

Dear Camp Ihduhapi Community Member,

While we near the halfway point of 2024, I am pausing to reflect on the many moments of growth, connection, and discovery that have defined this year so far and those that are yet to come here at [Camp Ihduhapi](#).

As one of our valued donors, making sure you know the latest and greatest from Lake Independence is important because you help bring these shining points to life! So without further ado, here are some exciting updates and highlights I'm eager to share with you.

- Our old health services building, now lovingly referred to as "The Gnome Home," recently received a little facelift and served as a retreat space for a few groups. Other **infrastructure** improvements that are in the works include expanding our horse barn to accommodate more programming and horses, in addition to converting an old garage into a "Sugar Shack" that will be a permanent home for our evaporator. This expansion will also serve as an educational space for visitors to learn about the maple syrup production process.
- In January we hosted our first annual "**Y She Skis**" retreat with 55 women in attendance who connected through yoga, acupuncture, hiking, and sauna sessions. Unfortunately, skiing wasn't in the books with no snow on the ground, but they didn't let that stop them from having an amazing weekend!
- We can't wait to welcome several **international guests and staff** this summer, including some returning team members from Bogota, Colombia through our ongoing partnership with the international YMCA community. Other countries represented on the staff team this summer will include Spain, Hungary, Poland, Mexico, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.
- Our **community programming** continues to grow and thrive, allowing us to welcome diverse groups to experience the magic of Ihduhapi. We look forward to hosting another North Korea Refugee Family Camp experience as well as our annual medical specialty camps that include Camp Superkids for children with asthma and Not-A-Clot for those with hemophilia.
- Ensuring our camp remains accessible to ALL continues to be a key priority for us, as the **need for year-round scholarship support** continues to increase. We see the far-reaching impact of these donations each day—whether it's with summer campers, school groups, or community organizations—and we hope to expand this assistance for those in need of financial assistance through ongoing donor and grant support.



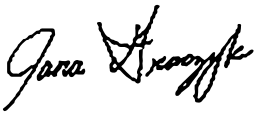
- We hope to see you and your family for our next **fall alumni get-together** the weekend of October 12th – mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Your steadfast partnership continues to be a key component in all that we do, uplifting our team to bring our signature Ihduhapi experience to life. From the financial aid awarded to the supplies purchased and the resources invested in retaining, recruiting, and empowering an amazing group of staff members—every part, no matter how big or small, is a direct reflection of our generous community of supporters like you.

I am so grateful for the role that you play in helping us uphold this legacy. There's no doubt that the second half of this year will be another unforgettable one for campers and staff alike. We eagerly anticipate the laughter, friendships, and memories that await us all.

THANK YOU for being an integral part of our Ihduhapi community and CHEERS to summer 2024!

With gratitude and excitement,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jana Graczyk', written in a cursive style.

Jana Graczyk
Executive Director