

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND



A Brief History

Way back in the late 1960's when Windsor Mountain International Summer Camp (formerly known as Interlocken) was still a fledgling summer program in the southwestern hills of New Hampshire, Richard and Susan Herman- together with camper and staff alumni- decided to start a non-profit "campership" program that would serve the needs of deserving children from varied social, economic, racial and religious backgrounds. At the time, very few summer camps made special efforts to create diverse communities of children who could live and learn from each other as they shared their summers together.

Windsor Mountain, however, always had an ideal goal of creating a multicultural educational camp community that would include a broad spectrum of kids, but it always required tuition funding that would help support the essential diversity. The vehicle to make the "dream" happen was the establishment of the Educational Opportunities Fund. Hundreds of generous folks supported the idea and more than fifty years later, the fund is still reaching out and selecting promising young people who want to grow and gain from an enriching summer.

Since the beginning in 1969, the EOF has succeeded in providing summer camp tuition funds for hundreds of children, financed by parents, kids, alumni, private and public foundations and other individuals. We're proud to say that the network of donors and camper alumni is vast, varied and worldwide!

The EOF has always believed in the values and life changing potential of inspired, creative top-notch summer camp programs. The ideal EOF campership grant provides support for young people to grow and develop into adults who want to give to others and help make the world a better place to live.



Letter from the Board



Dear Friends,

We hope you've visited our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). (If we aren't "friends" yet, then we are missing you!) Our goal is to connect with our community so we can rally around our shared appreciation for the value of an excellent summer camp experience- and the ideal of making such an experience possible for all kids.

With help from you—our passionate community of camp supporters—we were able to award scholarships to support eighteen students and even help an entire school pursue leadership training and community building experiences. We partner with programs that embody EOF's mission: they value diversity, opening minds, fostering personal growth and helping young people respond to social, cultural and environmental challenges as responsible global citizens.

Since 1969 The Educational Opportunities Fund has helped hundreds of children from around the world attend summer camp: Refugee children from the Sudan and Liberia, kids from under-resourced urban areas across the US, and youngsters from rural areas where resources are thin but kids are eager to play and learn in a thoughtful environment. We believe a summer camp experience can be deeply transformative. Connecting with nature, connecting with peers, connecting with your inner-self and being inspired by creative and magical camp counselors are only a few of the rare benefits of being at camp.

Please help us connect more kids with camp this year.

Sincerely,

Sarah Herman
Board President

Board Members 2025

Danny English: Outdoor educator, storyteller and children's book author. Windsor Mountain sports department head, cabins coordinator and summer camp co-director.

John Fitzsimmons: Teacher, poet, songwriter and folksinger who, along with his wife Denise and seven children, has been a part of the Windsor Mountain community since 2004.

Matt Goldman: Long connected to Windsor Mountain, joins the EOF Board to give back after seeing camp's impact on his family. He now lives in Massachusetts with his wife, Jeri, spending retirement cooking, mentoring, biking, and traveling.

Jessi Hempel: New York-based editor at large for LinkedIn. She writes extensively about the impact of technology on culture, business and society.

Richard Herman: Member of the U.S. Presidential Scholars Commission and former member of the NH House of Representatives; Founder of Windsor Mountain International and Crossroads Educational Travel. Founder Educational Opportunities Fund and Thomas Hines Sr. Scholarship Fund.

Sarah Herman: Head of School at Our Sisters' School in New Bedford MA. Former Director of Windsor Mountain International.

Megan Schorle: Patient Experience Analyst for Lifespan, former Humanities Educator in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Andy Taylor: Current History and human geography teacher, squash and tennis coach at the Taft School. Andy has an extensive history in education and curriculum development abroad and in the U.S.

Adam Tepper: Analyst with Castle Hook Partners, where he focuses on research in agriculture and energy. Former Windsor Mountain camper and staff member.

Deidre Tobey: A Windsor Mountain veteran administrator whose entire career has been dedicated to youth development and now, most recently, systems management.

Advisory Board and Support Team Members

Melissa Herman

Dartmouth College professor; former Interlocken camper and staff member

Joshua Hahn

Former EOF board President; former Interlocken camper and staff member

Pam Butler

EOF bookkeeper and key support team member

Renee Blinn

Administrative aid and key support team member





Letter from 2025 Scholarship Recipient

Dear EOF,

I just want to thank you so much for giving me the Summer Camp Scholarship! I'm really grateful for the chance to go to camp this year. It was such an awesome experience that I'll never forget.

At camp, I learned a lot of new things. One of my favorite parts was learning how to work better with others during team games. It really helped me build leadership and communication skills. I also enjoyed trying new activities like canoeing, which pushed me out of my comfort zone. Another big thing for me was how the counselors encouraged everyone to be kind and confident. That really made me happy.

Because of camp, I've learned how important teamwork and positivity are. I plan to use what I learned at camp to do better in school and help others. In the future, I'd love to come back as a counselor so I can help other campers have the same great experience I did.

Thank you again for your time. I'm really thankful for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Amanda



Honoring 2025 Scholarship Recipients

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Amanda Beckford - Windsor Mountain
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"I am sure that all of us have memories, enduring moments, and lasting values from camp. Every child deserves to share in these possibilities, and it is the mission of EOF to encourage, enable and fund scholarships to families and children who do not have the financial means to experience the full power of summer camps. These children need us - and we need the rich, broad and enriching diversity they bring to any camp they are eager to join."

John Fitzsimmons, on behalf of The Educational Opportunities Fund



This report provides a summary of charitable gifts made to the Educational Opportunities Fund (29 7th St., New Bedford, MA 02740; EIN 59-1269611) between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

This report was edited by Sarah Herman, President, Educational Opportunities Fund. We have worked hard to ensure the correct spelling of each donor's name. However, if we have made an error, please accept our sincerest apology and contact Sarah at 917-696-8282 or Ed.O.Fund@gmail.com
