



# Eagle Island News

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## Departing Eagle Island Board Members

At EI's Annual Meeting in March, we honored board members Chris Hildebrand, Lauren Parmington, and Mary Hesselgrave as their tenures on the EI Board came to an end. All three are former campers and camp staff members. Chris is legendary for her diligent compilation and maintenance of the list of alums, which was critical in the effort to save Eagle Island, as well as for her spirit, tenacity, and inspiration over many decades. Lauren started the Friends of Eagle Island nonprofit in her NYC apartment in 2011, and Mary generously and diligently held the Secretary role for many years.

We are delighted that all three will continue to be involved with EI in a number of capacities. In addition, Chris is now an Emeritus board member—an honorific title in recognition of her historic role in the formation of the organization and ongoing enthusiastic participation.



## Welcome new board member Elizabeth [Liz] Moulthrop

Liz resides in Hillside, NJ, and has an abundance of expertise in the nonprofit sector. She is currently the Interim Co-CEO of El Sistema USA, the Director of the Paterson Music Project (a program of the Wharton Institute), and President of Notes for Change, Inc., a nonprofit supporting a variety of music education programs, which serves as the fiscal agent for the World Ensemble. She attended Eagle Island from 2000 to 2007, and in that time, was a camper, CIT, junior counselor, and sailing staff. Welcome, Liz!



## The Volunteer Engagement Committee: Supporting Eagle Island Volunteers

The primary charge of the Volunteer Engagement Committee is to sustain Eagle Island's future by ensuring a vigorous and happy community of volunteers committed to the needs of campers, physical infrastructure, and the Island itself. Some duties include welcoming new volunteers, and identifying skills and interests to match them with a rewarding role that addresses organizational needs. It is essential that EI supports volunteers to ensure that they have a positive experience.

If you would like to learn more about being a part of the Volunteer Engagement Committee or volunteering for Eagle Island, please visit [eagleisland.org/volunteer](https://eagleisland.org/volunteer). We will be in touch soon!



### Volunteer Highlight: Laura Eldred and Michael Glass By Anna Nelson

Although they are relatively new volunteers, Laura Eldred and Michael Glass have already gained a breadth of knowledge about the behind-the-scenes work of running Eagle Island.

Laura first volunteered in the summer of 2021 to help with the transition, as sleepaway campers left their families to head for the boat launch and the unknowns of Island camp life. She recruited Michael as a volunteer later in the summer to help with closing down the camp. In the fall they volunteered again to store camp items to protect them from freezing over the winter. And in January, Michael had his first snowshoeing experience across the ice to the Island to help Bob Goodsell with taking measurements for an egress from the second floor above the kitchen. More recently, Michael has been learning the intricacies of the camp's sophisticated water system. And both Laura and Michael are active on the Adirondack Committee.

Now that they both have volunteered for the camp, they've seen up close its significance and the importance of preserving it: both as a camp for young people as well as as a historic landmark and Adirondack Great Camp. But more importantly, they have witnessed the dedication of the people working behind the scenes to keep the camp running and viable, and are excited to be part of this dedicated group.

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## Get to Know Eagle Island, Inc.'s New Executive Director, Danielle

There are ways to bypass small talk and learn more in-depth information about a person, so we put together a series of random questions to learn more about Danielle.

**What song makes you want to get on the dance floor?** *At this point in my life, "All of You" from Encanto.*

**When you were a kid, did you eat the crusts on your sandwich or not?** *I cannot recall, but I do recall loving only bologna and cheese sandwiches. I have not eaten bologna in years.*

**What activity instantly calms you?** *Filtering through my emails before sitting down to start the workday.*

**What are your hobbies?** *I enjoy running (road and trails) and I am eagerly trying to get into skate skiing next winter. I try to bring my two children, Valla (3) and Walter (15 months) on most of these adventures—we have some very, very durable strollers. I also bring my husband, Shane, along. It is called "forced family fun."*

**What's your favorite ice cream topping?** *Sprinkles and Heath bar.*

**What was the last TV show you binge-watched?** *Amy Schumer's Life and Beth.*

**What was the last movie you watched?** *Tick, Tick... Boom by Lin-Manuel Miranda.*

**If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?** *Pizza.*

**How did you recently treat yourself?** *I got my hair highlighted and cut.*

**What's your go-to guilty pleasure?** *Impulsively buying clothes for a toddler, even when I know they will grow out of them quickly.*



### Land Acknowledgement

#### Recognizing the Traditional Stewards of Eagle Island

We acknowledge that Eagle Island is located in upstate New York on the ancestral lands and original territory of the Haudenosaunee people.

The original people of this place have deep knowledge of the land gained over thousands of years of observation. At Eagle Island Camp, we believe the wisdom of the Haudenosaunee people, along with their gratitude for all parts of the natural world, can guide a better coexistence of human and nature. As such, we aim to provide an environmentally responsible experience and inspire and empower all to be confident, collaborative, and courageous leaders in these efforts.

We at Eagle Island are committed to continuing to learn and grow and, as such, this recognition is a framework that will develop over time.

### Eagle Island Camp Saranac Lake, NY

Overnight Camp for Girls  
Sailing, Paddling,  
Swimming, Nature,  
Campfires, and  
more!



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*Buz pictured with Gwendolyn Graves Shupe,  
Great-granddaughter of Henry and Florence Graves.*

## Save the date to honor Buz Graves: August 27, 2022

On September 25, 2021, the Eagle Island community lost a wonderful friend, Henry D. "Buz" Graves, Jr.

We will honor Buz on August 27, 2022, on Eagle Island, the place he loved and supported and where he joined us in preserving the legacy of his great-grandparents, Henry Jr. and Florence Graves, who gave our Island as a camp to children to live and engage with outdoor adventures, in memory of two of their sons.

This legacy inspired Buz to connect with the group that was working to save our camp in November of 2010. From the very first day, he never gave up on the goal to acquire and reopen Eagle Island and enthusiastically participated in all our campaigns, serving as a Board Member and even acting as a plaintiff in our lawsuit to stop the private sale of the Island. Buz loved the Adirondacks, and for years he brought children to our mountains and taught them about nature, some of which he had learned from his lifelong friends, the Fadden family of the Six Nations Iroquois Cultural Center. So it is a perfect tribute to rename and dedicate our Eagle Island Nature Trail to Henry "Buz" Graves. In this way, all future campers will know the name of this generous friend and his spirit and legacy will always live on his beloved Eagle Island.

Please join us to for the dedication in August. Details including registration and event activities will be listed on our website soon at [eagleisland.org/events](https://eagleisland.org/events).



### CAMPFIRE CIRCLE

Join the "Campfire Circle" with a monthly donation of \$100 or more. Learn more at [eagleisland.org/donate](https://eagleisland.org/donate).

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health so future generations  
can walk the same paths as  
the campers before them.*

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EAGLE ISLAND INVITES YOU TO

## Open Island



July 2, 2022  
August 27, 2022  
August 28, 2022

Join us on Saturday, August 27th to  
celebrate the dedication of the Buz  
Graves Nature Trail.

Time: 10 AM - 4:00 PM

[visit eagleisland.org/events](https://eagleisland.org/events) to learn more.





## Interview with Katie Benson Cook

by Anna Nelson

Katie Benson Cook recalls the time she spent at Eagle Island as the “privilege of her childhood.” Niece of Pete Benson, longtime camp caretaker, she spent six weeks every summer from fourth through eighth grade at Eagle Island along with her sister, Patti.

Today she still uses the leadership skills learned during those summers in her everyday life, calling on the “can-do spirit” of Eagle Island campers, in particular as a teacher of children with special needs. At camp, she learned about being flexible with a change of plans when it rained and they could not go sailing. The impromptu sing-a-longs would be held indoors instead, and even to this day she fondly sing-a-longs on rainy days. She also learned how to sail at Eagle Island, and still sails today in the Gulf of Mexico near her home in Corpus Christi, Texas.

As an adult, Katie attended a number of Women’s Weekends and Family Camp with her husband and son so they too could experience the Island. She returned to Eagle Island after almost a decade last June, and was heartened to find it much the same as the camp she remembers from her childhood. She will be sure to return again.

## Our Biggest Asset

From Fundraising Chair and Co-President, Karin Rutledge



For more than 10 years, we have been resilient: obtaining ownership of Eagle Island, completing a number of rehabilitation projects, kick-starting summer camp, and sparking positive engagement with our neighbors in the Adirondack region. However, our biggest asset is the mass of individuals that make up the greater Eagle Island community—YOU. Our campers, family, friends, parents, volunteers, and staff all play integral roles in spinning the supportive web that contains us. As we enter the 2022 summer season, we have made remarkable investments that will support our beloved camp into the next century for future generations.

If you would like to make a financial gift before the 2022 summer camp season, please make your donation through this link, or at [eagleisland.org/donate](https://eagleisland.org/donate).

We should all be very proud of where we’ve been, where we are, and where we’re headed. Thank you for your continued support. See you on the Island!

# FY21 Annual Report

The annual report acknowledges gifts received by Eagle Island, Inc. between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021. The names reflect gifts of cash, securities, and in-kind donations. The report is compiled by the staff and the Board of Directors. The utmost care has been taken in preparing this report. Occasionally, however, errors do occur. We apologize if this has happened and ask that you notify us with any inaccuracies or omissions.

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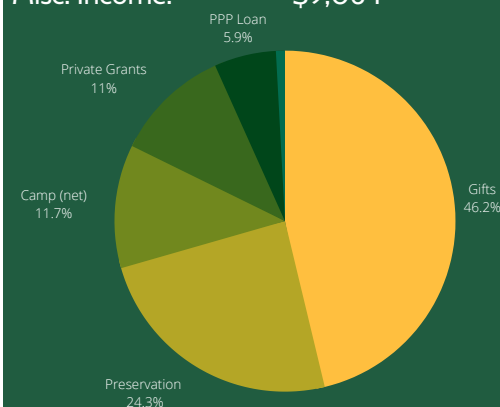
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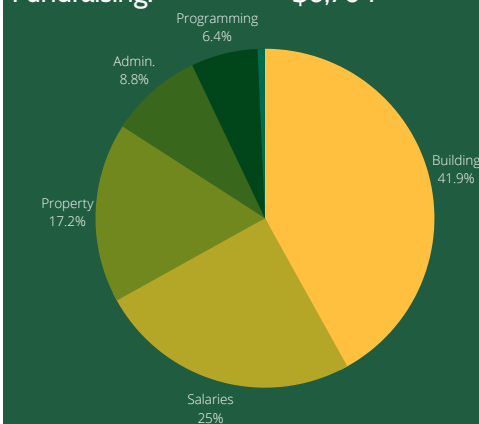
### INCOME

Individual Gifts: \$491,242  
Preservation Grants: \$258,159  
Camp Revenue (net): \$124,440  
Private Grants: \$117,000  
PPP loan Forgiveness: \$62,307  
Misc. Income: \$9,064



### SPENDING

Building/Infrastructure: \$407,917  
Salaries (+ camp staff): \$243,341  
Property/Depreciation: \$167,167  
Administration: \$85,880  
Camp Programs: \$61,984  
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