

Camphill Village Copake



Capital Campaign Update

November 2015



Goal

\$15,000,000

Raised

\$14,875,000

Remaining

\$125,000





Capital Campaign Update is a special publication to apprise you of the progress we are making toward the \$15 million goal of the Building Possibilities Campaign. The improvements made possible by your generosity will help us achieve our mission: to create a loving home life, meaningful work, and vibrant spiritual, cultural, and social activities for adults with special needs and the volunteers who live and work alongside them.



Ilene Oloff knitting in the new Weavery

Dear Friends,

Our barn has a new roof, we've improved our Village paths and water system, and the new craft studios are filled with light, laughter, and beautiful products.

Thanks to so many of you.

We couldn't have done it without your generosity. So many other great things have also become possible since the Building Possibilities Campaign began in 2011. And now, we find ourselves in the last stretch of this major fundraising effort to build, strengthen, and unite our Village through projects and improvements

that enhance our quality of life here. We thank those who got us this far, and need just \$125,000 to put us over the top.



"We love our new craft studios!"

Brooke Hogan in the new Bookbindery

Brooke Hogan

has worked in every craft studio since she arrived at Camphill Village in 2007. The new buildings, which opened over the summer, have made a tremendous difference, and are a celebrated addition to Village life.

"The new space has been very helpful. It's bigger, and there's more floor space to know where stuff is," Brooke said. "There's more lighting and the windows make a big difference; you can see outside all the time."

The abundant natural light has been particularly well received

in the stained glass shop, where vibrant handmade pieces come to life in front of the windows they now adorn. Light floods the spaces through walls and ceilings, where several skylights have been installed in each building.

"We're still connected to what's going on outside. You're not shut off," says Ted Sumners, who runs our stained glass studio. "You notice when the clouds pass over or the thunderstorm rolls in down in the valley. It just improves your relationship with what you're doing."



Beth Stevens taking a walk in the Village

Long Friendships and Good Health: A Family's Relationship with Camphill Village

Elizabeth "Beth" Stevens joined us in Copake in 1964. She has spent the last 50 years making new friends and keeping old ones, all through two successful knee replacement surgeries and shifts in her daytime studio settings. Beth's life here has been a dynamic one, just as life should be, and it's unfolded amid the stability of a village that has and will continue to provide her consistent care.

"The prospect of a life for Beth within a community such as Camphill was greeted enthusiastically by our parents," recalled John Stevens, one of Beth's three siblings. He and another sister, Anne Martin, thought back fondly to the days the entire family would gather at the Elm Tree Motel in nearby Craryville and have breakfast at the Chief Martindale Diner when visiting Camphill with their parents and another brother, Billy. These trips were important days for the family to bond.

The Village has undergone some changes since then, many of them within the last several years since the inception of the Building Possibilities Campaign. The Stevens family has generously donated nearly \$400,000, to the campaign, \$100,000 of which represents a second gift that was matched by the Manley Family Challenge grant.

"We have been pleased to support the Campaign and delighted that we could make a second gift for The Manley Family Challenge. Frances Manley was a classmate of Beth's at The Cove School in Racine, Wisconsin, so this was particularly motivating for us," John said. "Our family donation to the campaign is a continuation of the support which our parents, John and Louise, made for many years to the development of Camphill Village."

To date, more than \$1 million have been raised since we announced the Manley Family Challenge Grant. The generosity of the Stevens and Manley families has made a tremendous difference for our capital fund.

The Stevens siblings see Beth frequently. Anne hosts Beth every year for Thanksgiving with the family at her home in Glencoe, IL. Billy and his wife Toni visit Beth in Copake and take her on summer vacations in North Carolina. John and his wife Judy regularly attend Brothers & Sisters weekend, and were able to get a preview of the new studio spaces before they opened during their most recent visit in June.

"As we now visit Camphill, we can see the positive results of the Building Possibilities Campaign. Most recently at Brothers and Sisters Day, we saw the new craft studios and marveled at the light, colors and design of the facility. Earlier we had seen the new roadways and paths, the rebuilt Hickory House and the new Bluestone building," said John. "It heartens us to know that our parents, who were significant and continuous contributors to Camphill Village over many years, would be extremely pleased to see how the Village has been maintained and improved over time."



Amanda Balducci and
Tania Zambrano-Good-
ban working in the new
Weavery



Sugarhouse: Construction Underway

Lee Edwards, who runs the Estate Crew here at Camphill Village, has been dreaming up the new Village Sugarhouse for six years. Thanks to your generous donations, construction of the new post-and-beam structure is underway.

"We've been making maple syrup in the Village since 1965, I believe," said Lee, adding that the Village's supply of maple syrup production stands to double to between 400 and 500 gallons per year with the new Sugarhouse and more efficient evaporator, depending on the weather. "You can't even predict what the season's going to be, so you just kind of hope, which is really nice in a way. You're completely at Mother Nature's mercy."

Aside from volume and the sweet success felt when bottling the syrup, it's the process – from tapping to boiling – that brings the Village together to work on a common goal.

"When you're in it, and it starts to look like a really good season, it's all hands on deck, and everyone in the Village comes in to collect, and the boiler's going, and we're in there late nights – it used to be all night sometimes. So there's that whole sort of culture around the syrup season, of making as much as you can while you can, because it's not going to last; the season's going to end," he said. There's also a social aspect that rises and sets with syrup season. "You see the smoke, you see the steam, and people just see it and just drop in," said Lee.

The benefits of the new Sugarhouse go far beyond the production inside. The thick beams of larchwood come from a small hardwood plantation within the Village that was started for this very purpose by some of our earliest residents back when New York State was promoting forest planting. The use of the timber allows everyone in the Village to appreciate the full circle of the wood - planting, harvesting, construction, and working underneath it.

"They planted it for forest regeneration purposes, but also with the idea for future lumber, and so here we are 50 years later, reaping the benefits of their foresight," said Lee, who plans to replant what has been harvested.

Ernesto Martinez is a long-time villager who has worked on the Estate Crew for more than a decade. He's been looking forward to seeing the plan finally come to fruition.

"It's been a long task of planning to build the Sugarhouse," he said. "You're building it for a social space; a space where you can do an activity with nature involved, and seeing it go up brings people together."



Ernesto Martinez and
his maple syrup

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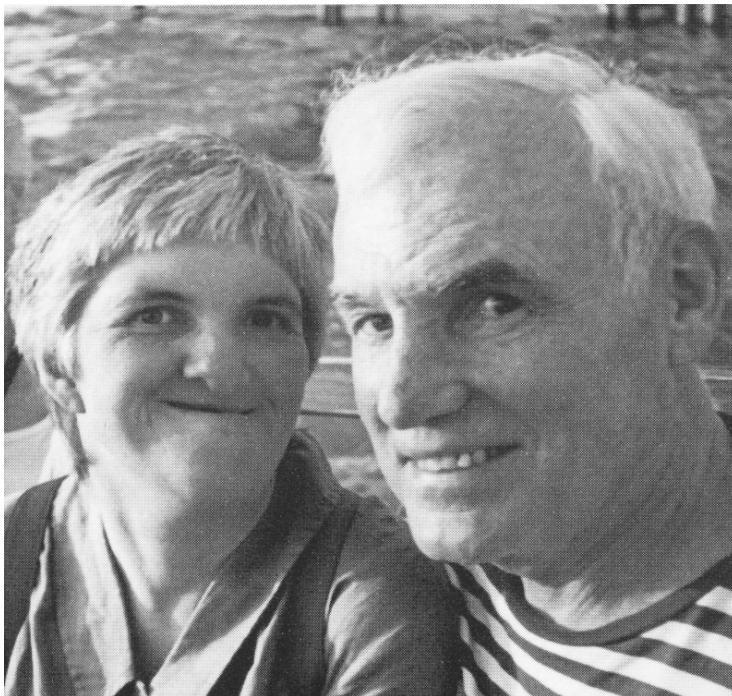
The Manley Family Challenge has inspired many families and friends of the Village to give, and has raised just over \$1 million. For every \$3 you donate, the Manley Family Challenge grant will contribute another dollar, thereby increasing your gift by a third. The Manley family's history with Camphill Village began when Frances Manley chose to make the Village her home in 1966. Since that time, her late parents, Otto and Marguerite, her brothers, Edward and John, and other extended Manley family members, have helped to improve the lives of all who live and work at the Village through their generosity.

Amount of Your Gift	Actual Benefit to Camphill
\$300	\$400
\$3,000	\$4,000
\$30,000	\$40,000
\$300,000	\$400,000

Future Giving and the Logan Legacy Circle

For those wishing to make bequest intentions and other gifts to be realized in the future, we would like to extend to you an invitation to join the J. Murray Logan Legacy Circle.

The Circle, named for the late J. Murray Logan (1935-2006), was founded to recognize and honor donors, like Mr. Logan, who make future gifts to the Camphill Village Copake Foundation. Membership in the Legacy Circle entails no obligations or dues. Rather, it was created to thank and recognize those who include the Camphill Village Copake Foundation in their estate or trust plans. Membership becomes effective as soon as you include the Camphill Village Copake Foundation in your will or estate plans, or donate any other gift to be realized at some future date, such as a life insurance policy or retirement plan.



Maria Logan and her father, the late J. Murray Logan



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