Summertime and Saying Goodbyes

May is the time of year when we bid farewell to the wonderful co-workers who are ready to move onto the next stages of their life. As you know, we experience transitions of coworkers every year in Camphill, many who come for a year to volunteer, some who stay for longer. Saying goodbye is not always easy, but it is part of the social art of living in community, and we send them off with gratitude and joy as they continue their journey.

This summer we will be saying goodbye to Brittany, Iulia, Lim, Tamta, Gwen, Kostiantyn, and Samantha. We thank them from the bottom of our Camphill hearts for their time spent with us.

We asked some of the co-workers saying farewell what they will miss most and what their next steps are. Here’s what they had to say:

"I have to say I love the festivals and the anticipation that grows throughout the year for the next one! I'll miss the evenings when we're just hanging out, sitting together drinking tea or reading in silence. I'll start at the Camphill School Aberdeen in October where I'll be working with school aged youngsters. I've only lived with adults so I'm excited for the new challenge but I'll miss my home at Camphill California."
-Brittany

"My favorite thing about Camphill is that it is a home away from home. No matter where you go or which Camphill you join you are always welcomed as if you are one of the family. I am very excited to be moving to Camphill School Aberdeen and making a new home for myself."
-Gwen

"What I will miss - home. What I love - making Camphill my home. Next step - joining the U.S. army."
-Kostiantyn

Good luck and blessings on your journeys forward, friends!
As you walk through Camphill California, there is a freshness and glow that illuminates through the halls and houses. Slipping into the comfort of our living rooms and dining areas happens naturally. While each individual's energy adds to this overall feeling in the community, we must also give a big thanks to our Cleaning Crew! Led by co-worker Willow, the cleaning crew is responsible for, of course, those basic cleaning tasks such as dusting, vacuuming, window cleaning, etc. But there is much more to this crew than meets the dust in the trash bin!

The cleaning crew has really taken on the challenge of what it means to be a self-sustainable and regenerative group in our lifesharing community. In addition to clearing out dirt, dust, and old energy every Thursday, the team is working on perfecting their first batch of all-purpose cleaner, made with herbs from our garden and non-toxic substances that are safe for our community members and visitors. This enables the team to not only help keep the community fresh, but allows them to connect with their work and harness their imagination and creativity by working as a team to develop supplies we can use throughout the community. And when they’re not cleaning or working as a think-tank for more sustainable cleaning methods, this team goes above and beyond and will even clean out your car!

William says "I like cleaning the cars and finding leftover coins!" While Carolyn's favorite part is "cleaning the windows. It makes me feel productive and independent, like I can do things on my own."

Thank you, cleaning crew, for all that you do!

Camphill California is thriving especially due to the continuous interest and support from you all, and it is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much, we couldn't do it without you!

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