aide '87, Staff '88-'90, '92-'95, Parent '15 to present) wrote in to share the news that he and his parents are pleased to announce the establishment of the *Garrett Domina Memorial Campership Fund* at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA. Every year, beginning in the summer of 2018, the Fund will provide one session's tuition for a Camp Becket camper in financial need. Garrett died in 2015 at the age of 39. The Fund honors his memory and the special place Camp Becket held in his life.

Sarah Felch Ettinger (CCC camper '99 - '03, TLS '04, Aide '05, Staff '06) wrote in with big news. "After spending 6 years in the San Francisco Bay area, I recently moved outside of Washington, DC with my husband Brett, our German Shorthaired Pointer Orly and our newest addition - our daughter Elizabeth Sloan Ettinger, born 12/16/16. I work in Recruiting at Google and Brett is a Lieutenant for the US Coast Guard. Orly and Elizabeth both love long walks around their neighborhood of Old Town Alexandria, frequent stops at local coffee shops for mom and ending the day with long naps on the couch. Becket-Chimney Corners continues to play an important role in the Ettinger household. Last February we enjoyed skiing at Jackson Hole and visiting with Jackson local and fellow Tornaideo **Augusta Friendsmith**. We spent our "babymoon" in London with good friend and Becket alum **Charlie Samuelson**. Elizabeth's impending arrival was a great excuse to gather family and friends for a baby shower in my hometown of Newton, MA and was attended by fellow Tornaideos **Rachel Wechsler, Allie Smith** and **Michelle Shortsleeve**. I'm hard at work grooming Elizabeth to be a future Chimney Corners camper, often singing her Goodnight Circle songs before bed and dining hall songs to keep her smiling all day long. If anyone knows all the correct words to "One Tin Solider"...or just wants to say hello...please don't hesitate to reach out at srfettinger@gmail.com."



Sarah with the newest Ettinger family member, daughter Elizabeth.



Gordon (right) with fiancée Becky and their dog Lindy (insert).

Gordon Kraft-Todd (CB Camper '94-'98, ICEP '99, Aide '00, Staff '01-'07) writes, "Hi all! A lot has changed since my last full summer at Becket in 2007. I'm a 3rd year psychology PhD student at Yale and recently engaged to fellow student in the program Becky Fortgang, and we have an amazing dog. Following the summer of 2007, I took off for an epic road trip with fellow Becket alums **Brad Alston, Darren Ovitsky, and Bryan Chang**: we drove from Boston to Anchorage to San Francisco back to Boston in about 6 weeks (it was fun, there are stories). Then, after intentionally secluding myself in a cabin on Cape Cod for almost two years, quite literally trying to figure out what I was going to do with my life. I concluded that I wanted to study moral psychology - I was interested to pursue the question, "how do humans make decisions about right and wrong?" with the hope that this understanding could lead to interventions that would encourage people to do the "right" thing more often. (I guess Becket left a mark?) I then spent three years in Boston as a research assistant in a few labs conducting related work to gain experience in preparation for applying to graduate school. While there, I took improv comedy classes for a year, which is among the highlights of my life (I highly, highly recommend it to all, especially this crowd). In 2013, I had a few bouts of serendipity, meeting David Rand, my (now) advisor, who encouraged me to go to a conference in New Orleans where I met Becky Fortgang, my (now) fiancée. Becky

and I got engaged last May. For the past three years, I've been enjoying life in New Haven, especially since we adopted our tireless fetcher, Lindy. I have another two years in the program and my research, broadly, explores how evolutionary pressures—particularly in the context of relationships—shape our moral cognition and behavior. I've also formed a group of colleagues, the Applied Cooperation Team (ACT), to test some of our field's laboratory findings in the real world, partnering with firms working in the health, charity, and energy sectors. I've been back to camp some, mostly in the role of mentor, and this past summer coordinated with a colleague to run a study at Becket. I've run into a number of Becket alums in New Haven and look forward to seeing others if you need a pit stop on I-95! Amici."

In Memoriam

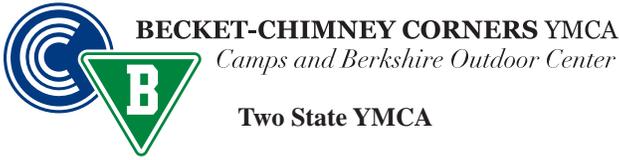
Barbara Anderson (P) of Wellesley, MA died on November 15, 2016. Barbara was a vital and active member of so many communities, including the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA family where she once served on the Board of Trustees. She is survived by a large and loving family including her husband Ron and their three children and former Chimney Corners and Camp Becket campers and staff members, Susan Anderson, Nancy Robertson and David Anderson. Her grandchildren, (David's children) Jacob, Julia, Joshua and Jonathan are also current and former campers at the camps.

Miguel Leibovich (P) of Cambridge, MA died on February 9, 2017. He is survived by his daughter and Chimney Corners Camp alumna and parent, Lori Leibovich, her children and Becket and CCC campers Carlos and Carla, and his son and CCC parent Mark Leibovich and his daughter and former CCC camper Eliza.

Maggie O'Malley Luck (A) of Boulder, CO died on October 27, 2016. Maggie was on staff at Chimney Corners Camp in the mid-'70s. She loved the outdoors and also served the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park as a hike master.

(A) Alumni (S) Staff
(P) Parent (F) Friend

If you know or hear of the passing of a member of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA family, please contact John Anz in the Office of Development so that we can be aware, and so others may learn of the news in a timely fashion through this section in future issues. Thank you.



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