



Overview

- Children come to Kurn Hattin for a variety of reasons. Issues related to poverty, homelessness, and family conflict are some of the factors Kurn Hattin children have faced.
- Kurn Hattin's children, aged 5 to 15, come from throughout the Northeast and live at Kurn Hattin for an average of 3 years
- The 280-acre campus is comprised of nine cottages for the children, a school, working farm, gymnasium, recreation center, outdoor pool, ballfields and hiking trails.
- A summer program allows for year-round care and academic, social, and athletic activities.
- The educational curriculum and experience is supplemented with music, art, farm, and equine programs. Kurn Hattin is renowned throughout New England for its jazz and marching bands.
- Trained caregivers, known as house parents, live with the children in the cottages and provide the nurturing and support essential to each child's care and experience.
- Medical care services are provided on campus by a staff of full-time registered nurses and a consulting physician. Individualized counseling services are provided by a staff of Master's-level counselors. Individual and group relational counseling plays a significant role in the child's experience.
- Support to the families of Kurn Hattin is provided by a Family Outreach program that works directly with all family members sharing the skills their children are being taught and how they can reinforce them when they are reunited at home. Parents are strongly encouraged to maintain frequent contact with their children through visits, phone calls, and letters.
- Unique in its funding, Kurn Hattin receives nominal federal or state funding, with the exception of limited awards for the Federal Free and Reduced Meal (FARM) Program. Ninety-five percent of funding comes from private philanthropy.
- The success of Kurn Hattin Homes' program is measured in many ways. One of the primary goals is to help children grow up to become adults whose lives have direction and purpose. Kurn Hattin's graduates are often community leaders, and lead happy, meaningful lives. Children leave Kurn Hattin with a great deal of self-confidence in their abilities and direction in life.

“In the end, the person I had to count on was myself, and Kurn Hattin taught me that. I'm a better person because I came here.” ~ Jerry Bardwell, Class of 1973