



5 years!

# EAGLE ISLAND, INC.

Where History Meets the Future

To see the island bloom with campers

November 20, 2020

Environmental education, to love & care for our world

Join the celebration and support the remarkable story of Eagle Island’s historic past and bright future with a donation – EIC needs YOU.

So much has been accomplished in the past 5 years, with the help of so many. It really does seem like yesterday that I first visited Eagle Island after it was purchased with the incredible generosity of supporters. Eagle Island, Inc. took ownership and responsibility for the care and rehabilitation of this beloved 31-acre island. This organization of volunteers rolled up its sleeves and sought out the help of other volunteers and professionals. With YOUR support, together we have forever altered the history of this historic place.

At right are guideposts important to the future of the camp:

To be successful and sustainable, Eagle Island, as a camp AND as an organization, is working to build a reputation for excellence. As a camp, EIC strives to be known for superior programming designed specifically for this unique location that holds a special place in many people’s hearts.

**For long-term economic viability, camp must expand strategically** – filling day, overnight, family camp, and special programs to capacity. To do so, we must:

- Attract campers, staff, and visitors to make the Island their home away from home, and return year after year, bringing along sisters, friends, classmates, and neighbors.
- Expand infrastructure to the outer tent platform areas and renovate the washhouses so all 37 tents can be filled.

- Expand Eagle Island Camp’s name recognition and reputation
- Fill camp to capacity and expand facilities to grow
- Welcome ALL who are interested in Eagle Island
- Build on the support of Alumni & Friends
- Create an endowment to support future needs and campers

relatives,  
Welcome ALL backgrounds & finances to experience the freedom & strength to be fully ourselves

**Continued donor support for this expansion, as well as operating expenses, is essential to our success.**

Underlying everything is Eagle Island’s mission: inspiring and empowering girls and young women to be confident, collaborative, and courageous. We endeavor to be welcoming and inclusive as we recruit campers, staff, board members, and volunteers of diverse backgrounds, who bring a wealth of perspectives, experiences, and ideas.

Please join the effort to achieve these goals by providing financial support by the end of the year, or a commitment to contribute on a monthly basis to help with planning. \*

We continue with our plans for Camp 2021 with strict COVID protocols in place, see [eagleisland.org/covid-updates](http://eagleisland.org/covid-updates). Please visit [eagleisland.org/home/summercamps](http://eagleisland.org/home/summercamps) for information about day camp, overnight camp, family camp, and alumnae and wellness weekends.

Be safe as we look forward together,

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Continuation of wonderful historic program.

## Giving in 2020

**Cash** - Give online at [eagleisland.org/donate](http://eagleisland.org/donate) or send a check.

\***For tax year 2020**, the CARES Act of March of this year has made universal deductions available up to **\$300 for individuals** and **\$600** for joint filers (even if you do not itemize).

For those who itemize, under the CARES Act, cash gifts are deductible up to 100% of adjusted gross income, up from the 60% cap.

*For kids of all ages to enjoy what we all hold dearly in our heart*

**Appreciated Securities** - contact Carole Mackenzie for donation instructions.

2020 market gains left some with appreciated stock carrying significant capital gains tax liability. Donate shares and potentially get a tax deduction for the full market value of the stock on the date of the gift and avoid capital gains tax.

**IRA - Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)**

If you are 70½ and have not made a deductible contribution to your traditional IRA in 2020, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution ("QCD") from your Traditional IRA of up to \$100,000 income tax free.

Because the age for beginning Required Minimum Distributions ("RMDs") was changed by the SECURE Act of last December from 70½ to 72 and, under that same new law, contributions to one's IRA can continue to be made past age 70½ by IRA owners who have earned income; and because RMDs are waived for 2020 under the CARES Act of this past March, it is especially important to speak with your accountant or tax advisor to determine whether a QCD is a good gifting opportunity for you this year.

**Life Insurance Policies** - transferring ownership to a charity or naming charity as the beneficiary instead of allowing a policy to lapse or cashing it in.

**Gifts during lifetime may be made outright or in trust.**

**We hope that this short summary might be a useful reminder as we rapidly enter peak giving season. For additional information please contact:**

**Questions?**

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**Every taxpayer's situation is unique and should be carefully reviewed with your professional advisor.**

*sounds of campers singing, canoeing,  
sailing, building campfires,  
making new friends, loving teamwork*

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