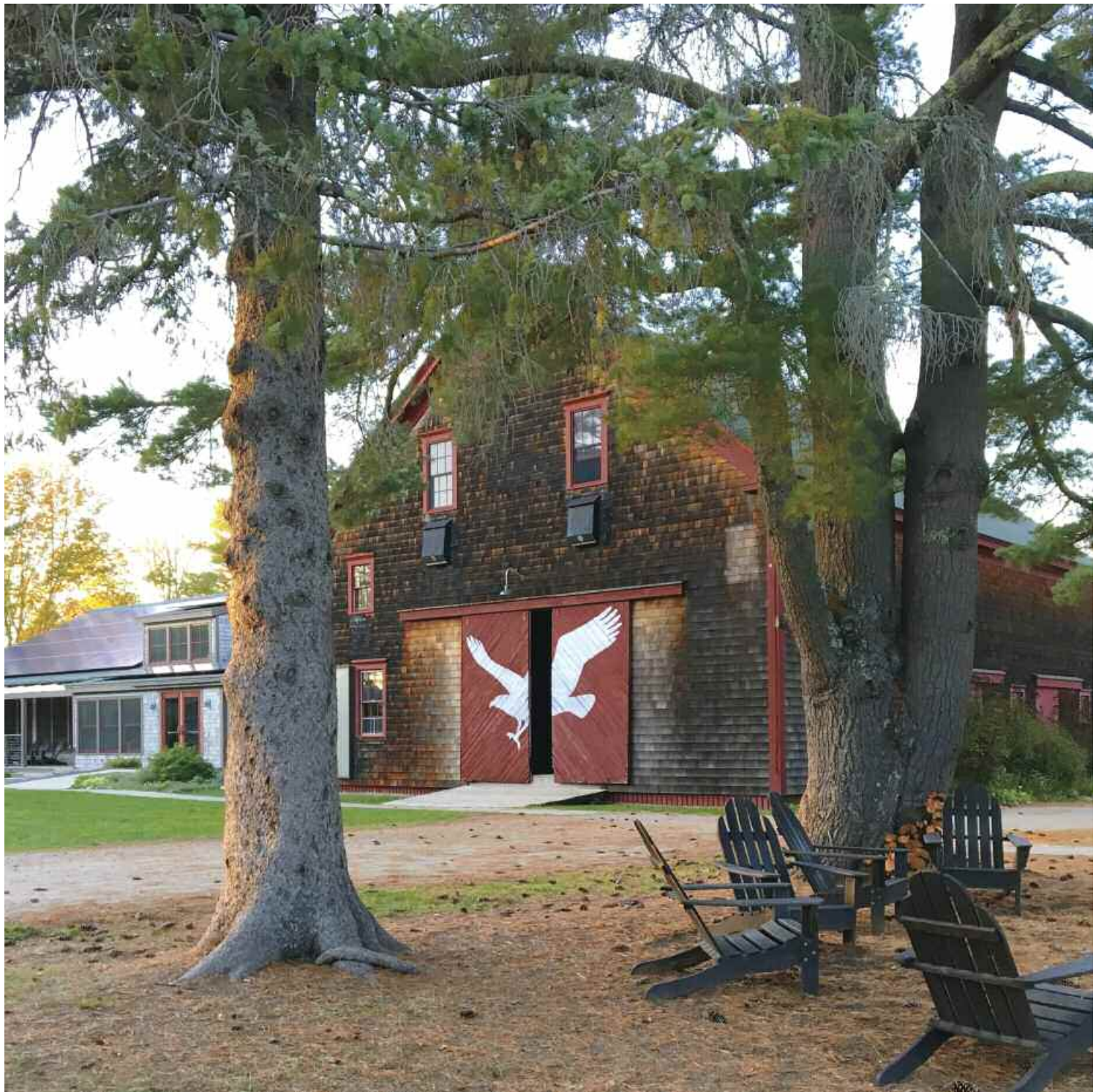




# DONOR IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2018 • SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 – AUGUST 31, 2018





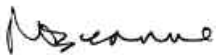
When my sons, Peter and Jonathan, enjoyed Camp Chewonki and their Chewonki Wilderness Trips, my husband and I were pleased, but none of us had any idea that our children's experiences would launch my own Chewonki adventure. I joined the advisory board ten years ago in gratitude for the boys' camp and trip leaders. Three years later, after learning more about this extraordinary organization, I became a trustee. I discovered a lot more about Chewonki's history and vision for the future while serving as co-chair of the committee that helped plan the Centennial Celebration in 2015.

And now, as of last May, I am the first woman to serve as chair of the board of trustees. I am honored and inspired to be taking up this new role and working closely with President Willard Morgan, senior staff, board colleagues, and many of you to shape Chewonki's next hundred years.

I count Chewonki friends among the finest people I know. They are dedicated to helping young people learn about themselves and the natural world. Chewonki educators encourage personal growth and leadership. They cultivate confident, curious, engaged citizens involved with the world and the communities, small and large, they daily help to build and sustain.

Please join me in celebrating last year's achievements and looking forward to the challenge and joy of increasing Chewonki's impact and expanding this wonderful community of children, families, teachers, and leaders.

Yours,



**Roseanne Saalfield**

*Chair, Chewonki Board of Trustees*



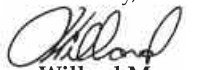
Thank you for the many ways you showed your support for Chewonki over the past year. Whether you contributed to the Chewonki Annual Fund, an endowment fund, or a capital project; provided a grant; volunteered; or simply spread the word about the amazing place Chewonki is for young people, you helped advance our mission, and I am grateful.

Here are a few highlights of our work together in FY 2018:

- The Abele Family Foundation Challenge increased participation and dollars raised from Maine Coast Semester alumni--a wonderful way to celebrate the semester's 30th anniversary. In response to this achievement, the foundation gave Chewonki \$75,000 for financial aid.
- Several donors established legacy funds through bequests, some memorializing a loved one. These powerful and emotional gifts will support Chewonki campers in perpetuity.
- The Elmina B. Sewall Foundation made a three-year commitment to Chewonki and our partners in the ELLMS collaborative to build on the previous three successful years of our Whole School Whole Communities project. For Chewonki this means the opportunity to continue our educational initiatives for public school children in Wiscasset and the Bath area.
- Foresighted donors made gifts and commitments to support site planning for future building projects and direct support for new Maine Coast Semester faculty housing, now under construction.

In these ways and many more, the Chewonki community united as a force for good last year. On behalf of all the staff, thank you! I look forward to the adventures we will share with you in the year ahead.

Sincerely,



**Willard Morgan**  
*President*



*“You reveled in the friendships you created here and I could see your sheer joy each time you took a galloping stride across a field or the dining hall...”*

Maine Coast Semester teacher to Semester 59 student





*“You bring an amazing blend of effervescence and excellent scholarship to all your classes. Your passion for learning deeply and thinking widely is contagious... You also helped make it cool to have lively intellectual conversations outside of class.”*

Maine Coast Semester teacher to Semester 60 student

### Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki

Students: 89  
 Schools represented: 86  
 States represented: 19  
 Financial aid recipients: 36  
 Financial aid as a percentage of gross tuition: 23.4 percent



### Elementary School at Chewonki

Students: 21  
 Towns represented: 9  
 Financial aid recipients: 13  
 Financial aid as a percentage of gross tuition: 26.7 percent

## Camp Chewonki

Boy campers: 250

Girl campers: 101

Trippers: 89

States represented: 28  
and Washington, D.C.

Countries represented: 12

Financial aid recipients: 135

Financial aid as a percentage of  
gross tuition: 21.8 percent



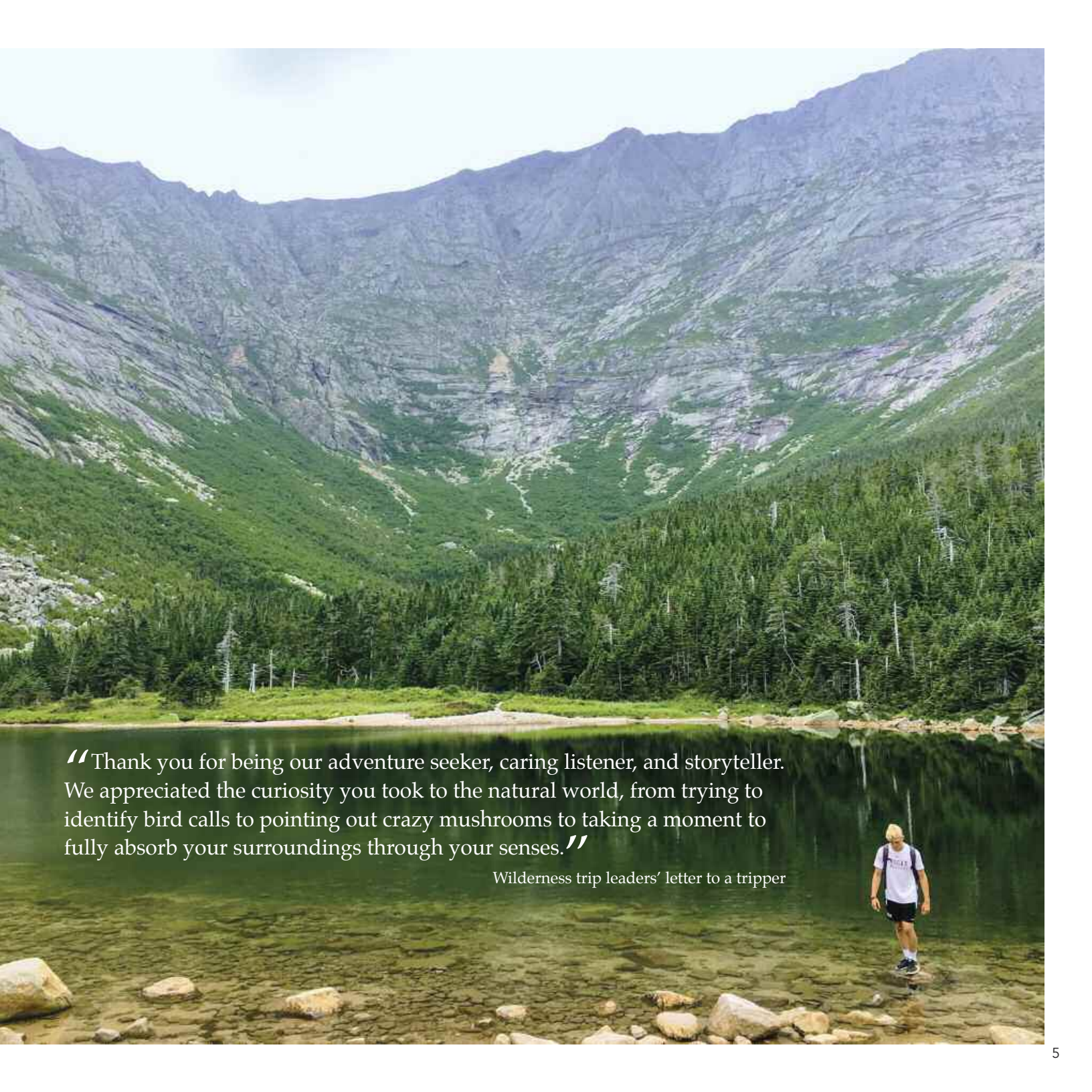
*“He wrote his own campfire song, which he taught to his fellow campers. The song was so popular, the whole camp was singing it long after his first performance.”*

Boys Camp counselors' letter to parents of a camper

*“I am in awe of the experience the two leaders fostered. My daughter literally had the best three weeks of her entire life roughing it along Maine's Allagash River and waterways. She can't wait for next summer.”*

Girls Camp parent





*“Thank you for being our adventure seeker, caring listener, and storyteller. We appreciated the curiosity you took to the natural world, from trying to identify bird calls to pointing out crazy mushrooms to taking a moment to fully absorb your surroundings through your senses.”*

*Wilderness trip leaders' letter to a tripper*

*“Our daughter was very nervous about...being homesick, not sleeping, etc. She had an amazing time! She absolutely loved her counselor. She loved being in nature all day, all the activities, the food and sitting by the campfire, her group. It truly was a pivotal experience for her.”*

Outdoor Classroom parent







*“[Chewonki staff] work very hard to make this a great experience. It’s an excellent idea for an age group who desperately needs this.”*

Waypoint parent

*“One of the best presentations that I’ve had in my classroom in 28 years of teaching.”*

Teacher after Traveling Natural History Program, Sanford, Maine

## Outdoor Classroom

Students: 1,495

Maine schools served: 33

Out-of-state schools served: 15

Financial aid, discounts, and grant subsidies awarded: \$122,974

## Traveling Natural History Program

Presentations: 775

Host communities: 143

People who saw presentations (estimated): 25,739

Financial aid and discounts awarded: \$7,833

## Chewonki Waypoint Program

Students: 20

This mentorship program for middle and high school students in Maine Regional School Unit 1 is funded for six years by the Emanuel and Pauline A. Lerner Foundation. This was Waypoint’s first year.



## Salt Marsh Farm

Eggs: 35,645

Vegetables: 15,449 pounds

Meat: 6,175.75 pounds

Milk: 1,792 gallons

Firewood: 8 cords

Hay: 5,200 pounds

Compost: 10.67 cubic yards

Manure: 31.5 cubic yards

Value of our farm products: \$95,376

## Kitchen

Approximate number of meals served: 78,500

Approximate number of meals served to  
summer participants: 26,460

Approximate amount spent on Maine-grown  
or -raised food: \$42,828 (25 percent of  
kitchen budget)

Farm milk pasteurized: 1,792 gallons

Farm pickles put up: 75+ gallons



“Food is central to the Chewonki experience: we share meals around campfires and round tables, and we grow and harvest some of our food, fiber, and firewood on our farm.

We do this work with intention, seeking to maximize the production potential of our small farm while integrating young people meaningfully into every aspect of production and preparation.

We work alongside each other with integrity, sincerely engaging and sitting with the difficult questions that accompany our food choices. And we seek to minimize the negative impact of our food choices while multiplying the positive impact of food as the very sustenance of life and as a foundation of community.”

Bill Edgerton (Kitchen Manager) and Megan Phillips (Farm Manager)









Kayaking at Big Eddy

## **Campus Renewal and Sustainability**

East-side pasture restoration project

New wash station at the farm

New shed on North Pasture to protect the horses  
2 new heat pumps in staff housing, thanks to the Aldermere Foundation

Removal of invasive plants at the farm

Arrival of Bob, a Suffolk Punch draft horse

Relocation of fiber arts workshop to the farm

5 new privies on Chewonki Neck

New recycling shed

Solar power generated on Chewonki Neck:  
approximately 105.525 MWh

## **Big Eddy Cabins and Campground and Debsconeag Lake Wilderness Camps**

Big Eddy program participants: 70+;

vacation renters: 2,207

Debsconeag Lake program participants: 120;

vacation renters: 180



# CHEWONKI DONORS

## FISCAL YEAR 2018

Gifts received between September 1, 2017  
and August 31, 2018

Total giving to the Chewonki Annual Fund: \$951,967

Donors to the Chewonki Annual Fund: 1,449

Total giving to the Annual Fund, endowments, and  
gifts-in-kind: \$2,533,688

Total donors: 1,545

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**Show us the way forward. *Join the Osprey Society.***

Your legacy will guide us in the future if you make plans today to include Chewonki in your will or retirement plan. Director of Development Peg Willauer-Tobey would love to talk with you. (207) 882-7323, x153.



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The five organizations working together as Environmental Living and Learning for Maine Students (ELLMS) are Chewonki, The Ecology School, the Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park, and the University of Maine 4-H Centers at Bryant Pond and Tanglewood.

Since 2011, the Sewall Foundation has granted \$1,650,000 to ELLMS. "The foundation's outstanding staff and board have played an essential role," says Chewonki President Willard Morgan. "This far-seeing foundation shares our determination to improve the lives of Maine children, getting them outside to learn about the environment, themselves, and their communities. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to do this work."

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## Dedication in Action: Karen Abele Scheu

To honor Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki's 30th anniversary, Semester 3 alumna Karen Abele Scheu and the Abele Family Foundation wanted to do something big. They created the Abele Family Foundation Challenge, promising to match alumni donations up to \$60,600 as we headed toward the August reunion and celebration on Chewonki Neck.

Semester alumni responded with amazing enthusiasm, contributing \$82,567. Delighted, Karen increased the Abele Family Foundation's gift to \$75,000. What generous commitment by everyone! The dollars raised will support financial aid, helping to ensure that we can welcome the best students, regardless of family finances.

Many thanks to Karen and her family for their friendship, philanthropy, and leadership.

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Second row: Wylie Mitchell, Rebecca Marvill, Tim Ellis, Suzanne McGinn, Roseanne Saalfield (chair), Susie Rodriguez, Jasmine Smith

Third row: David Vail, Kevin Connors, Jeff Eberle, Jeff Desjarlais, John Warren, Scott Beebe, Michael Fleisher, Laura Appell-Warren, Karen Scheu

Back row: Willard Morgan, André Heard

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