Together We Lift

What LUW’s Summer Camp Meant to Me

By Beatrice, former camper and current camp counselor

I was five years old living with my family in a shelter when I first came to Lifting Up Westchester’s summer camp. I went to camp there every summer for the next eleven years while I was living in the shelter. I couldn’t wait to go to camp every day. Just to get away from the shelter. Not to have to be in a room all day long with my siblings and parents. I remember feeling free to run and have more kid interactions with structure. Most of all I remember just feeling normal because I was just like all the other kids.

We all came to camp every day not only to have fun, but to get food, clothing, and stability from super caring and the most wonderful staff you’d ever know. I felt safe. I can’t even begin to tell you how many times LUW fed me.

Summer camp is the only really good memory of my childhood.

For the last thirteen years, I continue to return to summer camp as a counselor along with other former campers. We show the kids experiencing homelessness today that we are just like them. We help them realize that anything is possible…that your situation today is not going to be your situation tomorrow.

Summer camp is everything. It’s magical.

LUW has filled the lives of more than 3,000 children with joy, safety, and fun for 33 years.
Have You Heard About Our Journey Home Events?

The Journey Home...one hour tours to learn about our work. Our first series of events were a huge success! Hear first-hand from clients and staff on the frontline about what it really means to experience homelessness and what it takes to recover.

Sign up online at www.liftingupwestchester.org/thejourneyhome for this free — no solicitation event. This event is open to the community so bring your friends and colleagues for some inspiration.

“I was very impressed with what LUW accomplishes. I thought all the staff members who spoke to us did an excellent job of telling us what they do to help LUW serve men, women and children in Westchester County who are experiencing homelessness and hunger and trying to build a foundation for self-sufficiency.” — Michael Friedman

“Top-notch presentation, guys. Inspiring. Thank God you guys are here.” — Rabbi Les Bronstein

“Thank you for such a personal and informative visit to the shelter yesterday. The program was well done and the presenters’ passion for their work certainly came through.” — Best, Linda Heath

“Lou and I found the tour enlightening and uplifting. Wonderful things are happening. Be proud of your accomplishments and take strength for the times when things seem bleak.” — Lou and Alexis Ventre

“What an incredibly impressive presentation.” — Bob Gaffey

HOPE AND A SWING ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

OCTOBER 3, 2022 | Scarsdale Golf Club, One Club Way, Hartsdale, NY

Lifting Up Westchester supports 3,000 men, women, and children experiencing homelessness and hunger by providing safety, restoring their resilience and building a foundation for self-sufficiency.

www.liftingupwestchester.org/golf

Information: 914-949-3098 ext. 9741 or email zpeerman@liftingupwestchester.org

We are looking for people to join this year’s Golf and Wellness Committee.

Three Zoom meetings and day of commitment. Please contact Zoe Peerman at zpeerman@liftingupwestchester.org by June 17th if you are interested.
WHEN I THINK OF HOME...
COMMUNITY OF HOPE GALA

BECAUSE OF YOU we can continue to make life-changing impact as we strive to reach our $1.8 million funding needs.

• Providing over 101,000 hot meals.
• Finding housing and keeping nearly 350 individuals stably housed who have chronic physical and/or mental health challenges or were chronically homeless.
• Assisting with rent and utilities so clients don’t return to shelters or have to choose between food and medicine.
• Tutoring and mentoring for youth so they have a chance to have a better life.

Thank you to all of the amazing honorees for renewing hope for struggling Westchester neighbors.


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To get involved, donate or ask questions contact the Development Department.
www.liftingupwestchester.org
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To Open Arms,

I want to thank all of the staff at Open Arms for their professionalism. A nod as well for respecting the clients and for their kindness.

Open Arms is a very good starting point to change your life and save your life.

Thank you so much for showing me that I can live, I can hold my head high, I can trust again, I can believe again. Most importantly, I can love again.

Thank you Open Arms for giving me life again.


Matthew, LUW Client

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Partner with LUW and Helpsy to Support Our clients and the Environment

Now is the time to do some spring cleaning and gather all the clothes you don’t want and bring them to our Blue Bin at 35 Orchard Street. The bin is available 24/7 for fabric items (clothing, sheets, blankets, towels, shoes, etc.) in any condition.

Our partner Helpsy, recycles or sells them and we get a portion of the proceeds. Please do not leave items at the door without making arrangements with Nancy Inzinna, ninzinna@liftingupwestchester.org.

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