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Message from the CEO

If you ever hike the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA trail system you will roam through a maze of forest with views of lakes, moss covered trees and rocks, and the sounds of scampering wildlife all around. What might seem like a winding carefree path is really an intentional, mapped out plan to fulfill an individual's spirit, mind and body.

Over the last two years, I have enjoyed working with the Board of Trustees in establishing our 2009-2012 Strategic Plan, our Master Plan and the building of a development team to help raise the necessary dollars to fulfill these plans. Like our trail system, these plans are on an intentional path that will ultimately converge into our future advancement.

These plans all celebrate and preserve our mission to change lives for good in three essential ways: sustaining our traditions and values, enhancing our campers' and participants' life skills and helping everyone who comes to the Camps and the Berkshire Outdoor Center establish profound and life-long relationships.

Over the next year you will receive updates on the status of our Strategic Plan and Master Plan efforts. In this issue of the *Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA News* you will meet our outgoing Board of Trustee chair, Amy Hurwitz Gutschenritter, who was one of several architects that designed the current Strategic Plan which has become our compass, leading us to a



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\$105,000 Challenge Set to Preserve Rudd Pond

“How would we replace Rudd Pond?”

That was the question an anonymous alumnus and parent asked himself after reading the December issue of *Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA News*.

“Would we replace it with a swimming pool?”

He realized that his experience at Camp Becket was truly influenced by the presence of Rudd Pond: swimming, boating, camping at Rocky Point, cooling down after a sauna, reading on the library porch, and looking at the sun setting above the pond at dinner. For him, Rudd Pond is the heart and center of Camp Becket.

After reading the article his heart sank.

“There are certain things in life that you don't leave to chance. So to think that the dam repair at Rudd Pond remained an unfunded liability was simply unacceptable to me and I hope the rest of the Becket community.”

He called Phil Connor to discuss the project costs. It was during that call Phil shared with him that the George I. Alden Trust had just made a \$50,000 gift to help repair the dam. Pleased with the good news and the knowledge that the YMCA was securing funding, this alumnus realized that the repair cost still stood at \$314,000. He offered to pay one-third of the remaining cost at \$105,000 if Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA could raise an additional \$210,000 by December 31, 2010.

“It was a great call to receive on a Friday afternoon,” says CEO Phil Connor when he was presented with a \$105,000 challenge gift. “This is such a pressing project on top of all the other funding priorities we are trying to address through fund-raising. This donor is helping us build a strong case for support with other key donors. We now have a strategy thanks to his leadership.”

The Office of Development is currently submitting requests for support to several private foundations as well as identifying individual donors who can help meet the \$210,000 goal.

“It is important for people to think of this as an additional call to philanthropic duty not a substitute for their annual fund gifts as it is truly a unique and special project that is not optional,” emphasized the donor who is well aware of the Office of Development's charge to raise \$600,000 for the Annual Fund in 2010.

With efforts underway to meet the Annual Fund goal, the Office of Development cannot move forward with additional advancement projects such as master site planning recommendations (see page two) until dollars are raised to repair the dam.

This donor uses a health analogy to explain, “You don't get your hip replaced if you need a pacemaker to keep your heart going. My hope is that folks who can give toward this initiative will think of it as a significant step to securing the pond. Once we have that behind us, we can focus on new growth initiatives.”

For information on how you can help Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA meet the \$105,000 challenge grant contact Brenda Marsian, CFRE, Chief Development Officer at bmarsian@bcymca.org. Read more about the George I. Alden Trust's support on-line in our News and Publications link.

Message from the CEO
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successful future. You will also learn about our plans for the rebuilding of Moose Lodge and how it is the first step in the Master Site Plan that will ensure our camps remain rustic and functional while preserving our revered history and legacy.

Alumnus and current parent, Jim Goldman, CEO of Godiva Chocolatier talks about the Berkshire Outdoor Center and the wonderful experience his management team received while attending a recent corporate retreat.

One of the most poignant stories enclosed is about the loss of our friend Brent Jackson. Brent was never a camper, but fell in love with Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp as a staff member and friend to all our campers. An educator by trade, Brent made the learning of science fun, and brought his love of teaching to our campers for many summers. His commitment and passion for our mission will continue forever because of his legacy bequest to our endowment. His news of Heritage Club support was humbling and validated his generous spirit and true understanding of the good work we do. Brent is a wonderful example to our alumni, parents and friends of how you can ensure our future through planned philanthropic support.

Throughout this newsletter, you will see links for further information located on our website, including our on-line giving. For us to sustain our traditions, teach essential life skills and introduce young people to life-long friendships we need your support to the Annual Fund. Read more about our ambitious Annual Fund Campaign in this issue as well. Without your support we cannot follow our well defined path to the future.

Sincerely,
Phil Connor, CEO

Moose Lodge Slated for 2010 Construction Cabin

According to *Our Loyal Band: The Story of the First 100 Years of YMCA Camp Becket*, Moose Lodge was one of the first construction projects lead by Henry Gibson's father, "Pop" – the first official master site planner for the camp.

In its early days, the Lodge was guest housing, eventually becoming the summer home to the camp director. Today, it is one of the only "Pop" Gibson constructions still standing.

This summer, Camp Becket Construction Campers will rebuild Moose Lodge into new housing for Camp Becket Services Corps participants. Preserving a revered and historically significant facility since 1907 is fitting as we embark on a new master site plan that will celebrate Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA's commitment to remaining a rustic, four week residential camp while honoring our traditions and our programming.

"This is a significant structure that campers and alumni can come back and remember they helped build. I think this year's construction campers will be very excited about being a part of this project," commented Chief Operating Officer Jim Brown.

Jim added that Moose Lodge's designation as the new home to the Camp Becket Service Corps program is very appropriate. "Service Corps has only been active since 2003 and yet it has grown into a well regarded leadership program for teens. What a wonderful place for these young people to convene while moving next door to their Aides peers."

Moose Lodge's revised layout will include one large dorm room for sleeping and one large common room for meetings and gatherings that will be conducive to team building.

The reconstruction of Moose Lodge is one of the first outcomes from the work of the Master Planning Taskforce in consultation with Black River Architects. The plan was presented to the Board of Trustees in January and final approval will be voted on at the April Board meeting.

"Moose Lodge is the oldest structure at Camp Becket and in the worst shape. We weren't able to continue using the building in its current condition, so rather



Above is a rendering of the new Moose Lodge to be reconstructed this summer. On the left is the original Lodge in its heyday.

than let a building fall down in the middle of camp, we chose to rebuild the structure. Our plan is to salvage as much of the original structure as possible," added Brown.

Recent construction cabins have built cabins in Iroquois Village and designs are in process for new cabins in Pioneer Village set for Summer 2011. Moose Lodge took precedent because of its deterioration and the YMCA's commitment to honoring our history.

Camp Becket and Chimney Corners camp have a very long, historically significant camping tradition. The venerable buildings, the continuity of philosophy, the single gender organization, the enduring landscape and the staunch loyalty of campers, staff and alumni contribute to a palpable sense of tradition. Moose Lodge is that palpable sense of tradition.

Other capital projects slated for construction or renovation are being reviewed and prioritized with a timeline for completion over the next several years. Future issues of the *Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA News* will feature these new projects. The Office of Development is connecting with key supporters to help underwrite this year's construction cabin. For information on how you can become involved contact Brenda Marsian, Chief Development Officer at bmarsian@bccymca.org.

Friends Remember Brent R. Jackson

In 1965 Scott Taylor was first introduced to Brent Jackson. New to camp and only ten years old, Scott recalled Brent making him feel he had found a place where he belonged.

“Brent embraced every single person who walked through the gates of Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp in such a positive manner and he made you feel like you were an important part of the community,” recalled Taylor, now president of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA Alumni Council.

Counselor, village director, nature director, Chimney Corners program director, Alumni Council member – were the roles Brent joyfully and passionately held at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA.

On December 20, 2009, Brent R. Jackson died unexpectedly at the age of 67.

Just weeks after Brent’s passing, Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA was notified of a final goodbye from Brent that will last forever. Over 50% of his estate was donated to the Camps and Berkshire Outdoor Center’s endowment.

“It was humbling news to receive,” said CEO, Phil Connor. “The level of his generosity was overwhelming, but what struck me was how cognizant Brent was of our needs and the foresight he had to direct his intentions to our general endowment. It was the sound and right thing to do to help ensure we have a solid financial foundation.”

Friends of Brent are not surprised over the level of his generosity.

“That’s just Brent. He was an incredibly sweet man. He liked flying under the radar and doing nice things anonymously,” added Taylor.

According to Taylor, Brent was always a constant, even in times of transition, such as the Smith family sale of Chimney Corners Camp to the YMCA in 1971. Scott recalls Brent’s adamancy that the camper experience remain consistent and smooth despite any disruptions the sale might have caused.

Brent’s friend and executor of his estate, Mark Hruby, believes Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA was the first place Brent gained experience taking care of children while cultivating his interest in biology, ultimately leading to a career as a high school science teacher and 37 year tenure with the Boston Science Museum. At the Museum, Brent pioneered several innovative programs including their Courses, Travel, & Enrichment program and the National Science by Mail program. Jackson was known by thousands of Boston-area families, particularly parents who, as children, attended courses he organized and then often sent their own children to the Museum for science courses.

And Brent took his love of science to the camps regularly.

“Brent would load up his car with skunks, snakes, all kinds of animals on a Friday night and drive out to Becket to put on demonstrations for the kids. He believed that if you gave a child a few hooks they could do their own personal exploration,” said Hruby.

A self described nature nut, friend John Burns credited Brent as a role model and great teacher to him and other campers who became directors of the nature center.

“He was a creative spark who was terrific with the kids and had great ideas and solutions for new activities or how to handle situations with challenging kids. Kids really gravitated towards him because he was such a gentle spirit.”

One example Burns remembered was “grocking.”

“The teaching of science is so focused on naming everything. But Brent wanted the kids to learn through all their senses so learning became emotional. ‘Grocking’ was about getting kids into a setting where they crawl in the mud or feel ferns or pretend to be a heron



in the water. So you’d grock in the water or grock on a rock.”

These accolades and warm recollections are the reason the first annual Alumni Council Iconic Award will be given to Brent Jackson posthumously on Saturday, September 25, 2010, 3 p.m. at Camp Becket’s Chapel by the Lake. This is part of a special memorial service during Alumni Weekend to celebrate Brent’s life. The Iconic Award was established by the Alumni Council as a way to honor those alumni, staff and friends of Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA who have demonstrated significant devotion and attention to continuing the traditions, legacy and quality programs expected of the Camps and Berkshire Outdoor Center.

A memorial service is also planned on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Granoff Music Center, 20 Talbot Avenue, Medford, MA at Brent’s alma mater Tufts University. A reception will follow at 2 p.m. Free parking will be available in the adjacent lot.

Spider Alton along with several other Camp Becket alumni are spearheading a Boston to Becket Two-Day 130 mile Bikethon on July 5 and 6, 2010 to raise camperships via the Annual Fund in memory of Brent Jackson.

“Brent was just a big deal to me and so many other kids and his death was really unexpected. This bikethon is a way for us to honor his spirit by giving to future campers,” commented Alton.

Friends, alumni and families interested in making a gift may do so via the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA website by clicking on “[Become a Supporter](#)” at www.bccymca.org. When you make your gift on-line, please indicate under the “in honor” section that the gift is for the “[Brent Bikethon](#).” You may also contact Spider Alton at (617) 835-9840.



Board Chair Views Strategic Plan as Great Accomplishment

Amy Hurwitz Gutschenritter may not have gone on a Travel Service Program trip, but she has more than made up for it now as she travels regularly to Zurich, London, and New York.

As Executive Director for SIX Group, Ltd. the operator of the Swiss financial infrastructure, the leadership skills she honed as a Chimney Corners staffer are put to contemporary use expanding SIX's outreach throughout Europe and the U.S.

"Throughout my career, I have put together teams with the right mix of skills and experiences and motivated them to work together toward a common goal. That's what I learned as Aides Director and Unit Leader at Chimney Corners; we developed people from different backgrounds and challenged them to give our campers an amazing summer experience."

In July, Amy will complete her ten-year tenure on the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA Board of Trustees. Her final two years on the Board culminated to the position of Board Chair. In this senior leadership role, Amy has sought to build a team of professionals and fellow volunteers with a breadth of expertise and understanding of where Becket-Chimney Corners needs to go to be a sustainable, healthy organization while staying true to its mission and traditions.

"As a Board we have really evolved and adapted while staying true to who we are."

The Chimney Corners dining hall fire, a state mandated need for a new waste water treatment facility, pressing dam repairs, and new safety regulations were all challenges Amy faced during her tenure on the Board. The list of accomplishments included a new governance structure, strong professional leadership, new investment policies, a successful capital campaign, healthy growth for the Berkshire Outdoor Center and full enrollment at Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp.

Amy is proud of her collaboration with former Board Chair Ted Grave, Vice Chair Jack Sharry and her fellow trustees on the drafting of the BCCYMCA Strategic Plan.

"As a Board we have really struck a balance between business, process and passion. The passion was always there, but we worked hard to address the business challenges and create some sustainable processes. We now have an actionable strategic plan that is a guide and framework revisited regularly to ensure we are focused on meeting our goals."

Four committees – Governance, Finance, Development, and Audit/Risk Management – meet regularly via conference calls for updates on projects and strategic goals. In addition, the Board has chartered three taskforces to focus on specific short term deliverables, including Branding and Marketing, Facilities/Master Plan and the recently instituted Berkshire Outdoor Center. We see their results in our newly

launched website, branding standards for our programs and a soon to be approved Master Site Plan.

Amy dismisses any notion that the Board of Trustees is in an ivory tower, removed from the needs of campers and families. Trustees participate in work weekend, camp programs, and of the 22-member board, fifteen are parents of either current or past campers and nine went to or worked at the Camps themselves.

Amy has her own personal "focus group": her daughter Libby, a freshman at Hamilton College who, during her 9th summer was a 2009 Junior Unit counselor; and her son Matthew, a Wayland High School sophomore and ICEP China 2009 participant who is set to be a 2010 Aide at Camp Becket for his 8th summer.

"What my children have gained from coming to camp is what I gained over thirty-years ago. They are confident young leaders—they have

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal One Financial Resources: Strengthen the institution's financial resources by developing and maintaining financial plans and actions necessary to ensure the continued success and sustainability of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA.

Goal Two Programs: Develop and maintain programs to meet the needs of the community while respecting the traditions of the past.

Goal Three Staff and Volunteers: Engage, develop and retain an energetic and enthusiastic group of staff and volunteers that is representative of a diverse community.

Goal Four Facilities: Continually care for and improve facilities to support programs and reflect a "green" environmental stewardship as well as historic and rustic preservation.

Goal Five Risks & Changes: Anticipate and respond to risks and changes in the marketplace and the regulatory and natural environment while staying true to our values and maintaining institutional sustainability and relevance.

Read the entire Strategic Plan on-line by clicking on "About Us" at www.bccymca.org.

Winter Camp

Success: Seventy-five campers and five Leaders-In-Training took advantage of their February school vacation by attending Winter Camp. In its fifth year, Winter Camp has doubled in attendance since its inception. Campers took part in winter activities including



cross country skiing, snow shoeing, ice skating, tubing, arts & crafts, drama, indoor climbing wall, broomball, cooking, wood shop, The Art of Snow Chillin, Michelle's Luge and Iron Chef competitions between the oldest boys and girls. The boys won for the 4th time in a row. Over half of the campers enjoyed an excursion of downhill skiing at Ski Butternut in Great Barrington. Day campers had the option of one night of resident camp with 17 of the 37 campers enjoying the sleep over.

been able to set goals for themselves and try new things in a supportive environment. And now, they are giving back to their communities. They have developed a broader world view based their travel and service experiences and they have found role models and made lifelong friendships at camp.”

Amy's eyes well-up when she thinks about this summer and her last Board meeting, “It will be a little like Final Banquet at camp,” she smiles, “It will be a bittersweet time. I know I will always be welcome at Becket-Chimney Corners, and I will always find ways to give back, but now it's time for others to get involved.”

For Amy, it is important that parents and alumni understand the needs of our camps and how the camps leave an enormously positive and lasting impression on young people.

“Joining the board ten years ago opened my eyes to the financial realities of this organization. People cannot assume that camp tuition covers the cost to operate camp. The cost of operation surpasses what we charge. If we want to continue to maintain the quality experience and serve a diverse population, we need people to give their time, their talent and their treasure.”

This once shy, fourteen-year old Chimney Corners camper is looking forward to reuniting with her 1980 Amy-able Aides (for a 30th Reunion), watching another generation benefit from the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA and being available to her former trustee colleagues as a behind the scenes ambassador to her favorite place in the world.

The 2010 Annual Fund & Alumni Relations

We're all in this together!

The New Year is upon us, and with it comes new leadership and renewed vigor for the Annual Fund and Alumni Relations programs. Under the vision and guidance of director John Anz, and with the full weight of the Alumni Council behind it, these crucial programs will have a fresh and integrated approach. Alumni, parents and friends can expect regular communications on new initiatives, upcoming events, camp news, and the big *Alumni Weekend, September 24-26, 2010*. We hope you will join us this year at camp, or at an event near you.

What's more, this year's Annual Fund campaign is the most ambitious yet, seeking to raise \$600,000 from our loyal supporters. The need is great, and you can help! The Annual Fund is the lifeblood of the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA. Your Annual Fund contribution provides camperships to those in need, the funds necessary to maintain and improve our outstanding programming and facilities, and further supports the overall financial health of the camps and organization. When asked this year, please be as generous as you can. The 2010 Annual Funds needs you.

Look for information about important news and events in the mail, via email, on Facebook, and on our new website at www.bccymca.org, including links to events, Alumni Weekend, the Annual Fund and online giving. And don't be surprised to get a phone call asking you to attend an event, or to support this year's Annual Fund. We have exciting plans and ambitious goals for this year and the future, and we're asking everyone to get involved – please be a part of the ongoing Becket-Chimney Corners experience!

Alumni Weekend 2010

September 24th–26th

Join so many of your Camp Becket and Chimney Corners family and friends for a grand weekend-long celebration.

Rekindle friendships – Tell the stories – Sing the songs & Experience the magic of camp again!

Check out news, updates, weekend schedules, those planning to attend and registration links online at www.bccymca.org.

Watch the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA Newsletter in July for full details & registration materials!

CEO Credits Berkshire Outdoor Center for Strengthening Godiva Chocolatier Management Team

Jim Goldman is the CEO of Godiva Chocolatier, worldwide purveyor of fine hand-crafted chocolates and confectionery.

He spent his first summer at Camp Becket in 1968 as an Iroquois camper, subsequently enjoying summers in every village, as a member of ICEP and Aides, and a member of the staff in a variety of capacities including Pioneer Counselor, Aides Director, Frontier Village Director, and ICEP Leader. Later, Jim served on the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA Board of Trustees and as Chairman of the International Program Committee. According to Jim, the impact that Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp has had on his life is profound.

“My experiences at the camps taught me how to lead and work with others in a supportive, goal-oriented fashion. The camps instilled a set of values within me which underline my life both personally and professionally. My time at camp provided me with a level of personal confidence which has served me well in my life’s pursuits.”

Today, Jim credits Camp Becket for preparing him as a leader capable of team building with strong global sensitivity and awareness—so much so, that Jim brought his management team to Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA’s Berkshire Outdoor Center to participate in a corporate retreat. Jim shares with Berkshire Outdoor Director Steve Hamill what his team’s experience was like:

BOC: Describe briefly the event you ran here at the Berkshire Outdoor Center?

JG: We held a 3 day, 2 night team building event at the Berkshire Outdoor Center with my direct report team. The goal was to enable us to get away from our regular routine, tackle some business issues and strengthen our team in an environment with few distractions—one which was conducive to a high level of interaction.

BOC: Why did you choose to run your event at the Berkshire Outdoor Center?

JG: In the past I have held several similar team building business meetings at the Berkshire Outdoor Center with great success. My teams are always somewhat anxious prior to the offsite given the unique venue, but always came away energized and more together as a group. Relative to other potential locations, the Berkshire Outdoor Center is highly cost effective, but offers a first rate experience.

BOC: What aspects of the Berkshire Outdoor Center experience appeal most to you?

JG: The unique environment creates a great backdrop for accomplishing a great deal as a team. In particular, the rustic, yet very comfortable accommodations and location helps cultivate a great environment. The staff’s strong service orientation supports a great experience. My teams have always benefited tremendously and have always enjoyed the Challenge Course activities. Many of my team members have never experienced this before. The activities really pulled the team together forcing them to work together collaboratively in new ways with lessons for the workplace.

BOC: What did your team say about the experience?

JG: They were wowed! We still talk about the event as it represented a turning point and a highlight in our evolution as a strong team. We captured highlights from the event on a DVD and all have a photo of our group from the event prominently displayed in our offices. Others from the company have heard many stories about our great team event at the Berkshire Outdoor Center.

BOC: How do you feel your organization improved as result of this experience?

JG: We came away more together as a team, energized by a unique shared experience. We loved it and really benefitted from our time at the Center.

BOC: What would you say to other business leaders about our programs or programs like these?

JG: It is critical for teams to spend quality time together outside of their normal routine to break down barriers, solve problems, have fun and come together. Such events do not generally have the same impact in the office or in a hotel environment which costs significantly more.

BOC: Have there been any surprise outcomes from your visit to the Berkshire Outdoor Center? What was the most memorable moment from your stay?

JG: Everyone wants to return in the future despite their early concerns about “going to camp” together. They were very comfortable throughout, ate great food, had fun, and lots of memories.

In addition to the Challenge Course, we all particularly enjoyed team building exercises including “Wah,” the seesaw board and more. The exercises were challenging and required us to work together in new ways and have fun together in a safe, highly collaborative environment with great staff support.

BOC: Berkshire Outdoor Center absolutely loved working with Jim’s leadership team from Godiva. Our program staff, coordinators and meal service staff excelled in their roles and produced an extremely high quality experience. Berkshire Outdoor Center has successfully hosted more than 180 groups throughout the year, and every group has unique program goals for their stay. By tailoring our programs – learning and embracing the program each group wishes to run – we are able to provide a fantastic experience for all group types.

Bring your group in 2010 by visiting www.bccymca.org and following the links for Berkshire Outdoor Center or call our registrar at 413-623-8991. We’d love to share our year-round magic in beautiful Becket, MA with you.



Jim Goldman (front row on left) celebrates with his Godiva management team following a successful weekend leadership retreat with the Berkshire Outdoor Center.

New Development Staff Join Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA

Brenda Marsian, Chief Development Officer for Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA, is pleased to welcome two new additions to the Office of Development.

John Anz joined the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA in January as the Director of the Annual Fund and Alumni Relations following eight years as Director of Alumni Relations at The Williston Northampton School in Easthampton, MA. While at Williston, John built a robust and global alumni program while playing an integral role in the successful completion of a \$36 million comprehensive campaign. Originally from New York City, John also graduated from Williston Northampton before moving on to Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, majoring in philosophy. A member of Trinity's high-powered squash team in the 1980s, John eventually returned to his alma mater to coach this top-ranked program in the 1990s. John also sits on the board of directors and development committees for a number of non-profit organizations dear to his heart. He lives in Easthampton with his wife Brenna, son Bennett, and daughter Teagan.

Kim Raftery arrived in March in the newly established Stewardship and Advancement Services Specialist position. With twelve years of



John Anz



Kim Raftery

progressive non-profit operations and development experience in higher education and health care, Kim will be instrumental in streamlining our database software system, and ensuring the accuracy and accessibility of alumni, prospect and donor records for the operational needs of the YMCA. Kim has a bachelor of science in regional planning and mass communications from Westfield State College and was previously the Advancement Services Manager at her alma mater and the Development Operations Coordinator for Northern Berkshire Healthcare. While at Northern Berkshire Healthcare, she coordinated the \$12 million CARE Capital Campaign for North Adams Regional Hospital. An equestrian, Kim has also worked as the secretary for the Town of Stockbridge Planning Board. She lives in Pittsfield with her husband and step-daughter.

To meet more Becket-Chimney Corners staff log onto "About Us" and "Meet Our Staff."



CEO Phil Connor met with Camp Becket alumni Alex Roth and Michael Rosenberg while in London, England in December. Joining their mini reunion are Michael's friend Helen Briscoe and Alex's wife Erin Roth. In addition to being alumni, both the Roths and Rosenberg are camper parents. Michael's family participates in Family Camp annually.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, April 10 **Board of Trustee Meeting**
- Thursday, April 15 **Berkshire Outdoor Center Spring Season Begins**
- Monday, April 19 to Friday, April 23 **Spring Day Camp**
Day Camp program during Spring School Vacation, Ages 5-14
- Saturday, April 24 & Sunday, April 25 **Spring Work Weekend**
- Friday, May 28 through Monday, May 31 **Memorial Day Family Camp**
- Sunday, June 13 to Saturday, June 19 **Work Week**
Camp Becket, Chimney Corners Camp, Becket Day Camp
- Saturday, June 19 to Saturday, June 26 **Staff Training Week**
Camp Becket, Chimney Corners Camp, Becket Day Camp
- Sunday, June 27 **Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp First Session Begins**
- Monday, June 28 **Becket Day Camp Begins First Session**
- Friday, July 16 through Sunday, July 18 **Moms' and Dads' Weekend**
- Sunday, July 25 **Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp Second Session Begins**
- Saturday, July 31 **Board of Trustees Meeting and Annual Luncheon**
- Friday, August 13 through Sunday, August 15 **Moms' and Dads' Weekend**
- Friday, September 24 through Sunday, September 26 **Alumni Weekend**



HERITAGE CLUB

The Heritage Club at Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA recognizes members of the Camp Becket and Chimney Corners Camp community who have included the camps in their estate plans or have made a planned charitable gift such as a charitable gift annuity, gifts of life insurance, or inclusion in their will. Log onto "Become a Supporter" at www.bccymca.org and learn how you can become a member.

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