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# A Note From Steve Harrison A Most Rewarding Career

As I get ready to step away from my role as Executive Director this summer, I am filled with gratitude. My time at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children has been the most rewarding chapter of my career. I have been privileged to play a part in our mission of transforming children's lives for the better.

To the staff, board members, supporters, and all who are reading this: Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Kurn Hattin Homes. Your compassion, hard work, and generosity make this place truly special. Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and upheld a mission that brings hope and possibility to children and families.

I leave with full confidence in the future of Kurn Hattin Homes, knowing it is in exceptional hands. Sue Kessler, who has been an exemplary leader as Assistant Executive Director, will continue this important work with the same dedication and vision that have made her an integral part of our organization for decades. Sue's leadership and her passion for Kurn Hattin Homes' mission ensure that the children and families we serve will remain at the heart of all we do.

Thank you for inviting me to be part of this incredible journey. The values of kindness, grace, and strength that define Kurn Hattin Homes will stay with me always. I look forward to watching this community grow and thrive in the years to come.



## From the Desk of Sue Kessler Kurn Hattin is Remarkable

Throughout my years at Kurn Hattin, I have witnessed the profound impact my colleagues have on the children and families we serve. Through both big ideas and small gestures, their compassion and commitment spark wonder in young people, expanding their sense of possibility, and inspiring me every day.

These incredible people are why I am so honored and excited to step into the role of Executive Director. It is a privilege to work alongside professionals of such insight and integrity as we strive to positively transform lives, families, and communities.

My journey with Kurn Hattin began nearly 30 years ago as Admissions Director, where I connected countless families to the resources they needed. I saw the immense challenges they faced and the indispensable service Kurn Hattin provides to help children overcome those challenges. Since becoming Assistant Executive Director in 2019, I've gained invaluable insights into our strengths as well as our opportunities for growth.

I am in awe when I reflect on the many lives changed here. Every year, as I watch young people walk across the stage at graduation, filled with pride for their accomplishments and hope for the future, I think about the experiences and lessons they've gained at Kurn Hattin. Those experiences and lessons will guide them in ways they cannot yet imagine. It's magic—and it happens here every day.

Stepping into this role fills me with a renewed sense of purpose. I am eager to work with our dedicated staff, board members, and community partners to build on Kurn Hattin's legacy of hope and transformation. Together, we will uphold the values that make this organization a beacon for so many, while driving new initiatives to expand our reach and deepen our impact.

The people of Kurn Hattin are extraordinary, and together, we will accomplish extraordinary things—not just for today, but for the new beginnings and brighter futures we create for the children and families who rely on us.





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# From Kurn Hattin to MMA



John and five-year-old daughter Luna pose cheek to cheek at the 2024 Kurn Hattin Alumni Day event.

# JOHN D. HARRIS





John D. Harris, known as "Big Red" or "Double Trouble," is training daily for his dream of making it big in Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). However, his journey began years ago. From his arrival at Kurn Hattin Homes for Children when he was eight years old, he found a positive outlet for his energy.

"Kurn Hattin gave me the chance to explore martial arts," John says. "They supported me, driving me to my lessons, helping me to find a constructive outlet for my energy, and encouraging me along the way." The discipline, focus, and respect he learned as a child now guide him in the challenging world of MMA—a sport that blends boxing, wrestling, judo, and more.

After leaving Kurn Hattin in 2012, John continued to excel as an athlete at Bellows Falls Union High School, competing in wrestling and Golden Gloves boxing. These experiences helped him take the next steps toward MMA. His first heavyweight MMA match, against a former NFL player, was a learning experience. "I didn't win, but I put on a good show," John says. "As I was driving home, I was convinced this is where I belong."

John's partner, Caroline Donovan-Atwood, helps him balance his intense training schedule, her work at the Brattleboro Food Co-op, and raising John's daughter, Luna. Fighting as an amateur, he is honing his skills with hopes of soon moving to the semi-pro level and eventually fighting professionally in the Flex Fight Series.

"I was a kid from nowhere with nothing, but with the support and encouragement I received at Kurn Hattin, I believe that I can go anywhere and become something," John says. For him, success isn't about money. "Now, I believe true success is about happiness, feeling supported, and having options in life. If you have those things, then you've succeeded."

Adversity has revealed John's strength and determination, and he's just getting started.

# A Sound Role Model

Pete Keppler never imagined his career path would lead to an Emmy Award, but in 2021, it became a reality.

As part of Kurn Hattin's Career Awareness Program (CAP), renowned audio engineer and music producer Pete Keppler visited campus to share his journey spanning 44 years in the music industry.

On stage in the Higbie Auditorium, Pete spoke openly about challenges in his life, including losing his father to alcoholism at age seven. "The secrets in my life shaped my personality. I started getting into trouble in school, partly because I didn't have an adult I felt I could trust. Kurn Hattin is incredible. You kids have trusting adults you can talk to about anything. I wish I'd had that when I was your age."

As a teen, Pete dreamed of being a drummer in a rock band but discovered his true talent lay in producing, recording, and mixing music. He worked hard, took every job he could, and built valuable industry connections.

Those connections led to years with music legends like David Bowie and Bonnie Raitt. In 2020, Pete mixed music for American Utopia, a Spike Lee film based on David Byrne's Broadway show, earning him an Emmy for Creative Arts in Mixing.

Pete also served as the sound engineer for Katy Perry's 2015 Super Bowl halftime show, a fact which thrilled the students when they learned of it. However, he cautioned, "Fame in itself is not a natural state and can be quite empty. It seems exciting, but it's not something I would encourage you to aspire to."

Today, Pete creates music in a mobile studio he built himself. "I feel grateful to share my story with people who have their whole lives ahead of them. I want them to know it's possible to come from almost anywhere and succeed in life," he says.

# PETE KEPPLER

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#### What's Halloween at Kurn Hattin Without a Parade?

We wouldn't know! For more than 20 years, Kurn Hattin Music Director Lisa Bianconi has rallied the costumed troops and organized a festive parade including students and staff from Westminster Center Elementary School (WCE).

This year, Lisa partnered with WCE Music Educator Danielle St. Amand for a true musical collaboration. "In the past, Kurn Hattin and Westminster Center marched as separate groups," Lisa shared. "This is the first time our two bands played as one united band. It was music to our ears!"

# Ben Weiner Takes Gaming to the Next Level

Encouraging kids to play online games in the classroom? Absolutely. Kurn Hattin's SmartLab Facilitator, Ben Weiner, is serious about making learning fun through games. He shared this passion at the SmartLab Annual Conference in Denver, CO, a three-day event with hundreds of attendees and over 50 presenters. Judging by the feedback, Ben's workshop was a conference highlight.

"As technology continues to advance, games inevitably become more complex, but many of the dynamics at work in social and solitary play are as old as humanity itself," Ben says. "Learning with games is not only fun, it involves a range of concepts such as incentives and motivation, player agency, moderating the play space, depth of engagement and more, all of which contribute to making the learning stick."

A self-described proud hyper-generalist, Ben facilitates Kurn Hattin's SmartLab, a STEAM classroom (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) developed by Creative Learning Systems. The first of its kind in New England, the SmartLab offers students opportunities to explore subjects through kit-led challenges and serves as a makerspace where arts, crafts, and designs come to life.

Ben loves exploring SmartLab offerings alongside students and solving problems together. Yes, that includes playing games on a regular basis.



# From Clubs to Confidence: Kurn Hattin Kids Learn Golf

Kurn Hattin Athletic Director Caleb Steever has introduced golf to our activities lineup! More than just a game, golf builds focus, patience, and discipline. As a sport anyone can enjoy at any age or skill level, golf is a sport that we hope the kids will enjoy and carry with them for years to come. Thank you to our generous supporters for donating the clubs and balls that made this possible. We're teeing up for fun times ahead!





On the driving range, Coach Caleb helps Aayden line up for his shot, while Issac (left) and Gunnar address the ball and get set to swing.

#### Ready, Aim, Follow Through: Archery Teaches Life Lessons

When Houseparent Bob Anderson takes the kids to the archery range, he emphasizes the importance of technique, fundamentals and, above all, safety. He explains that aiming doesn't stop when the arrow leaves the bow—it continues until the arrow finds its mark. The archer must stay focused on the target, resisting the urge to let their eyes wander. Much like in life, success will rely on follow-through and unwavering focus to truly hit the mark.





#### HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES: Kurn Hattin Music Program Shapes Young Lives

While our children often begin with little music background, in a short time they are reading music, playing instruments, and singing songs. Soon, they're performing at morning meetings, auditioning for solos, and preparing for their first concert.

Players usually start with the clarinet or trumpet—instruments that offer the greatest success with the least frustration. Once ready, they join the beginning band. Being part of a choir or band is life changing, fostering inclusion, belonging, and strong friendships while boosting self-esteem.

Performing for an audience brings growth in all areas. Music provides our children with opportunity and joy, helping them develop in profound ways. Watching a shy child transform into a confident performer, both on and off the stage, is truly inspirational.

Many of our children carry the joy of singing and playing an instrument—or several—throughout their lives.



#### Kurn Hattin Homes Honors Local Veterans in Annual Observance Event

Kurn Hattin hosted its annual Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony and luncheon on November 11, commemorating the 1918 Armistice Treaty. The event featured the Presentation of Colors, music by the Kurn Hattin Band and Singers, and remarks from Executive Director Steve Harrison.

School Principal Amanda Tyrrell shared a heartfelt reflection on veterans' sacrifices, including those of her husband Dan and fallen Vermont soldier Mark Dooley. She read Dooley's letter, written in case he did not return: "Remember that my leaving was in the service of something that we love, and be proud. The best way to pay respect is to value why a sacrifice was made."

Amanda added, "Some of the heaviest things a soldier might carry are the things they've lost: a brother in arms, a wife, the opportunity to hold a newborn child. However, in the midst of loss, our soldiers carry hope, strength, and the ideals they fought for. They are an example of courage in the face of adversity and perseverance beyond measure."

At the luncheon, Vermont Army National Guard retiree Bill Lindsay praised the children's musical performances, highlighting the lasting impact of music on education and personal growth.





### There's No Place Like Kurn Hattin Homes for the Holidays!

Traditions run deep at Kurn Hattin Homes, especially holiday traditions. This year, the December calendar was brimming with holiday activities, performances, and special events for the children, staff, families, and friends of Kurn Hattin Homes.

# **Holiday Visitors Day**

This year's Holiday Visitors Day was a heartwarming celebration for over 100 guests, featuring a buffet luncheon and a children's concert. The event showcased solo and group performances, poetry readings, and lively choral pieces. The highlight was a festive finale where 20 staff members dressed as snowmen danced down the aisles to join the children for a spirited singalong of holiday classics like "Jingle Bells" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

# Night of Giving

The annual Night of Giving marks the onset of the holiday season. The evening provides an opportunity for staff to share dinner with the children and hear about the giving projects they've been working on for selected community members and organizations. Giving back is a mindful way for the children to say thank you for all they receive throughout the year.

#### Rotary Club Visit from The North Pole

A happy holiday tradition continues! Chester and Springfield VT Rotary Club members teamed up to bring Santa, Mrs. Claus, and elf helpers to Kurn Hattin. The holiday guests visited each cottage, bringing gifts, good cheer, and a pizza party!



#### Community Caroling and an Encore Concert

On December 19, a select group of Kurn Hattin carolers traveled throughout the community singing songs of cheer and joyfully sharing the gift of music. The season's holiday events wrapped up on December 20 with an encore of the holiday concert performed by the children for their families and friends.





Excitement buzzed across campus as Jayden received his very first haircut. But this wasn't just a big moment for him—it's one that will make a big difference for others.

That's because Jayden's ponytail was donated to **Wigs for Kids**, a nonprofit that provides free hair replacement systems to children who have lost their hair due to medical conditions.

His generous act of kindness sets a powerful example for all, proving that even small actions can have a big impact.

Jayden before and after—from long locks to clean coif!

#### DON'T MISS OUT! Do we have your email address?



Hello! We're back with another eNewsletter to keep you updated on Kurn Hattin happenings and show how your support impacts the families and children we serve. In this issue, we highlight our annual Veterans Day celebration and fall conference, a Career Awareness Program visit to a local radio station, and an opportunity for you to help us fulfill our mission on Giving Tuesday. Thank you for reading and being part of our family Get the latest Kurn Hattin news, event invites, e-newsletters, and more—delivered straight to your inbox.

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#### Kurn Hattin Hosts Annual Adopt-a-Cottage Sponsor Event

Wonderful things happen when friends and family gather. That was the case at Kurn Hattin's annual Adopt-a-Cottage event which was held on September 19, 2024.

The evening allowed children and staff to thank sponsors who support the cottages while sponsors enjoyed time with the children and toured the six campus cottages. Guests shared ice-breaking activities and dinner, while a communal art project sparked lively conversations and created keepsake artwork for the cottages. After dinner, sponsors toured their adopted cottages with children and houseparents, shared dessert, and learned about daily cottage life.

"The girls took us on a tour of Maysilles Cottage. They were so proud to show us around," said Mascoma Bank Area Manager Cat LiVolsi. "The best part was joining the girls on the playground—we laughed, played in leaf piles, and 'hung out' like kids."

Mike Chelstowski of Keene's Elm City Rotary reflected, "It's rewarding to see how well the kids are cared for and how they warm up to us. Kurn Hattin is a beautiful facility with caring staff who provide structure and warmth in a safe environment."

#### 2024 Adopt-a-Cottage

Donations helped furnish bookshelves and reading materials, enriching the cottage libraries and supporting learning.

#### Thank you to our sponsors:

Diane and Luke Bazin, Cota & Cota, Keene Elm City Rotary, Mascoma Bank, Savings Bank of Walpole, Streeter Contractors, LLC, and Dave and Lisa Therrien.





# Thank you for Positively Transforming Children's Lives

Philanthropy is about promoting the welfare of others, and by supporting Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, you're helping us positively transform young lives. We're grateful for your choice to make a difference!

# Ways to Give

There are many ways to support Kurn Hattin:

- **Cash Donations:** Simplify your giving by setting up monthly contributions.
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- **Planned Giving:** Consider bequests, trusts, beneficiary designations, or charitable gift annuities.

Your contributions make it possible to provide necessities, special treats, and a nurturing environment for the children in our care. We're also grateful to those who organized holiday, birthday, and Giving Tuesday fundraisers—your kindness makes everything we do possible.

#### **Consider Kurn Hattin in Your Estate Plans**

Everyone needs an estate plan, and a will is the foundation to protect loved ones and support the causes close to your heart. Including Kurn Hattin in your will or trust ensures that your legacy continues to positively transform children's lives.

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Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and belief in our mission. Together, we are building brighter futures!

# GOAL: \$650,000

Our fundraising fiscal year runs from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, with a goal of \$650,000. Your generosity allows us to provide vital resources and life-changing opportunities for children and their families.

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We are thankful for memorial contributions which help us help the children. The names of those being remembered appear in **BOLD CAPITAL** letters and are followed by the names of those who made the gifts. Bold names followed by a year indicate graduates of Kurn Hattin. The gifts listed were received between July 9, 2024 and January 10, 2025.

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