

## Making a Difference...

- Providing scholarships so that no campers are turned away for financial reasons
- Completing home repairs for local families and individuals in need through our mission camp program
- Providing space for local schools to have outdoor recreational and educational opportunities
- Youth leadership training
- Preparing and distributing more than 50,000 meals to Maine families in need during 2020 pandemic
- Providing a safe place for campers, volunteer, & others to learn about themselves, explore their spirituality, and be in community with others

**Your monthly gift will make a difference to ensure that Mechuwana continues to make a difference in the lives of individuals and communities for generations to come. Please make a gift today!**

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## Preserving the Past Protecting the Future



### Mechuwana Monthly Giving Program

Right now, Mechuwana faces its most serious financial challenge ever, yet we choose to face this challenge and come out the other side stronger and more secure than ever before. **But we need your help!**

**The financial survival of Mechuwana is at stake.** We must move quickly in order to ensure that Mechuwana remains open and is here for generations to come. Let us share with you how you can help.



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This year has been such a difficult one for so many, and Mechuwana is no exception. The coronavirus pandemic shut down camp's summer program, as well as spring and fall retreats and events. For the first time in our more than 70 years of operations, we were unable to hear campers laughing, watch them learn new skills, make lifelong friends, and share our beautiful spot on Lower Narrows Pond with them.

### Summer 2020 – Feeding Maine Families

Though we closed Mechuwana for our summer 2020 program, there was still a lot happening at camp. A very small staff began their work just days into the pandemic when the State of Maine approved camp to become a pandemic meal center.

As the spring and summer progressed, **we provided more than 50,000 meals to hundreds of families throughout the state.** This could not have been achieved without the tremendous effort of eight staff members and volunteers who dedicated themselves for nearly six months. We are so proud of the role that Mechuwana has played in helping keep hundreds of families fed through this incredible time.

While we focused on feeding Maine families, we also realized that the **financial impact for Mechuwana during this time was very serious.**

Mechuwana lost its income for the spring, summer, and fall. We have no idea how much more will be lost in 2021.

It is likely we could lose more than \$500,000 in revenue before next summer.

This is where you come in.

We are asking you to partner with us each month to provide a steady stream of income by becoming a monthly donor.

### Become a Monthly Donor

Having a steady monthly income coming in through gifts of \$10, \$25, or another amount (any gift of \$5 or more would be greatly appreciated) from individuals and families who support Mechuwana's program will help ensure the long-term sustainability.

You can help keep Mechuwana around for generations to come.



## Three Easy Ways to Give

1. Visit <https://my.simplegive.com/app/giving/mechuwana> to make your gift online. You will be prompted to set up an account so you can manage/update your gift in the future. To ensure that it is a monthly donation, be sure to check the "Make this gift recurring" box. Once you sign up, your gift will automatically be charge to your payment account each month and sent to Mechuwana. You can edit your gift using this link at any time. Note your gift will be made to "UMC Properties of Maine," which is camp's official name.
2. **Donate via PayPal by setting up a recurring payment.** If you prefer to pay via your PayPal account, visit [www.mechuwana.org/donate](http://www.mechuwana.org/donate) and click on the "Donate" button. This will take you to PayPal. Check the box next to "Make this a monthly donation," and you can make your donation a recurring monthly gift.
3. **Contact the camp office** at [mechuwana@fairpoint.net](mailto:mechuwana@fairpoint.net) or 207.377.2924 to tell us that you would prefer to send in a monthly donation via check.