

ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007

The E. L.M.M. Community Center would like to thank the citizens of Winchester and Ashuelot for your continuing support to raise appropriated funds in the amount of \$49,520.00 for youth recreation. Contracted to provide specific youth programs, the E.L.M.M. Community Center, was able to provide 6 weeks of summer day camp, teen opportunities, 3 weeks of school vacation activities, 3 months of both fall soccer and spring baseball.

The summer of 2006 marked the finale of our 3-year agreement subcontracting the Winchester Learning Center to provide summer day camp to youth in grades K-5th. Leaving us with the tools to provide a safe, structured, fun-filled summer camp in the years ahead, we like to thank Penny Vaine and Beth Harold for your hard work, commitment and dedication to Winchester and Ashuelot's youth. You will be missed.

During the weeks of school vacation the E.L.M.M.C.C. hosted a variety of activities keeping kids active and busy. Giving our youth with a better sense of the natural wonders in our own backyard, we explore the woods, trails, mountains and state parks around us. Thanks to Ted Whippie, Winchester's Selectman and hiking enthusiast for leading us to Pulpit Falls and up Mt. Pisgah. *Friend to Pisgah State Park*, Laurell Powell and Pisgah Park Ranger, Norma Repucci, hosted our "campers" for a dynamic day at the dam. Other great trips included the Montshire Museums, ice skating at the Cheshire Ice Arena, swimming at the Holiday Inn and tubing at Granite Gorge and were supported by more than 20 volunteers.

In the fall of 2006, 86 players and 16 coaches filled the E.L.M.M.C.C. soccer fields with 12 weeks of intramural soccer. Led by Chris Mercandetti, the ELMMCC Parents Advisory & Sports Booster Group organized our season, recruited volunteer coaches and spent countless hours maintaining the play area keeping it safe and fun for all. Participating in the Tri-County Baseball League with 5 other area towns, more than 15 adult volunteer coaches and assistant coaches (and many committed team parents) led 75 youth in 12 weeks of baseball. A special thanks to Tere Ammann and the *Home Run Derby* participants who raised over \$2,000.00 to benefit the construction of a concession stand and aid the repair of the dugouts.

The E.L.M.M.C.C. Teen Venture Crew debuted in June of 2007. This collaboration between the E.L.M.M.C.C. Teen Center and the BSA offers co-ed teens aged 14-20, a more adventurous opportunity. With 14 youth members and two adult advisors this teen run group organized their first class 5 rafting trip on the Penobscot River. Through a partnership with Winchester's Conservation Committee these teens were able to secure some of the funds needed to participate in this team building exercise.

