

## THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you for your kind, understanding, and supportive responses to last Wednesday's news that West End House Camp's 2020 season has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Raise your hand if you shed a tear. Our hands are raised, and we know we are not alone. However, despite the sadness we are all feeling, your heartwarming reactions and comments have truly shown the enduring SPIRIT of the HOUSE and the quality of our community.

We are particularly sensitive to the feelings that campers and staff may be having about missing what they look forward to all year. There is a natural grieving process that all are going through. This [excellent video](#) from Dr. Tina Payne Bryson entitled, "Helping Our Kids Manage Disappointment Over Cancelled Summer Plans" may be helpful to parents. Also, please reach out to our Directors if we can be of assistance in any way to support your sons and your families.

## TUITION OPTIONS

As we have said in earlier newsletters, this camp season's cancellation will not result in financial loss to any families. If your means permit, please consider allocating some or all of your tuition already paid as a tax-deductible donation to our 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization to help support our mission during these challenging times. Here are your options:

1. Donate all or part of your tuition as a tax-deductible contribution. This will lock in 2020 rates for you for the 2021 season.
2. Apply tuition paid to the 2021 season. This will also lock in 2020 rates for you for the 2021 season.
3. Receive a refund in full.

Please reply to this email by June 15, 2020 to let us know what you would like to do.

## THE HOUSE AT HOME

We have started to develop **The HOUSE at Home** which will be a virtual camp experience for those connected with us as veterans, rookies, and even prospective campers. We know that this cannot replace the real WEHC experience, but it will help you stay connected, entertained, and challenged with fun and creative activities. Many of the activities will mirror what we do at camp.

This will be offered **free of charge** during the period of June 28-August 22. No matter what length of session you had signed up for, whether you are a veteran who had not yet signed up, or whether you are a new or prospective camper, you can all join us for the full 8 weeks! More info will be coming out about this in June, so stay tuned!

## ALUMNI INFO

### **When you're one of the boys, you're always one of the boys!**

West End House Camp alumni have been saddened by the loss of the 2020 season for this generation's campers and staff. They know firsthand how valuable and life-enhancing it is. We have received multiple questions about what the cancellation of the season means for our traditional Old Timers' Week. While OTW at camp is postponed, there is a committee beginning to work on options to bring people together and celebrate the unique brotherhood that is West End House Camp. Stay tuned for more information about this, too.