



Life-Changing Bequest

Couple's gift of their estate will ensure that Maine children in need can attend Salvation Army Camp Sebago

CHILDREN FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD come to summer camp in Maine, spending a few precious weeks swimming in clear, cool lakes, exploring the wilderness, learning new skills, and building lasting friendships around nightly campfires. Every summer since 1958, The Salvation Army's Camp Sebago has offered the same experience to children from Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont at little to no cost—children who might otherwise never have the opportunity to attend summer camp.

One of those children was Jeannette Parker. Growing up in Augusta in the 1960s, Parker and her family lived in a housing project where her parents were the only married couple in the 16 apartments. But her life was still far from stable and secure; except on Sundays, when her mother insisted that she spend four hours at The Salvation Army, going to church, attending Sunday School, and playing in the band. "As much as I hated it as a kid, it took me a long time to realize it was her way of keeping me safe," says Parker.