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Mayhew Update

... a good start on the future

Fall 2013

Charge!

The Mayhew community is deeply saddened by the recent deaths of two of its most dedicated and beloved leaders, Bud Moore and Jack Richards. Save for the lessons they taught us about tackling challenges with a smile, an adventurous spirit and steady resolve, our sadness would be paired, right now, with a feeling of being somewhat adrift.



Bud Moore

Bud and Jack were teachers in the fullest, most honorable and distinctive sense. Bud lived New Hampton School for more than seventy years, leading it for three decades. Jack built a legendary career – four decades long – at Phillips Academy. Much earlier, he made his first step into teaching, joining the Groton School Camp staff and beginning a lifelong commitment to helping boys in need grow, in part, through their experiences on Mayhew Island.



Jack Richards

Separately and then together as Mayhew trustees, Jack and Bud had the same charge: Help

others find their best. How did they fare in this? Consider the following:

Jonathan, 1980 New Hampton School graduate (www.newhampton.org): “[Bud] was always more interested in what I was doing than

talking about himself. He had an uncanny ability to put you at ease, build your confidence, get you to talk, and then remember it!”

James, 1997 Phillips Academy graduate (www.andover.edu): “[Mr. Richards] was a fantastic and inspiring teacher. He could be traditional pedagogically and a tough disciplinarian, which was actually what initially made me love him... [H]e was very kind and generous as a person. He was always encouraging without letting you hold a low standard for yourself.”

Sam, 1998 Mayhew graduate: “Mayhew changed the way I viewed my future...It also gave me the tools to be part of a team, and the courage to always pick myself up and try again at anything I really wanted in life...”

Jack and Bud, thank you for making your charge, *our* charge. As we move forward for the boys, we’re hearing you loud and clear. *Charge!*

A grateful student,

Jim Nute, Executive Director



Charge up! Mayhew's Colin Buckley and Keegan climb.

Challenging and helping at-risk NH boys to believe in themselves, work well with others, and find their best.



Remembering Bud Moore, Mayhew Trustee 1993-2013

By Rob Moore

Dad was an amazing man, friend, and father. [His] story is one of rags to riches. Dad told us stories of going to bed hungry, of walking a mile to catch the wagon in fall and spring and the sleigh in winter to get to school, of working odd jobs – some of his own invention – from trapping and selling pelts to delivering molasses, of learning music from his mother who put him on a pedestal, and of trying to live up to expectations from his father who knocked him off that pedestal time and again. These two extremes of parental love shaped Dad, and he learned early that balance was the key to good relationships.

Dad had a few rules he lived by:

1. Be kind. I remember Dad picking up hitchhikers and always going an extra mile or even delivering them to their front door.
2. Have fun. Dad enjoyed everything he did whether it was mowing the lawn, being at work, serving a non-profit or spending time with family.
3. Believe in every person's potential. Dad saw the best in people. We all felt that.
4. Be moderate. One cup of coffee, one cocktail. Moderation is the key to a balanced life.
5. See the glass as at least half full or even overflowing. I saw Dad in some tough situations. He always made the best of them.
6. Remember – the key to happiness is to lower your expectations. One time I was feeling under-valued, Dad told me not expect so much. This can apply to the job, family reunions, work outs, or even vacations!
7. The Bud Moore Key to a Happy Marriage is a triangle of respect, love, fun.

Every one of us has a story to tell about Dad, about how much he affected us in big and small ways. Right up to the very end of his life, his room at Forest View was often full to capacity with people who just wanted to be in his presence. And when people greeted him



Believe. Photo courtesy of Michael Kaplan.

with a “Hi Bud, how are you?” He invariably replied, generally from flat on his back, “Soopah!” or “Top dra-a-a-w!”

With his signature humor, sound reasoning, and incredible wisdom, he dispensed advice well into his last days. He always saw the good in people and sincerely wished to make life better for others, and he had tremendous respect and admiration for those who followed their hearts and dared to live their dreams.”

**An excerpted version of the eulogy Rob delivered at his father's memorial service, August 25, 2013, New Hampton School.*



Having fun. Bud at a New Hampton commencement.



Groton School Camp, 2011! (l to r) Jack, Dave Lincoln, Sam Chauncey and Ken Bingham, former GSC camper and author of "Groton School Camp: A History of the First Summer Camp for Underprivileged Boys." Photo courtesy of Max Cantor.

A Tribute to Jack Richards

By Al Cantor

When Jack Richards first set foot on Mayhew Island in 1949, he began a relationship that would last the rest of his life, a life that sadly ended on October 5 at age 81. Jack, 17 at the time, formed a special connection with what was then the Groton School Camp, and over the course of the next decade he served as the GSC Assistant Director and Director. When Groton School got out of the camp business in the 1960s, Jack was among the handful of visionaries who founded the modern Mayhew Program. Jack proudly remained an active trustee until his final day.

Jack was the heart and soul of Mayhew. Far more than a mere venerable link to the past, he was deeply involved with the program throughout his life. One of Jack's greatest contributions was his recruitment of staff. As a history teacher and dean at Phillips Academy for forty years, Jack persuaded dozens of students to become Mayhew summer counselors. (I know this first-hand: I was a recruit in 1976.) He took special pride that his sons Chris and Tim, as well as his grandson Max, became part of the family's Mayhew tradition.

Jack was the most modest of men. And so in 2011 he was stunned to discover that his friends, family, and former classmates, students, colleagues, and Air Force buddies had surreptitiously raised over \$230,000 to build a new Mayhew staff quarters in his honor: "Jack's Shack." In the ribbon-cutting ceremonies that

August, Jack memorably called Mayhew his "cause of a lifetime."

On that dedication day, Sam Chauncey, a friend of Jack's and Mayhew's from the Groton School Camp days, recalled that when Jack was Assistant Director one of his duties was to row to shore every day to get



Jack and Al. Photo courtesy of Max Cantor.

milk and other supplies. Sam remembered vividly how Jack would row off, uncomplaining, confident, and strong, even on the windiest days and in the choppiest conditions. That's how I like to picture Jack Richards: selflessly taking on a challenge, doing whatever needed to be done, leaning in, pulling strongly on the oars, and taking the greatest of pleasures in contributing to the common good.

Rest in peace, good friend.



SERVING — EARNING —



Dynamic Duo. Alums Josh Seamans (left) and Jake LaCross catch up after strengthening Mayhew's in person request for funding from the Monadnock United Way. Josh is currently a senior at Keene State College and Jake has plans to re-enroll in River Valley Community College.

From the moment each boy steps into Mayhew, he becomes part of something bigger than himself and learns that there are many ways to serve and help. As he grows older, he can apply to work as a staff member, usually starting in the Island Kitchen. Every cent of pay is well-earned and matched by a contribution to his account in the Alan Cantor Graduates' Scholarship Fund. When he pursues postsecondary education, those matching funds are there to help with his tuition and book expenses. In more than two decades, 213 boys have earned a total of \$310,276 in matching contributions. To date, 33 of these young men have called on \$185,766 of these funds for their educational pursuits.

This scholarship support, indeed, Mayhew itself, happens only through the generosity of the program's contributors. Thank you all for helping the boys to serve, earn, grow – and learn to give!



From sinking battleships in 1996... Nick matches wits with Dave Bird.



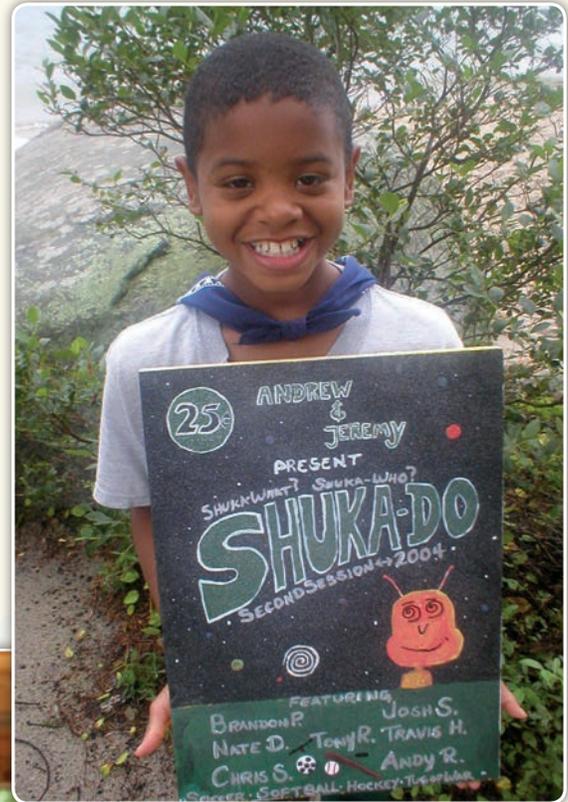
To supporting the boys in 2013. Nick (left) joins Mike Waters (right) in presenting Mayhew with \$500 in support of the boys from Aaron's of Manchester. Now 28, Nick works full-time, has nearly completed his degree in Criminal Justice and is serving in the National Guard.



— GROWING — GIVING



2013's Kitchen Crew (at least some of them).



Being Brandon in 2004.



Being Brandon in 2013

Being Mayhew: Brandon Pierre

On Mayhew Island and well beyond it, in the middle of July or on a freezing cold sledding trip in February, the boys and staff of the Mayhew Program talk about it, strive for it, live it: *being Mayhew*. They

are two words that mean a great deal. Being responsible. Being respectful. Contributing to the community. Pursuing challenge.

For nearly ten years, Brandon Pierre has been well practiced in *being Mayhew*. From 2004 through 2010, he was a boy in the program. He then served as a key member of the Island Kitchen Staff before joining the Program Staff the last two summers, helping the boys to *be Mayhew*. Between summers, Brandon is a high-achieving, politically and socially active student at New Hampshire's Plymouth State University.

You can gain some insight on the impact Brandon has had with the boys by jumping back to the summer via the Mayhew Blog, www.mayhew.org. Second Session's Day 3, July 19th was just one of many "Brandon being Mayhew" moments. Thank you, Brandon!



Bringing the Outer Circle home. Gavin did that and much more! Get a glimpse into how far he came over the course of the summer by visiting the First Session, Day 25, July 13th Blog entry (www.mayhew.org)

LEADERS

At Mayhew, being a leader is doing the right thing, especially when it's difficult. It's helping without being asked. It's making a better choice after you've made a poor one. Being a Mayhew leader doesn't earn you extra privileges; it earns you more responsibility. This is true whether or not you earn the blue bandanna for the Outer Circle (or the red one for the Inner Circle). It's true as a member of Link-Up, for the 12-17-year-olds in the program. And it's as true throughout the school year as it is during the Mayhew summer.



You did it, Ezra! Get a glimpse into some of what he did last summer. Search the First Session, Day 22, July 10 Blog entry (www.mayhew.org)



Link-Up dines. Every Link-Up (Link-Up is for the 12-17-year-olds in the program) week during the summer includes a camping and expedition component. Visit the First Session Day 7, June 25th Blog entry (www.mayhew.org) to see where the first Link-Up trip went.



Link-Up cleans up, Part I. Throughout the summer (and the school-year, too), the Links look for ways to make things better. Here's just some of the garbage they bagged up from the Saco River. Visit the First Session Day 22, July 10th Blog entry (www.mayhew.org) to catch Tristan lighting up the room with his enthusiasm after a soggy canoe trip.



Link-Up cleans up, Part II. This particular trip down the Saco River saw a boatload (literally) of trash being captured by the Links. Visit the Second Session Day 8, July 24th Blog entry (www.mayhew.org) to get a glimpse into a rough week and what Isaiah did to try getting it in tune.



Team first. Wait 'til you read about what Adam (blue bandanna) did for his team on Second Session's Day 7, July 23! Visit the Blog (www.mayhew.org).



Keenan climbs. Can he also talk with nature? Visit the Second Session, Day 9, July 25th Blog entry (www.mayhew.org) to find out.



Manny's voice was static free. And his actions? They spoke loud and clear on First Session's Day 20, July 8! Be inspired. See it on the Blog (www.mayhew.org).



Inner Circle! Keenan earns it! How long had it been since a boy earned one of the highest honors in the program, Inner Circle induction? Visit the Second Session, Day 24, August 9th Blog entry (www.mayhew.org).



What a summer, Dakota! Indeed! Catch just one of his many memorable moments on the Blog (www.mayhew.org). Search for First Session, Day 16, July 4.



Mayhew: More Than a Summer.

The Mayhew summer is often a transformative experience for the boys (and staff, too). But Mayhew is also more than the summer. It's the challenge and difficulty of doing the right thing, stretching for more, getting up after a fall or two or three. It's reaching out in a supportive way to the people around you, helping them to do all these things too. It's striving for this throughout the year and throughout the years. Here's a report card of sorts:



2013's Gator Tots.

"[He's] a little more thoughtful of others. I notice some courteous behavior I never saw before."

— "Martin's" mother.



Ryan being Mayhew between summers.

"Liam is trying more things, and is thinking about how his actions and words affect others more often. Thank you."

— "Liam's" mother.



Alex and Jaden.

"By making me say 'Yes, I can' from 'No, I can't.'"

— Justin on how Mayhew has helped.



YOU make it possible! Logan, Alex and Roy pointing to who is Mayhew along with them.

"He is more willing to speak up for himself or others if he sees someone getting treated in a way that they shouldn't. [He's] willing to push himself a little more to get to the next level. Thank you, Mayhew!"

— "Jaxon's" mother.



2013's Cool Beans. Ready to sprout on the hike.

"I remember everything about Mayhew playing sports, going to the Swim Cove, Sunday Funday, splitting wood in the morning, being a Raft Rat and swimming around the Island, especially my cabin winning the Regatta...I joined the Army shortly after graduating high school in 2011 and I am currently stationed in South Korea."

— Nate Berg, 2006 alum.



Bailey rocks during a fall visit.



Strive!



Together. 2001 alum, Asa McGowan, wife Sandra and daughter Meeka, during a June visit to Mayhew Island, Asa's first in 14 years.

"Mayhew means a lot to me and I can't wait to be a Link, then Kitchen Staff and hopefully a counselor."

— Keenan



We can!

"Mayhew is a place for me to get away from the troubles of my life and have fun."

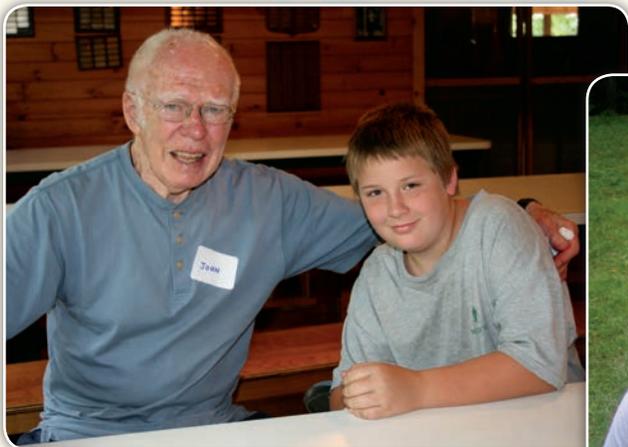
— "Wyatt"



Trustee Emerita, Audrey Hagerman, joins Ryan and Alex. Mayhew is very fortunate that, though Audrey felt it was the right time to step down from the Board after 21 years of helping to lead Mayhew, she is...well, *still* leading here! Thank you, Audrey!

TEAMMATES

For all of its 44 years, Mayhew has been a true team effort. Dedicated leaders from Groton School Camp and Camp Pasquaney gave it shape and life and Camp Pasquaney has never stopped being the greatest of friends. Mayhew is extraordinarily fortunate that, through the years, so many have joined Pasquaney in strengthening Mayhew – through collaborations and contributions – for the boys! Thank YOU! So much! Here are just a few of your teammates:



Postcard pals. John Chandler meets Nate, his 2013 Postcard Pal. Thanks to John and the more than 40 Mayhew friends like him who spent time boosting the boys with mail this summer!



Team!

Giving!

2013's Mayhew has been stirred and strengthened by so many generous contributors. Among them, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation, which made a powerful \$75,000 grant in support of the boys in April, and the Diocese of Manchester Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund, which contributed \$2,500 in May.

Thank you so much William Randolph Hearst Foundation, Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund and all of Mayhew's 2013 donors to date!

As we sprint to the end of Mayhew's fiscal year, these gifts have contributed to a spirit of optimism but, as always this time of year, Mayhew very much needs *your* help to bring the program home for the boys (and to meet our lean budget). If you have not already done so, we hope that you are in a position to consider a stretch gift to 2013's Annual Fund. Thank you for your consideration!



High school teens in the Circle Program begin their hike to Artist's Bluff in Franconia Notch.



Friends! James with great Mayhew friend, Don Weigel. Don and his staff at Inter-Lakes Properties have always done a lot for the program. Most recently, they donated a brand new microwave, range, dishwasher and refrigerator. Thank you, Don and I-LP!

News from Circle Program

In 2012, the Circle Program launched a pilot program called TAP, or Teen Adventure Program, offering high school teens an opportunity to learn advanced leadership, team-building and wilderness camping skills. The goal of TAP was to take the teens' camping skills to the next level of expertise.

The first TAP adventure included 3-days and 2-nights of off-site camping and hiking at White Lake State Park in Tamworth, New Hampshire. It was such a successful experience that the teens planned a second trip this past summer -- which took them to Franconia Notch and the Lafayette Campground. There they learned and practiced such skills as pitching a tent or finding shelter, building a campfire, cooking outside, finding water and food in the wild, signaling for help, using a compass for basic navigation, and predicting the weather. After the outing, the teens returned to Circle Camp for debriefing and discussed the highlights and the low points of their experience. The teens talked about the kinds of wilderness trips they might like to pursue in the future and how they can each contribute value to the spirit of the adventure.

*Find out more about Circle at www.circleprogram.org.

Wish List

- 30 Type 1 Life Jackets – 20 Adult and 10 Youth
- 30 Kayak/Canoe Vests – Adults sizes 20 (L), 5(M) and 5(S)
- 84 toothbrush holders for summer campers
- Camping tarps (10x12 or larger)
- Propane BBQ grill
- Picnic table
- Gas cards for school year mentoring visits
- Home Depot gift cards to purchase lumber, etc. for Island maintenance projects
- 2 Lawn mowers
- Weed whacker for Island
- Hand-pull wagon (see Northern Tool catalog, grounds-maintenance wagons/yard carts, www.northerntool.com).
- 2 Vacuums
- Digital cameras



mayhew is...

Focused on challenging and helping at-risk NH boys to believe in themselves, work well with others, and find their best.

Since 1969, we have run a highly structured and supportive summer program on Newfound Lake. Throughout the school year, our dedicated staff are right there with the boys, in their communities, helping them to live by the Mayhew ideals of *responsibility, respect, community* and *challenge*.

Candidates for Mayhew are 10-and 11-year-old-boys. Selection is based on need, income, family situation and a boy's willingness to work hard. Through the generosity of our family of contributors, boys are able to participate in Mayhew for six full years, tuition-free. As a nonprofit organization, contributions are fully tax deductible. For more information, to make a donation, lend a hand, or refer a boy, please contact Mayhew at: (603) 744-6131 or mayhew@mayhew.org

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