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In 1960, Mary Coutant was Mary Humeston, a teenage girl attending Camp Mohawk, a camp for girls nestled among 1,500 acres of state forest in the hills of Northwest Connecticut. As a Counselor in Training (CIT), Mary worked to develop leadership, public speaking, teaching and counseling skills. During her time at Camp Mohawk, she served as assistant waterfront director, senior unit director and eventually led the CIT program. In 1962, she met another fellow camp counselor named Roger Coutant; the two married four years later in 1967.

“Mary emanated the spirit and energy of Camp Mohawk,” said Fred Marchand, Camp Mohawk Executive Director. In addition to establishing The Mary H. Coutant Fund for the Summer Fun Club, she established a non-restricted fund. The Camp Mohawk Foundation will support Camp Mohawk and enable others to continue Mary’s legacy by including the Camp in their estate planning.

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For almost 65 years, Camp Mohawk in Litchfield has helped girls and young women from Northwest Conn. and around the world build confidence, home skills and work toward reaching their potentials. From June 23 – August 17, more than 700 girls across the camp for one or two weeks of activities, including swimming, horseback riding, animal husbandry, arts and sports programs and curriculum that develops their confidence, leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

“Every activity at the Camp has a curriculum,” said Fred Marchand, Camp Mohawk Executive Director. “We push our girls and our staff to continue in their personal growth, knowledge and appreciation of themselves. Our expectation is that every girl is going to go home and change the world as a positive force for good in the community.”

Camp activities are geared toward girls learning about themselves and their relationship to their natural environment as well as how to work as a member of a team. Girls work in pairs or in groups, learning to push themselves and support and encourage each other. Every night in the cabin, they sit down for a counselor led non-denominational discussion about values, spirituality and their relationships with their natural environment. Camp counselors meet with each camper individually on the front porch of the cabin to discuss her day, including any happy experiences, frustrations and comments about activities.

In 2012, 700 campers attended Camp Mohawk using financial scholarships, a number that grows every year. Marchand hopes that number will represent 10 percent of campers by 2015.

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Mary Coutant was born Mary Humeston in 1941 in New Haven, the youngest of the six Humeston children. A high-energy athletic young woman, Mary was an active member of the local YMCA, working with the Torrington YMCA as the Women and Girls Secretary and working as a camp counselor at the YMCA Camp Mohawk for girls each summer. She earned a degree in psychology from Springfield College in Massachusetts, a school with a strong athletic focus and historical partnership with YMCA USA. In 1996, she established the Winchuck Youth Service Bureau, an agency that functions as a case manager for families of at-risk children, helping them to access agencies and resources, so their children experience success at school, at home and in the community.

“Mary was a force for good,” Foundation President Guy Rossetti said. “And her contributions to the welfare of our community, especially where it concerns children, will be felt for generations to come.”

Over the course of her life, Mary received the Torrington Rotary Club’s Paul Harris Fellowship award; was named Person of the Year by the Torrington UNICO Club; and earned the Chamber of Commerce of Northwest Connecticut’s Community Leader Award. In recognition of Mary’s contributions to the community in 2001, recently renamed The Mary H. Coutant Fund for the Summer Fun Club was established at the Foundation. In 2005, in recognition of her 30 years of contributions at Camp Mohawk, the camp established The Mary H. Coutant Fund for Rising Star Camp. The fund is used to support programs that benefit at-risk children.

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