



# Community for All

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## LARC News SPECIAL EDITION

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Campaign Celebration  
Saturday, September 29, 2018 at  
Camp MOE.  
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### *From the Ground Up — A Campaign for Camp MOE*

LARC is pleased to announce the start of the public phase of ***From the Ground Up—A Campaign for Camp MOE!*** Well on our way to the campaign goal of \$1.5 million, we are so grateful to the many businesses, foundations and individuals who have supported the vision of making the property a year-round facility in support of LARC's mission of ***Community for All!*** This edition of LARC's community news is dedicated to all those who have supported the campaign to date and to share a few photos that help tell a great story of a community coming together to make wonderful things happen.

The donors listed on the following pages have supported a transformation of nearly every area of the property used during camp season. There is a new expansive parking lot, newly-paved roads, a retaining wall protecting an enhanced beach area, new docks, a handicapped-accessible path to the water's edge, a new pavilion, an extensively-refurbished Lodge with brand new bathrooms on the main and lower levels — and much more! Campers will enjoy these new enhancements in addition to a new gaga pit, a bocce court, a water trampoline and new archery equipment.

Plans for the public phase of the campaign include improvements to the Infirmary and the installation of a catering kitchen, which will be utilized at events and as part of a future component to LARC's Vocations program.

If you have not already done so, we hope you will consider making a donation in support of the important work underway at Camp MOE. By supporting the campaign, you will help LARC create a year-round destination place in Torrington and ensure that the property is better positioned to serve a variety of needs in the community related to LARC's mission of ***Community for All!*** Please contact Mary Ellen Kunz, Director of Development & Marketing at [mkunz@litchfieldarc.org](mailto:mkunz@litchfieldarc.org) or 860-482-9364 ext. 39 with questions about the campaign or to discuss your gift. Donations can be made on our website, [www.litchfieldarc.org](http://www.litchfieldarc.org).

**Thank you!**

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**Letter from the Executive Director:**

All that is best about LARC—compassionate and dedicated support, a commitment to the health and well-being of our community, and an ongoing determination to help each and every individual reach his or her maximum potential—is evident from the moment you step foot on Camp MOE. As we work to modernize and transform this remarkable facility into one of the best outdoor camps in the region, we are also focused on making the property an important and integral part of LARC as an agency—from a site for respite, to a recreational facility for the individuals we serve, to a future vocational enterprise. To those of you who have supported us so generously during this campaign, I say THANK YOU! And to those of you who would like to learn more about this important work and this extraordinary place, please reach out to me or any member of the team, and we will be happy to meet with you, give you a tour, and show you how your support can have significant impact.



LARC Board President, Kim Brown with LARC Executive Director, Michael Menard.

**"Name the Property" contest**

Join in the contest to name the forever home of Camp MOE and win some amazing prizes. The property has yet to be named and we'd like your suggestions for a great name that reflects the present and future possibilities of the entire complex and one that works well with the tagline "Home of Camp MOE."

Go to [www.litchfieldarc.org](http://www.litchfieldarc.org) and click on the "Name the Property" link to submit your suggestion through August 31. The top five suggestions will be selected and those property names will be voted on through an online survey that will be open until September 10. The winners will be announced at the end of September. The top choice winner will receive a \$250 Visa gift card and the second and third place winners will receive valuable gifts from local businesses!

**Guidelines for naming suggestions:**

- ♦ Think of a title that is appropriate for the location, which is forested and interspersed with rolling hills, trails, a diverse selection of wildlife, and a beautiful waterfront.
- ♦ The name should tie in nicely with the LARC Program tagline "Home of Camp MOE" – can't be too long!
- ♦ It should reflect all of the possible future uses of the property—a place for LARC programs, special community events, business and wellness retreats, sports events, and permitted public usage.



### Robert Rosenheim Foundation

(Photo at right) Thanks to the extremely generous donation of \$300,000 from the Robert Rosenheim Foundation, renovation plans will greatly improve and enhance the office/welcome center, an integral component of the entire facility. Michael Menard, LARC Executive Director, is joined by Diane Libby, Michael Adams and Michael Samartino from the Robert Rosenheim Foundation. The foundation was established during Mr. Rosenheim's lifetime to provide charitable giving to organizations whose primary focus is on the health and wellbeing of children and animals.



(Photo at left) Jeff Geddes, Senior Vice President and Kim Brown, Vice President of Torrington Savings Bank joined Michael Menard on a recent visit to Camp MOE. Torrington Savings Bank's generous donation of \$100,000 is funding major road improvements throughout the property.



(Photo at right) Draper Foundation Fund Advisors, Doug O'Connell, Lori Riiska, and Susan Caufield at the waterfront to see all the improvements made possible as a result of the Fund's campaign support of \$100,000.



(Photo at left) Touring camp and discussing plans for Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation's campaign donation of \$100,000 are from left to right: LARC board member and project contractor, Mike Pinette, Thomaston Comfort Control; Jim Nichol, Secretary, Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation and Executive Vice President and COO of Thomaston Savings Bank; Michael Menard, LARC Executive Director; Kim Brown, LARC board president and Vice President, Torrington Savings Bank; Stephen Lewis, President, Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation and Thomaston Savings Bank.

## ***Our generous donors - Thank YOU!***

### **\$250,000 +**

Robert Rosenheim Foundation

### **\$100,000—\$249,000**

Draper Foundation Fund, a fund of the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation

Wayne Eisenbaum Charitable Foundation

Adrian & Maggie Selby

Michael & Breia Pinette

Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, Inc

Torrington Savings Bank

### **\$50,000—\$99,999**

Special Olympics of CT

### **\$25,000—\$49,999**

Ann Bowen, John Morici

Mae Casali Bonvicini Charitable Trust, Paul Casali

Lois Grady

J. Thomas Mettling, Realtor

O&G Industries

Jack & Sue Ritchie

Seherr-Thoss Charitable Trust

### **\$10,000—\$24,999**

Michael Boe, Boe Studio, Architecture & Graphic Design

Allan & Maria Borghesi

Borghesi Building & Engineering Co.

Harwinton Drilling & Engineering Co., Inc.

Litchfield Bancorp

Northwest Community Bank

Sunrise Excavation

### **\$5,000—\$9,999**

Emery Family

Jim & Lisa Fabiaschi

Secor, Cassidy & McPartland

John Sheaffer, Sheaffer & Co. Real Estate

Zaharek Landscaping

### **\$2,500—\$4,999**

Bearingstar Insurance Charitable Fund

Lance & Dorothy Beckley

Essex Winair

Michael & Claudette McGuffie

The Steck Family

Thomaston Savings Bank



**Fire Equipment Headquarters, Inc.** in Torrington donated a new Automated External Defibrillator in addition to several fire extinguishers, which have been installed around camp.



A new paved pathway to the water has greatly improved accessibility for all thanks to the Draper Foundation Fund, a fund at the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation.



### **\$1,000—\$2,499**

Larry & Patty Cassella  
Gladys Y. Cerruto  
Gail & Bill Marchand  
Petrovits, Patrick, Smith  
& Co. LLC  
John & Sanda Ursone  
Timothy E. Waldron

### **\$500—\$999**

Kim Brown  
Sarah Dziedzic  
Susan Kelly  
Doug & Karen Sebach  
**Under \$500**  
Christine Calverley  
George & Candace  
Craig  
Ruth Dwyer  
Jeff & Peggy Geddes



Brand new bathrooms in the lower level of the Lodge.



Putting in place the new shed at the waterfront.

### **In-Kind Donations**

Bender Kitchen and Baths  
Boe Studios  
Essex Winair  
Harwinton Drilling & Engineering  
Co., Inc.  
O&G Industries, Inc.  
Progressive Paving  
Sunrise Excavation  
Supreme Industries  
Thomaston Comfort Controls  
Zaharek Landscaping



New shelves assembled by LARC staff and ready to be filled with campers' lunches.



The Lodge is nearly brand new! What you can't see is new wiring, plumbing, and insulation! What you see is a bright, spacious, and beautiful building inside and out thanks, in part, to a donation from the Seherr-Thoss Charitable Trust.



At left, a newly-roofed pavilion with a paved surface and brand new picnic tables is all set for an outdoor activity or a barbecue!





Newly-paved road heading up to the Lodge, made possible by Torrington Savings Bank.

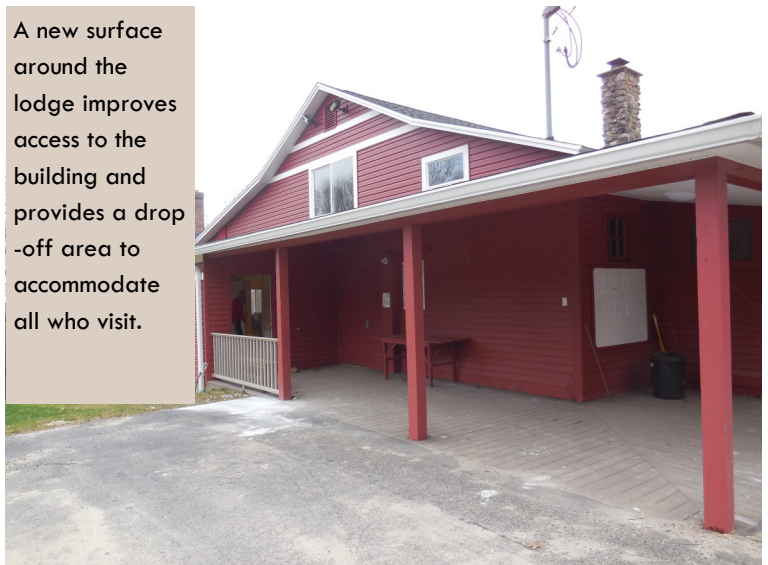


New retaining wall recently installed at the beach and made possible by the Draper Foundation Fund at the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation.



New docks that do not have to be removed and stored at the end of the season thanks to the Draper Foundation Fund at the Northwest Connecticut Community Foundation.

A new surface around the lodge improves access to the building and provides a drop-off area to accommodate all who visit.



LARC managers, Rachael Long and Joe Devine, putting together picnic tables donated by Lowe's and Home Depot.



The new and much larger parking area created by Brian Fairchild, Sunrise Excavation and Marty Kozlak, Progressive Paving.





## Spotlight



(Left) **Mike Pinette** is project manager for the work completed and underway at Camp MOE. A member of LARC's board of directors, Mike is co-owner of Thomaston Oil, Thomaston Self Storage, Thomaston Comfort Control, and Alliance All Trades. Mike is involved with many civic organizations in the area. He has been the driving force behind the transformations taking place at Camp MOE.



(Above) **Matt Laukaitis**, LARC, has been a major contributor to the efforts to improve the property and he is always ready to take on a project, scout out the best deals and obtain donations of everything from building materials to picnic tables.



(Above) **Mike Zaharek**, Zaharek Landscaping has done so much work at Camp MOE, it's difficult to point to a completed project that did not involve Mike and his team!

(Right) **Katherine Marchand Beyer**, shown here with a happy camper, is the devoted director of Camp MOE and Community Support at LARC. She has built, with her dedicated staff, a camp program that provides lifetime experiences, builds family relationships, provides diversity and respect for others, and fosters a love of children. According to Katherine, the Capital Campaign provides the opportunity to build on the dreams of a year-round camp facility and helps ensure Camp MOE's sustainability for the future. Katherine invites all to "stop by this summer and share in the excitement of Camp MOE."



## *Camp MOE is a special place!*

Camp MOE is a great success story and its rapid growth is a testament to that fact. The demand for an inclusive summer program in Northwest Connecticut that serves all youngsters continues to increase.

Camp MOE is a place where children have freedom of choice, selecting their own activities based on personal interests. With no cell phones, no iPads, no video games, Camp MOE fosters an environment full of exploration and discovery, where each child is valued for being themselves. Children learn the value of kindness, which is the backbone of Camp MOE. The staff is inspired both to teach and to learn. The beauty of the place is legend. Located on 185 lush acres, the camp is hidden away, but convenient to Torrington, where 62% of the campers reside. The idyllic setting features a network of trails under a broad canopy of trees with views of Migeon Pond, which is used for swimming and boating. Babbling brooks combine with the songs of an array of birds, sounds of scurrying squirrels and chatty chipmunks to create an orchestra of nature! A perfect place for summer camp — Camp MOE is indeed a special place! For more information about camp, visit [www.campmoe.org](http://www.campmoe.org) or call 860-618-2800



*Camp MOE — A diverse community that empowers kids to explore and thrive!*

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Our vision, **Community for All**, strives to achieve inclusion for all individuals.

The principles which have guided LARC in its delivery of programs since 1964 are individual empowerment, choice, respect and dignity.

**COMMUNITY FOR ALL**