



**HOLMES CAMP & RETREAT CENTER
ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT
DINNER - SILENT AUCTION - AWARD PRESENTATION**

EVENT JOURNAL

OCTOBER 2, 2025

FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating David!

We know you as a wonderful husband, father, and grandpa ...



But throughout the last 50 years, as you balanced family, a successful yet demanding career, and countless other responsibilities, you never lost sight of Holmes. The camp has been a lifelong love for you and a home for our entire family. Your generosity with your time, talents and creativity is simply remarkable. You have shown all of us what it means to be a selfless volunteer.

Our family is forever grateful to Don Hostetter for recognizing your gifts at an early age and for nurturing and inspiring you. There is no doubt he would be incredibly proud of your Master of Divinity degree. To now have you receive this award in his name is a truly wonderful honor.

We are so very proud of you.
We love you to infinity and beyond!

With love,
Linda, Kendra, Sarah & Christopher





EVENT PROGRAM

Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction | 5:30pm

- Auction curated by Victoria Neilson and the Gala Committee
- Auction closes 7:15pm

Dinner | 6:45pm

- Welcome by Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter
- Grace by Rev. Bill Weisenbach, D. D.
- Thank you, Kyle Branin
- Dinner Prepared by Roxo Events

Fund a Need | 7:35pm

- Help Holmes raise funding for a new roof at Robinson Pavilion.

Award Presentation | 7:45pm

- **Gary Wolf**

The Outstanding Alumnus Award
presented by Frank D'Andrea

- **The Wayfinder Experience**

The Living the Mission Award
presented by Mark Ainsworth & Kyle Branin

- **David Burpee**

The Rev. Donald A. Hostetter Leadership Award
presented by Brenda & Paul Verdesi

MENU

First Course

Beet & Citrus Salad

Entree

Braised Short Ribs
Mushroom Ravioli
(Vegetarian Option)

Dessert

Pumpkin Crème Brûlée



Holmes Camp and Retreat Center

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WELCOME FROM HOLMES BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear Friends:

Welcome to our 2025 annual gala celebration for Holmes Camp & Retreat Center -- we're so glad you're here!

The Holmes mission to Educate, Empower, and Renew rings true for each and every one of us whose lives have been so impacted by our welcoming Christian community, and who have seen their faith grow or lives change through our programs and our beautiful natural setting. Truly a place of stillness and restoration in a turbulent world, Holmes offers hope, renewal and a sense of belonging.

Holmes is vibrant and active, serving our presbyteries, our congregations, and our mission partners with retreats and programs old and new. We're busier than ever -- our facilities are fully booked with youth and adults leaders alike!

This year we are proud to honor several people who have made that possible through their support of Holmes, and who have made outsized impacts in their communities by living values Holmes Camp & Retreat Center holds dear: Gary Wolf, David Burpee and The Wayfinder Experience. Without them Holmes would be a different place than it is today.

We are also taking the opportunity tonight to honor Kyle Branin with our deepest thanks for his dedicated and tireless service to

Holmes as its Executive Director. In his nearly five years in leadership at Holmes, Kyle brought us through COVID, restored facilities across our property including significant improvements at Nunemaker and Agape, kept our facilities full, and brought hospitality to a new level, all while operating in-the-black. Kyle will be much missed at Holmes, and we wish him and his wife Rev. Katherine Pater all good things in their new adventures in Longview, Washington.

We hope you'll join all our honorees in their enthusiastic support of Holmes. Join us at a program or event, volunteer, and live loudly the values of faith, curiosity, conservation, community, recreation, hospitality, and rest. And tonight especially please take the opportunity to give generously, bid up and purchase an item in the silent auction, and sign up to make a monthly gift. We can't do it without you!

Enjoy the evening and on behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for celebrating with us this evening, and for your continuing support of Holmes and its exciting future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and a simple "ark" following.

Rev. Dr. Mark Hostetter
President, Board of Directors

-- THANK YOU --

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Mark Hostetter and Alex Habib
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Gary and Kathy Wolf

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Fifth Tuesday Quilters	Lori Reilly
Hongar Farms Gourmet Foods	Jane and Malcolm Ritter
Mark Hostetter & Alex Habib	Brenda and Paul Verdesi

*We salute our good friend, David
Burpee on this well-deserved
award and for providing over 50
years of support to the Holmes
Camp & Retreat Center!*



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OUR MISSION

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Holmes Camp and Retreat Center's mission is to Educate, Empower and Renew by providing a space for people to connect to nature and their faith. Everyone, regardless of their religion, gender, sexual orientation, race, health, age, or disability is welcome at Holmes. For more than 75 years, we have hosted religious organizations, community groups, scout troops, businesses, schools, and summer campers. We also offer our own programming, including women's retreats, confirmation classes, professional development, and nature programs.

OUR VALUES

- **Faith** - A sense of God and the Sacred which sustains our lives and inspires a vision of how life should be and the world should be for us and for all. Holmes honors our roots in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but welcomes all into our spaces.
- **Curiosity** - Programs and learning opportunities which open us up to new ideas and new ways of thinking and seeing our lives and the world.
- **Conservation** - A deepening care for our communities, our world, and all creation that God has now entrusted to our care and keeping, and responsible stewardship of our corner of that creation.
- **Community** - Young and old. Gay and straight. Settled and refugee. Female and male and all others across the gender spectrum. All fall within the circle of God's love. All are welcomed and fall within the circle of our understanding of community.
- **Recreation** - To laugh. To splash in the lake. To play with abandon. To sit in the sun or slide on the snow. We are to delight in the wonders of each other and the wonders of God's creation.
- **Hospitality** - With more than just words, here you are welcomed just as you are. The whole you. The searching you. The strong you. The fragile you. The inquisitive you. Holmes will honor and respect who you are and who you are becoming.
- **Rest** - In the 24/7 world in which we live, rest and sabbath are a necessity. Whether for an hour, a day, or a week Holmes is a place of renewal.

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Dedicated to Developing the Gifts and Talents of All Children

We Honor & Celebrate
Gary Wolf
David Burpee
&
The Wayfinder Experience

July 12 to 18, 2026



Gary Wolf

Outstanding Alumnus Award



Think of Holmes and many things come to mind: the trees and trails, the lakes, the friends and, not least of all, the buildings. Long-time board member Gary Wolf has had a hand in every one of those buildings over the last 60 years, which is just one of many reasons that the board of Holmes Camp and Retreat Center is pleased to honor Gary with the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

For 50 years Gary chaired the Holmes Board site committee which oversees buildings and grounds at Holmes. He has helped manage the construction of new buildings, identified the most pressing needs of older buildings, and has even moved buildings from one location to another. And when cornerstones have been laid or new buildings dedicated at Holmes in the last 60 years or when major projects have been accomplished, Gary has been there every time.

The dedication of Nunemaker in 1972, Gary was there. The cornerstone for Agape in 1982, that, too. Hayden in 1987, the moving of camper cabins from Westminster up to the North and South Units in 1981. The refurbishing of Steidl 1981. That, too. But most important was overseeing the construction of Charlotte's Room in 1998 - 1999, which was named in honor of Charlotte M. Hostetter. Gary worked closely with Paul Verdesi on that project and said, "We poured our heart and soul into that building."

Gary was also was chairman of the site committee for Minden Retreat Center in Bridge Hampton, Long Island.

Gary is a longtime member of Community Presbyterian Church of Deer Park, NY, and first came to Holmes as a camper in 1955. (He has a picture of his name scribbled on a wall of his cabin from back then.) In 1963 he started as a counselor, coming to Holmes as a volunteer for a week in the summer. Gary and his wife, Kathy, whom he knew from the Deer Park church, married in 1966 and continued as counselors together for several years.

He and Kathy were among the first to lead canoe trips sponsored by Holmes. Gary and Kathy volunteered as counselors for Junior II campers at Denton for many years and then Gary was the volunteer director for Week II for many years at Westminster. Over the years, Gary and Kathy returned to

Holmes with groups from the Deer Park church for camping weekends at Robinson in June, retreats in November, and work weekends. They also joined Holmes director Don Hostetter on a dozen or more of Holmes sponsored international and U.S. trips in the 1980s and '90s. "We had a blast on those trips," Gary said.

During Gary's half century as chair of the Holmes site committee, he has helped keep buildings in good repair and saved money for Holmes. For example, when windows for Charlotte's Room were estimated at \$90,000, Gary found a Long Island contractor who did the job for \$30,000. And Gary often brought "Gary's Goodies" to Holmes, including hardware, tools, and plumbing supplies from his personal stock, and desks, file cabinets, tables, and light stands from his professional job as a defense industry project manager on Long Island.

Gary and Kathy have three daughters, Jayne, Karen, and Nancy, who were Holmes campers and, later, life guards. They also have 3 grand children, Ayla, Cassidy Bradley, and Richard Silverblade.

We are grateful to Gary for his 60 years of service to Holmes and the Holmes board.

The Presbytery of Long Island congratulates
Gary Wolf and all of the honorees
and thanks Holmes Camp and Retreat Center
for its ministry!



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Our Presbytery follows Christ
by partnering with
congregations, communities, and individuals
to embody God's inclusive love and justice
in an ever-changing world.*

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The Wayfinder Experience

Living the Mission Award



The Wayfinder Experience has flourished over the past 23 years because it empowers youth, promotes friendships, and builds community. Not only that but the live-action role playing (LARP) Adventure Games at the heart of the Wayfinder program are down right fun. For this work, the board of Holmes Camp & Retreat Center is pleased to honor The Wayfinder Experience with its Living the Mission award.

The partnership between Wayfinder and Holmes Camp began before Wayfinder's inception when the predecessor to Wayfinder, Adventure Game Theater (AGT), ran overnight camps at Denton Lake. For the past 12 years, and beyond, Wayfinder

“
What drew my kids in was the costumes and the foam swords.
What kept them is the community.
- parent of a Wayfinder camper
”

has offered one to four week-long overnight summer programs at Holmes, drawing teens from across the U.S. and Europe. The week-long camps fill with around 65 campers each session. Toward the end of each week, someone walking through Holmes might see the playfields filled with dozens of kids running around wielding foam swords, wearing helmets, tiaras or goggles, and immersed in epic fantastical battle.

The theme of every week is different so on any given week the woods, fields, and buildings around Holmes might be transformed into pirate ships, encampments or castles for imaginary worlds, and the final battles might be harder to find because they are set at nightfall or are being waged at the far reaches of campus deep in the woods. On the last night of camp, songs and other performances can be heard by the crackling of the fire as teens express themselves around the end-of-week camp fire they call Bardic Circle.

“
I wouldn't be the same person
I am today without this
community and this program.
- Wayfinder camper
”

In the earlier days of each week, the teens have gotten acquainted with Wayfinder through taking part in workshops on improv, magic, and sword fighting as well as creating characters, selecting costumes, and planning team dynamics for the big Adventure!

Adventure Games aren't just games, of course. The power of LARPing is an opportunity for imaginative play that helps teens learn about themselves. According to one of Wayfinder owners, Trine Boode-Petersen, some teens realize that in the LARP they are capable of charging into battle when they didn't think they could. And then they might realize they can do the same in their real lives back home. After Adventure Games, campers have ample opportunities to talk about their experiences and feelings within the

Adventures and how they might pertain to their everyday life. Teens are also given plenty of time during the week to bond and grow together as they take on deeper moral issues our Adventure Games challenge them with.

In addition to Overnight camps at Holmes, the Wayfinder Experience, which is based in Kingston, offers programs in schools and community spaces focused on topics such as theater, literacy, community building and more. It also offers day-camp programs at several locations in the Hudson Valley.

For more information see **wayfinderexperience.com**.

David Burpee

Rev. Donald A. Hostetter Leadership Award



The Holmes board is pleased to honor David Burpee with The Rev. Donald A. Hostetter Leadership Award for his over 50 years of support to the Holmes Camp, stretching from his first years as a teen-age staff member to about 15 years as president of the board of directors, to generous financial contributions by David and his wife, Linda.

David came to Holmes as a counselor-in-training in 1970 at the invitation of long-time Holmes director Rev. Donald Hostetter whom he'd met at a meeting. Nine more summers as a staff member followed, with jobs including counselor with special needs kids, a canoe trip leader and support driver, and as lifeguard and head lifeguard. David met his future wife, Linda, in front of the Westminster Lodge in 1973 after she had participated in a Holmes Camp sponsored international trip to Taizé that year.

David began his service as a member of the Holmes board and its committees when he was in his early 20s. During the 1990s and early 2000s, when Bill Key and then Peter Surgenor were camp directors, he served numerous terms as the board's president. David's time serving on the Holmes board and its committees spanned many changes including the addition of the Vinik building and four executive directors.

In his professional life, David has been a police officer for almost 45 years, first in White Plains where he retired as a Captain six years ago after administering their training school for over 30 years, and then in Somers, NY, where he still works part-time. Prior to being a police officer David was a paramedic working both on an ambulance and as an EMS instructor at White Plains Hospital and EMS paramedic supervisor.

David and Linda are long-time members of Bedford Presbyterian Church where he is a ruling elder. In 2023 David earned his Masters of Divinity Degree (MDiv) from New York Theological Seminary and has since been serving as a pulpit supply preacher within Hudson River Presbytery and as a volunteer chaplain at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. He has also continually served on various committees of the Hudson River Presbytery for over 30 years, including the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Committee on Ministry, and most recently on the Presbytery executive

Council. David also served twice as a commissioner to the PC (USA) General Assembly.

David and Linda have three grown children. When the kids were younger, Linda directed a week-long family camp every summer at Holmes for over 20 years. Like David, Linda has served on the Holmes board and as a volunteer.

In addition to David's service at Holmes, he is currently serving on the board of the National Ghost Ranch Foundation which operates Ghost Ranch, an education and retreat center in New Mexico owned by the Presbyterian Church (USA).

David will tell you that Holmes has been transformative in his life, and that the blessings that Holmes has added to his life far outweigh any contributions that he and Linda have made to Holmes. He says that Holmes has saved him, given him all that is good in his life, and has provided him with purpose, faith, the love of his life, extraordinary friends who have supported and nurtured him – the people he loves and respects more than all others and knows love him in return. He says that Holmes has been for him, a gift from God. He is especially honored to receive this honor in Don Hostetter's name, someone who was a mentor and an incredibly important person in his life, and in the life of hundreds of others. With gratitude to Don for giving all of us "Camp," and Glory to God for such a wonderful life.



"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we live."

Nelson Mandela

David, you have made and continue to make such positive differences in so many people's lives. We are so proud of you and so honored to call you our friend. Congratulations!

Love, Elaine, Ed, Susan, Joel and families



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2025 Fall/Winter Retreat Weekends

Women's Retreat | November 7-9

Community Night Dinner | December 11

For more information or to Register, scan here.



2026 Events

Community Night Dinner | March 19, 2026

Confirmation Retreat | April 24 -25, 2026

Community Night Dinner | June 18, 2026

Friends Day Weekend | July 24 - 26, 2026

Community Night Dinner | September 17, 2026

Annual Fall Fundraiser | October TBD

Women's Retreat | November 6 - 8, 2026

Community Night Dinner | December 10, 2026

PLAN YOUR NEXT RETREAT



As part of Holmes's mission to **"Educate, Empower, Renew"** we strive to provide comfortable and affordable lodging and meeting space to empower churches, nonprofits, and community groups to carry out their own mission through programs, retreats, and meetings.

Every group is different and we are excited to work with you to provide an experience that meets your needs. We can provide programming and support that empowers you to hold a fantastic event to further your mission.

Holmes offers full food-service for guest groups, and can accommodate most dietary restrictions. Many spaces also have kitchens available for groups who wish to prepare their own food.

Holmes is ready to work with your group on day outings, weekend or week long retreats. We are currently booking through Winter 2026. Dates fill up well in advance, so please be in touch soon!

FOR MORE INFORMATION \TO BOOK YOUR NEXT RETREAT
contact Holmes@Holmescamp.org or call 845.878.6383 Ext. 1.

Lodging and Meeting Spaces include:

Vinik Hilltop: 10 hotel style rooms | 2 conference spaces

Agape Center: 10 hotel style rooms | 2 conference spaces | Pastoral Studio

Nunemaker Center: 12 bunk rooms | sleeps 80 | kitchen | meeting | lounge

Hayden Cabin: 4 bunk rooms | sleeps 20 | kitchen | common area

Steidl Cabin*: 4 bunk rooms | sleeps 16 | kitchen | common area

The Lodge*: Meeting space | fireplace | picnic area | waterfront

Robinson Pavilion*: Pavilion | electric | restrooms & shower | grill | camping

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Congratulations

David Burpee

Gary Wolf

The Wayfinder Experience

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PASTORAL RESPITE STUDIO

Holmes is grateful for the leadership, sacrifice, and service pastors, elders, missionaries, and others serving in ministry share with their churches and communities. In honor of that service, and in alignment with our core values of Faith, Hospitality, and Rest, Holmes now offers free respite and personal sabbath lodging.

Our Pastoral Respite Lodging, made possible in part by a grant from the Houston Family Foundation, includes a queen bed, desk, and kitchenette including refrigerator, stove, convection oven/microwave and sink. There is a private accessible bathroom. You are welcome to enjoy your privacy and prepare your own meals, or purchase meals for \$10 per person/per meal when the dining room is open and operating.

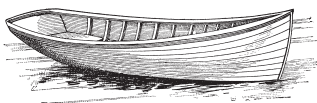
To start, free respite lodging will be available to all those engaged in professional ministry, chairs of session, and retired Teaching Elders within the Presbyteries of Long Island, Hudson River, and New York City. We will also welcome those serving in full-time ministry outside our three presbyteries. Lodging may be reserved up to 2 nights per calendar year, subject to availability. For a full description and photos of the Pastor Respite Lodging, scan below.

BOOK YOUR VISIT TODAY!

**We look forward to serving our leadership.
Please call the office at 845-878-6383 ext. 1
or email Holmes@holmescamp.org to check
availability and make a reservation.**



David -- many congratulations on this well-deserved recognition of all you have done for Camp over the past 5 decades - from CIT to president of the board of directors, and everything in between! Don would be so very proud (as would Charlotte) and, as usual, he showed his keen people judgment from the very beginning!



How lucky we are to have been friends with you and Linda for over 40 years (maybe not the part involving water guns on the canoe trips) and we are so very sorry to miss the big evening but we will be there in spirit and raising a glass of champagne (or two or three) in your honor from Paris and DC!

Love,
Vicky and Beth

Kyle,

We are deeply grateful for how hard you worked to make Holmes Camp & Retreat Center a place where hospitality comes first, guests always felt welcome, and where staff felt appreciated and valued.

We'll miss our staff lunches, office therapy sessions, blue boxes coming in the mail, Monster Energy drinks everywhere, Chase Bank making us crazy and watching Paul cringe as we 'cleared inventory.'

Wishing you, Katherine, Gus, Pippin and Sara many happy adventures in Washington!

Paul, JJ, Ashley, David & Grace



-- THANK YOU --

FALL EVENT COMMITTEE

**Without your support, this event could not happen.
We are grateful for their tireless efforts
and commitment to Holmes!**

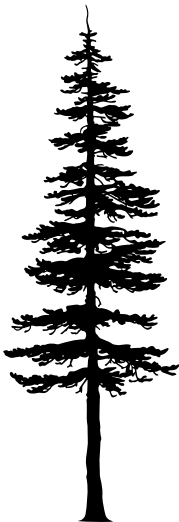
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**To all our dedicated Volunteers who always show up and
who regularly take the lead on projects, throughout the
year, that improve the camp experience for everyone!**

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Kathy Wolf

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David,
For your care
For your commitment
For you vision of what might be

THANK YOU!!!

Paul and Shodie

-- THANK YOU --

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Kaleigh Ainsworth, Office & Kitchen Assistant

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Steve Cornelio, Grounds & Facilities Manager

David Frost, Host & Facilities Assistant

Aly Hawana, Facilities Assistant

Dan Piehler, Housekeeper

Paul Verdesi, Maintenance Specialist

On-Call Staff

Christina Pierantozzi, Chef

Charles Wilde, Chef

Deborah Wilde, Kitchen Assistant



**To this year's entertainer, who has shared his
faith and love of community through their art.**



Hunter LaMar is a pianist and vocalist with extensive experience in live performance and artist development. A graduate of Berklee College of Music, he manages multiple wedding and event ensembles in Boston, New York, and Los Angeles while also serving as a freelance arranger, music director, and educator. In addition to his music career, Hunter has been involved with Holmes Camp since childhood and continues to volunteer, including serving as the associate director of Superkidz Kamp, hosted at Holmes Camp since 1997. His passion for community and the arts shines through in every performance.

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David Burpee

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Living the Mission Award

And special thanks to

Kyle Branin

**Our community is made so much richer
by their energy, intelligence, imagination and love,
we cannot imagine Holmes without them.**

Mark Hostetter & Alex Habib

Lani Hostetter-Habib

Lea Hostetter-Habib

Kai Hostetter-Habib



There's No Place Like Holmes[®]

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