

Greetings Cradle Beach Families,

As Spring transitions to Summer, we hope you and your families are safe and well during these most unique and challenging times. We have appreciated your patience as we continue to determine plans for this year's Summer Camp. While WNY has recently been cleared for Phase 1 of reopening, much uncertainty remains. We wanted to share this heartfelt and difficult update with you.

For over 130 years Cradle Beach's Summer Camp Program has united over 700 campers with compassionate counselors, nurses, administrative staff and volunteers; offering life changing opportunities for fun, friendship, independence, skill-building and so much more. **As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and precautionary measures remain in place to stop the spread, Cradle Beach has made the difficult decision to cancel all scheduled Summer Camp sessions.** This decision has been made out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to minimize the risks associated with large group gatherings.

Our families, campers and entire community rely on Cradle Beach. We value your trust and know this is the right decision for the safety of everyone. *With heavy hearts, our team has been working tirelessly to create a modified program including social distancing and COVID-19 safety measures, to allow us to serve the unique needs of our campers and families.* **The time frame, however, is uncertain as we continue to monitor daily developments and Governor Cuomo's NY Forward Plan.**

Over the next few weeks, I will be reaching out personally to all families who have registered children for Camp. We thank you for your patience and continued support as your involvement is important in our planning process. Please know all payments made for the 2020 camp season will be refunded by July 1, 2020. Payments made by check or money order will receive a refund check in the mail, while payments made by credit card will be refunded electronically to the credit card used for payment.

The safety of our campers, staff, families and visitors has always been and continues to be our priority. We are committed to re-imagining creative and safe alternatives to nurture the Cradle Beach Camp spirit, magic and joy that you've come to count on and are grateful for our donors and supporters whose generosity has allowed us to fulfill our mission since 1888. Thank you to all of our essential workers, health care providers, public health officials and collaborative partners working together on behalf of Cradle Beach and our community.

We will continue to reach out with further updates, however in the meantime please do not hesitate to call me at (716) 549-6307 ext. 206.

Sincerely,

Gabriele Clark

Director of Campus Based Services

