

An Easy Truth  
An Interview with Joe Heenan



01/ Joe Heenan

02/ Joe and his wife, Kathy  
 03/ White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and Joe at the 2018 Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Gala

**It was over fifteen years ago that Joe Heenan first learned of The Camphill School. At that time Joe was still working for Paul Restall Company (he retired in 2015) and was introduced to the school by Craig Adams of PECO.**

As soon as he set foot on campus, Joe immediately saw the value of the school, and Paul Restall Company began supporting the Gala. Not long after, he and his family also began supporting the school with personal contributions of time, talent, and treasure.

The value Joe initially saw in the school has not changed. "I have learned that Camphill has a healthy respect for those making donations to the school, and I know that it is being spent responsibly."



Joe is the outgoing President of the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. The Society exists to promote Irish culture and education and provide aid. It performs these duties in the form of scholarships and benevolence, as well as through events and activities. To that end, their mission is to aid and assist needy persons emigrating from Ireland to the United States, to improve the education and level of scholarship of those of Irish birth and lineage in the United States and in Ireland by scholarships and grants; to make contributions to other worthy charitable and religious organizations and causes; appropriately to record and memorialize the exploits of the Irish in the United States, in Ireland, and elsewhere; and to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the people of Ireland and the United States.

Through the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Joe has established a six-figure endowment held by the

Beaver Run Foundation to support financial aid needs at The Camphill School. "This is meant to be an endowment for lasting ability, and in perpetuity, so that financial aid is there for students—and their parents—that a little can make a difference to attend a quality school like Camphill. We also wanted to endow the fund so that it was used only for financial aid."

To Joe the most important results for the Society's endowment is utilizing the funds in the manner in which it is meant and for the fund to grow over the years. "The better steward Beaver Run Foundation is, the more likely the fund will accrue growth. Our hope is that it will be an example to others to establish similar financial aid endowments. This endowment should be one that is showcased to other potential investors for the future of Camphill's students.

"This is an easy truth: Camphill is a wonderful organization devoted to its students that we do not see at other organizations like it. Everyone is very dedicated and shows it in a very personal way. Camphill is a selfless organization," shares Joe. "It will never be without need but it has demonstrated the ability to have a long-range vision."

Camphill is grateful to Joe, his family, and the Friendly Sons for their belief in the school's ability to properly steward their endowed scholarship so it will support students who need the school but also need assistance in covering the cost of boarding tuition now and in the future.

