



SCF Weekly Update

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Like you, we are worried about economically disadvantaged Maine children and their families. During this time of increased financial hardship and social distancing, we are particularly concerned about children who are vulnerable to abuse and neglect and without their typical support system of friends, teachers, social workers, and camp staff. More than ever, children need a safe, supportive environment where they can be kids and have fun, while building their confidence and coping skills. We remain hopeful that Camp Susan Curtis can be that place of refuge and hope for our campers this summer.

We are monitoring the most up-to-date information and guidance from state health agencies to determine the status of this summer's sessions with the staff and campers' health as the top priority, as always. To that end, we have closed the Foundation office and staff are largely working from home, except to conduct essential business functions.

In an attempt to keep our friends and supporters informed of our efforts to further our mission during this period of uncertainty, we will be sending out a weekly update email. If you have questions or would like to engage further around a particular topic, please call or [email](#) us.

Supporting our Campers and Families in the Time of COVID-19

While the programming of Camp Susan Curtis and face-to-face interactions with campers may be seasonal, our mission is year-round. Here are some of the ways we have been supporting campers and families during this period of uncertainty:

- We are sharing a comprehensive list of available resources in a newsletter format that is emailed to all camp families and posted on Facebook.
- We are working with local schools, referral partners, and a network of staff and alumni to compile information about food pantries, school breakfast/lunch sites, and restaurants that are offering free meals to children.
- We are working with teachers and social workers on our staff team to promote educational activities through different online sites and recommendations to make homeschooling more manageable.
- Recently, we have added tips on breathing exercises and other ways to manage stress and a special hotline to contact for emotional support.
- In keeping with the spirit and culture of CSC, we always remind our campers and their families that they can can **play outside**, **sing** camp songs, **read**, **cook** together, take a **walk**, have a **dance** party!

As important members of our camp family, we hope you will also heed this advice.



We know many of you were looking forward to our Leadership Celebration Dinner. While it's no substitute, we invite you to visit our website, where we have uploaded some camper video clips and other content to help bring the Camp Susan Curtis experience to life.

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