



Camphill Foundation

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Newsletter

Summer 2021

College Loan Support Program Strengthens Camphill in North America

In 2020-21, the Camphill College Loan Support Program is funding 36 young coworkers, totaling \$75,000 in direct support to our communities for the program. Camphill coworkers provide the consistent presence of love and support that helps our communities thrive. Without them, our lifesharing model of care just doesn't work. But for many young people today just finishing college, the heavy burden of student debt forces a choice between immediately entering the work force in service of repaying that debt, or allowing the debt to keep building while they pursue human interests in service of others.

We knew there had to be another choice. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to experience the life-changing benefits of a volunteer service year, so two years ago we created the College Loan Support Program to make life a bit easier for our volunteers with student debt to join one of our communities in North America.



Lauren Goboff with friends at Camphill Village Kimberton Hills

The College Loan Support Program provides up to \$250 a month (\$3,000 a year) in loan repayment support. While this won't eliminate a person's student debt, it does help to pay the ongoing carrying costs of the loan so that volunteers can serve Camphill freely without the worry and anxiety of their student debt increasing.



Nicolo Betoni gets to work at Camphill Village Minnesota

Your support of Camphill Foundation means that 36 passionate, creative, energetic young women and men were able to become part of the Camphill family this year. Thank you for your generosity.

Learn more about the College Loan Support Program, and hear directly from coworker recipients who explain why the program has directly supported their desire to volunteer a year of service with Camphill. View the video online at [vimeo/cfdn](https://vimeo.com/cfdn).



Virtual Gala 2021 Brings Friends Together to Support Camphill

On May 1, Camphill Foundation hosted its second Virtual Gala as an alternative to the in-person annual event that usually takes place in New York City.

Camphill Foundation staff never would have guessed a year ago that they would be organizing a second virtual event. But with plenty of time to plan, a great team of behind-the-scenes specialists were assembled to make the event shine. In addition to pre-recorded elements, the gala had live moments, including real-time break-ins from several Camphill communities.

Joining the fun by video were Camphill Hudson (NY), Plowshare Farm (NH), Heartbeet Lifesharing (VT), Camphill Communities California (CA), The Camphill School (PA), Triform Camphill Community (NY), and Camphill Ghent (NY). The break-ins gave community members a chance to be part of the event, as did the After Party where many of the houses joined to hang out and share in the excitement of a wonderful evening.

The night also included special appearances by The Camphill Hudson Players and Nashville sibling trio, Track45. The Gala was a success, raising more than \$200,000 to support the College Loan Support Program as well as general grantmaking.



Karen Murphy and Gala co-host Brian McComak greet Camphill Hudson friends during a live break-in.

Karen Murphy says “It might seem like a small thing, to log onto your computer and join an online event, to click that donate button or purchase a silent auction item. But for those who call Camphill home, it’s an act of love. Thank you to all of you who helped us celebrate, and helped us raise funds to support Camphill!”

If you missed the event, you can still view the program online at camphillfoundation.org/virtual-gala-2021

Photos on left, clockwise from top right: Jody and Alasdair of Camphill Hudson share a special mocktail recipe during the Gala, dancing at Plowshare Farm’s Gala Watch Party, Track45 performs a new song to kick off the evening, a glimpse of a donor’s living room as they wait for the Gala to begin, ‘Gala in a Box’, Heartbeet Lifesharing says hello during a live break-in.

“Zooming with Friends” Gives Community Members a Platform to Shine

Camphill Foundation’s newest project, “Zooming with Friends,” began as two Zoom interviews to gather content for a newsletter story. Conducted by Karen Murphy, executive director of Camphill Foundation, the interviews were so enjoyable that the concept was extended to become a monthly video series. Karen, who has missed connecting with Camphill community members in person since COVID-19, found that the interviews were a great way to see people she hadn’t seen in months, as well as get to know others she hadn’t had a chance to meet in person.

Most importantly, “Zooming with Friends” gives community members a chance to share their stories and passions, and speak about what Camphill means to them. Viewers have learned about the quiet passion for wildlife and photography of Adam who lives in Glenora Farm in British Columbia. They have heard Tommy at Camphill

Soltane share his love of baking and how, for him, it relates to mathematics. Scotia at Camphill Communities California shared her interest in sports, reading, and community involvement. And viewers met David from Camphill Village Copake, who identified his significant other as his favorite thing about Camphill life.

Brooke from Camphill Village Copake reflects, “the ‘Zooming with Friends’ series allows the person who is being interviewed a chance to explore more in detail how they view their life in the village. It ... also allows you to think about what life is like in the village through somebody else’s eyes.”

Stay tuned for upcoming episodes featuring a natural born community leader, as well as a friend who is passionate about politics and singing!

Camphill's Pioneering Spirit Takes Root in Rwanda



In July 2019, several representatives from Ubumwe Community Center (UCC) in Rwanda visited Camphill Village Copake to learn about the Camphill impulse from the first Camphill lifesharing community in North America, and a warm friendship began. UCC is a thriving community, serving more than 600 children and adults of all abilities and offering valued community support for people with disabilities and their families.

In July 2020, at the height of the Covid-19 global shutdown, UCC faced the possibility of having to close their operations for good. Funds raised by Camphill communities in North America provided vital support that kept the community open, families fed, staff and volunteers covered by health insurance, and children engaged through distance learning. Your generosity made this possible!

This May and June, UCC warmly welcomed Jan Goeschel and Becky Rutherford of Camphill Academy, who spent an extended visit with UCC staff and teachers, sharing the Camphill impulse and its deep roots to anthroposophy. The UCC community in many ways already lives the shared values and ideals of the Camphill movement, and it is a joy to support their efforts and presence in the world.

Ubumwe Community Center is now expanding their heart-filled service, breaking ground for a new Camphill-inspired agricultural initiative. Stay tuned for a special opportunity to “visit” UCC with us remotely this summer. We know you will be inspired by their courage, compassion, and pioneering spirit.

Learn more about Ubumwe Community Center at facebook.com/UbumweCommunityCenter or ubumwecommunitycenter.rw



Karen Murphy and Tommy Moore of Camphill Soltane enjoy coffee and a conversation during 'Zooming with Friends.'

If you want to hear from a special community member, nominate them for a “Zooming with Friends” episode by emailing karen.murphy@camphillfoundation.org.

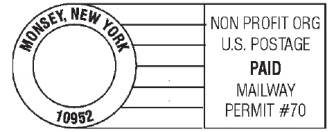
Watch “Zooming with Friends” on Vimeo at vimeo.com/cfdn, online at camphillfoundation.org, or follow on social media and never miss an episode!



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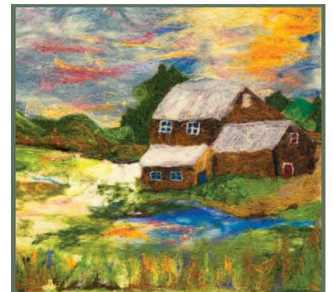
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