



# Agassiz Village

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Dear Leigh and Rebecca:

As we wrap up the 2011 summer season, I wanted to thank the Charlestown Mothers Association for its support of Agassiz Village's Summer Camp Program. We had a terrific summer at Agassiz this year with lots of laughs, fantastic weather and a great group of kids. We provided over 700 camp opportunities for kids throughout the eight weeks of our summer camp in Poland, ME. Our campers represented towns from all over the greater Boston area, including: Dorchester, Malden Everett, Cambridge and Medford.

Four excited children from Charlestown joined us this summer thanks to the generosity of the Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA). We are aware that CMA provided funding for 8 children. However, in response to camper and parent requests for longer sessions, we designed this year's summer program to include three, two-week sessions. Additional funding per camper was needed to accommodate this format. The funding provided by CMA was used to host each child from Charlestown for a two-week session—the equivalent of a one-week session for eight children.

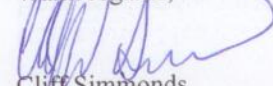
Each of the four campers had a very positive experience and were grateful for the funding they received to attend camp. Chris said he LOVED camp. He had an amazing experience and wants to come back. Danny did really well the first half, but felt a bit homesick after a week and, ultimately decided to go home before the session's end. Although he did leave early, the staff agreed that Danny had grown tremendously over the time he was at camp and he was encouraged to return next year. Franny was a star camper always keen on trying everything and always looking forward to the next activity. Aisha was also very positive and enjoyed her cabin mates and all the activities offered at Agassiz. Overall, it was a positive experience for each of these children.

As the warmth of summer sets, we are focusing on the upcoming summer season. We plan to add two, one-week sessions along with the two-week sessions to better accommodate family schedules and funding. On average, it costs Agassiz Village about \$700 a week to send a child to camp. 100% of our campers receive a subsidy of half the cost, keeping our "full tuition" at a reasonable \$350 per week. However, 90% of our campers receive additional financial aid and pay on average less than \$80 a week. In addition, more than 10% of our camper slots are awarded as full Camperships.

We plan to continue our reach into the Charlestown community to find deserving children that would benefit from the Agassiz Village Summer Camp experience. Funding from the Charlestown Mother Association will ensure that these children have the experience of a lifetime—one that may change their outlook on life, build self esteem and create lasting friendships.

Thank you again for your kind generosity. Please let me know if there is ever an opportunity to speak to the Association about the Agassiz Village experience and what it means to the children who attend each summer. We would be more than happy to attend a meeting or meet with individual members.

Warm regards,

  
Cliff Simmonds  
Executive Director