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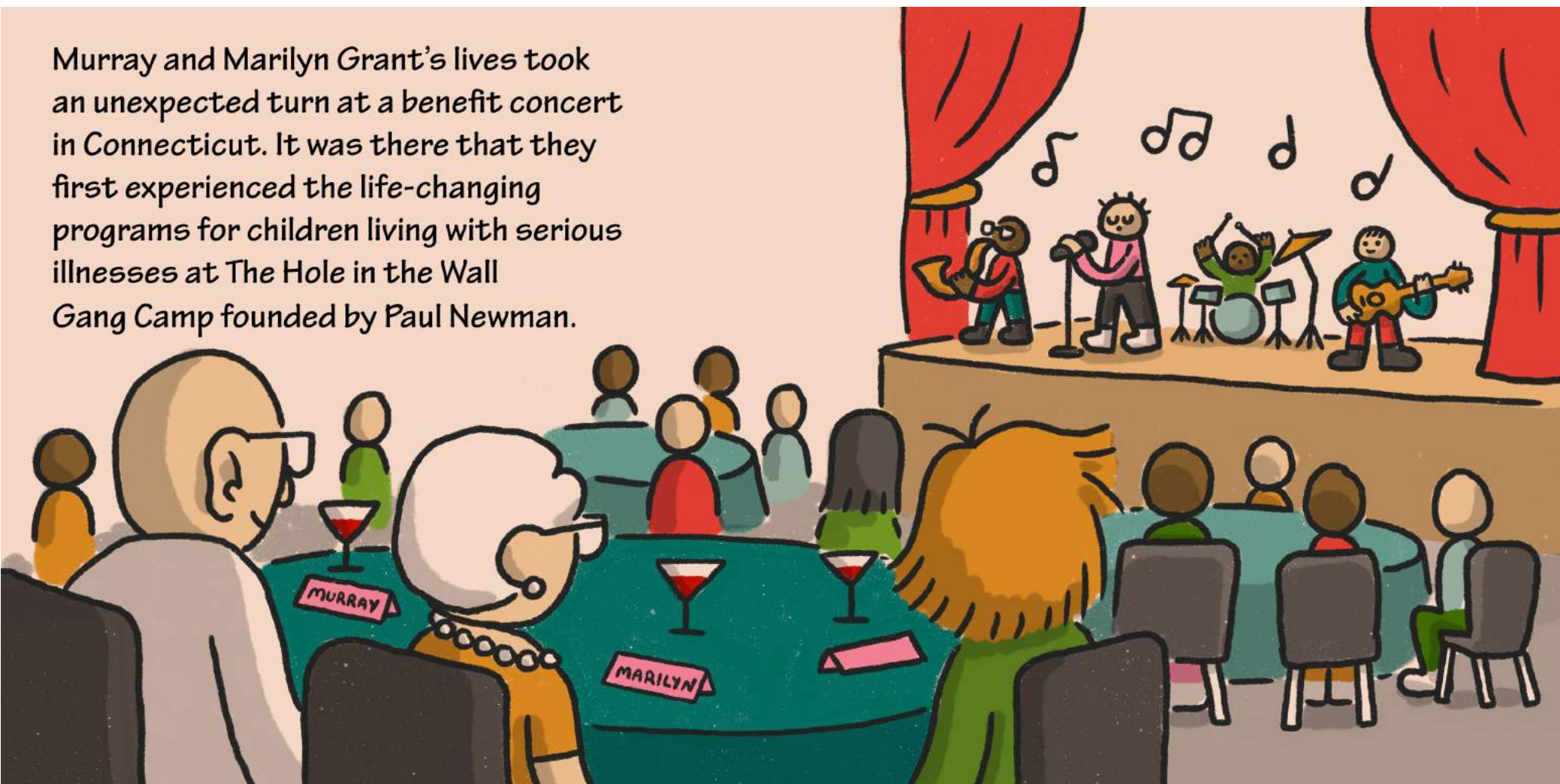
How one couple's dream and **YOUR** friendship
changed Israel and the world



“The children come to camp free of charge thanks to the support of many people, like yourself, who donate generously both in time and finances. I take my hat off to all of you, for being a leader and giving back to the community.”

-Paul Newman

Murray and Marilyn Grant's lives took an unexpected turn at a benefit concert in Connecticut. It was there that they first experienced the life-changing programs for children living with serious illnesses at The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp founded by Paul Newman.



As the pair traveled to their home in Israel, Marilyn learned more about it and became inspired to take action.



Marilyn said, "Murray, we have to build a camp like this in Israel." Murray looked back at Marilyn and smiled because he knew, as always, that his wife was right.



Once back home, they began

brainstorming,

and decided to

reach out to

Paul Newman

to share the idea

of building a

camp in Israel.

Paul was

excited by their

dream. He could

see enormous

potential and

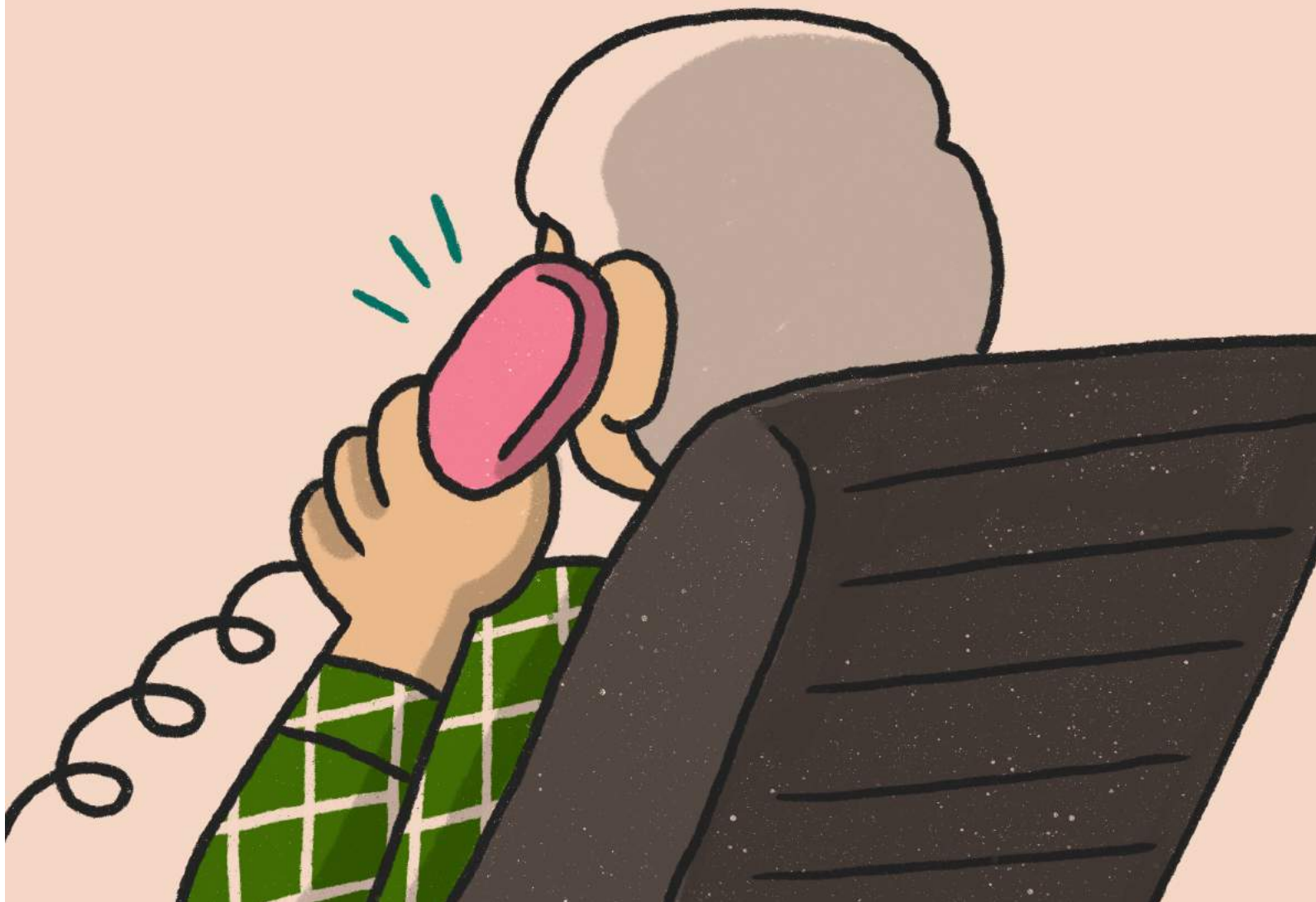
said, "I hope that this camp

can serve to enhance the efforts towards

peace in the region."



Paul then turned to fellow actor and philanthropist Chaim Topol. He knew that Topol's experience with children's organizations in Israel would make him the perfect partner.



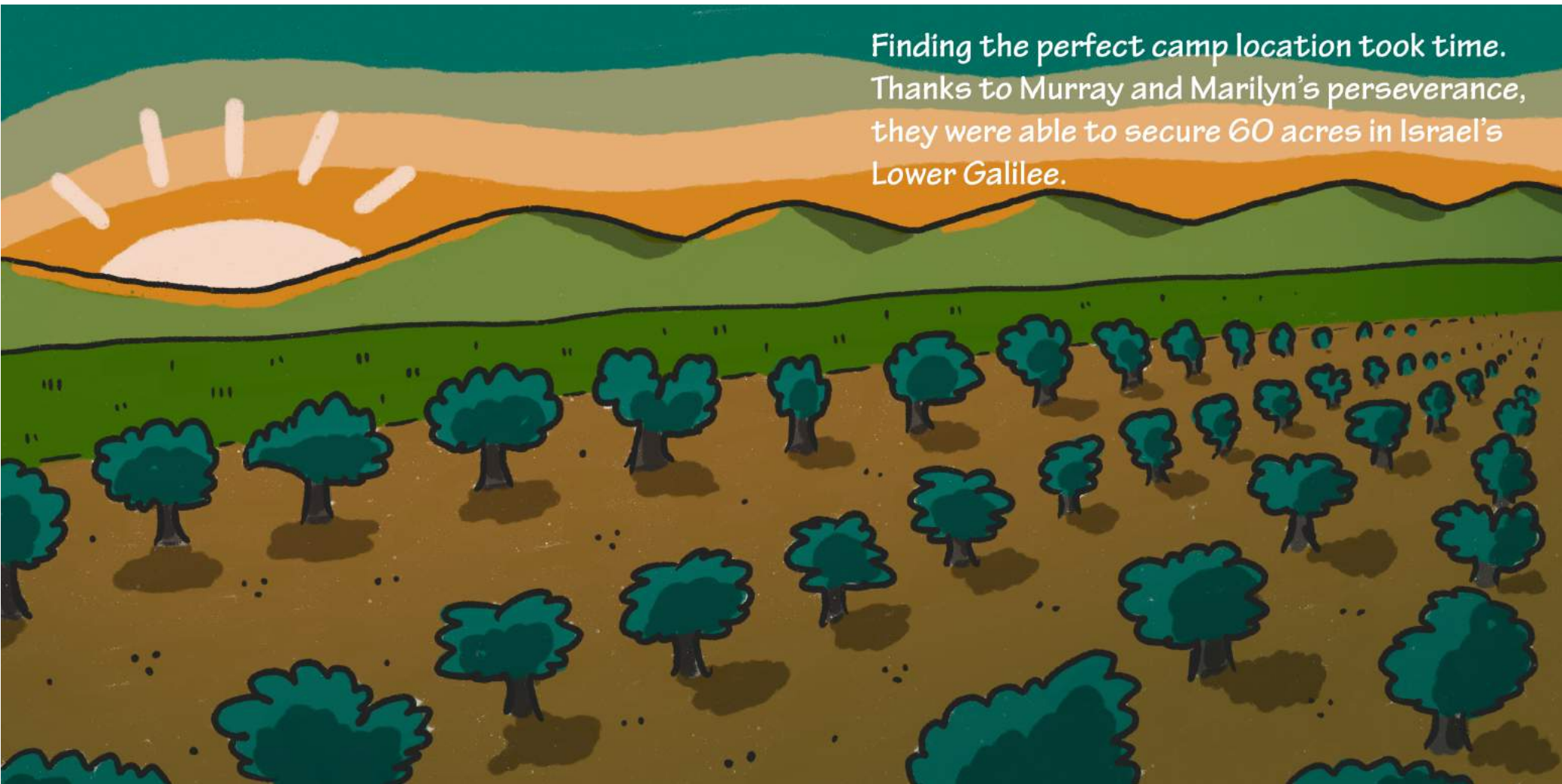
Topol was excited by the idea of establishing such a camp in Israel. He began to gather the right people and resources to make this dream a reality.



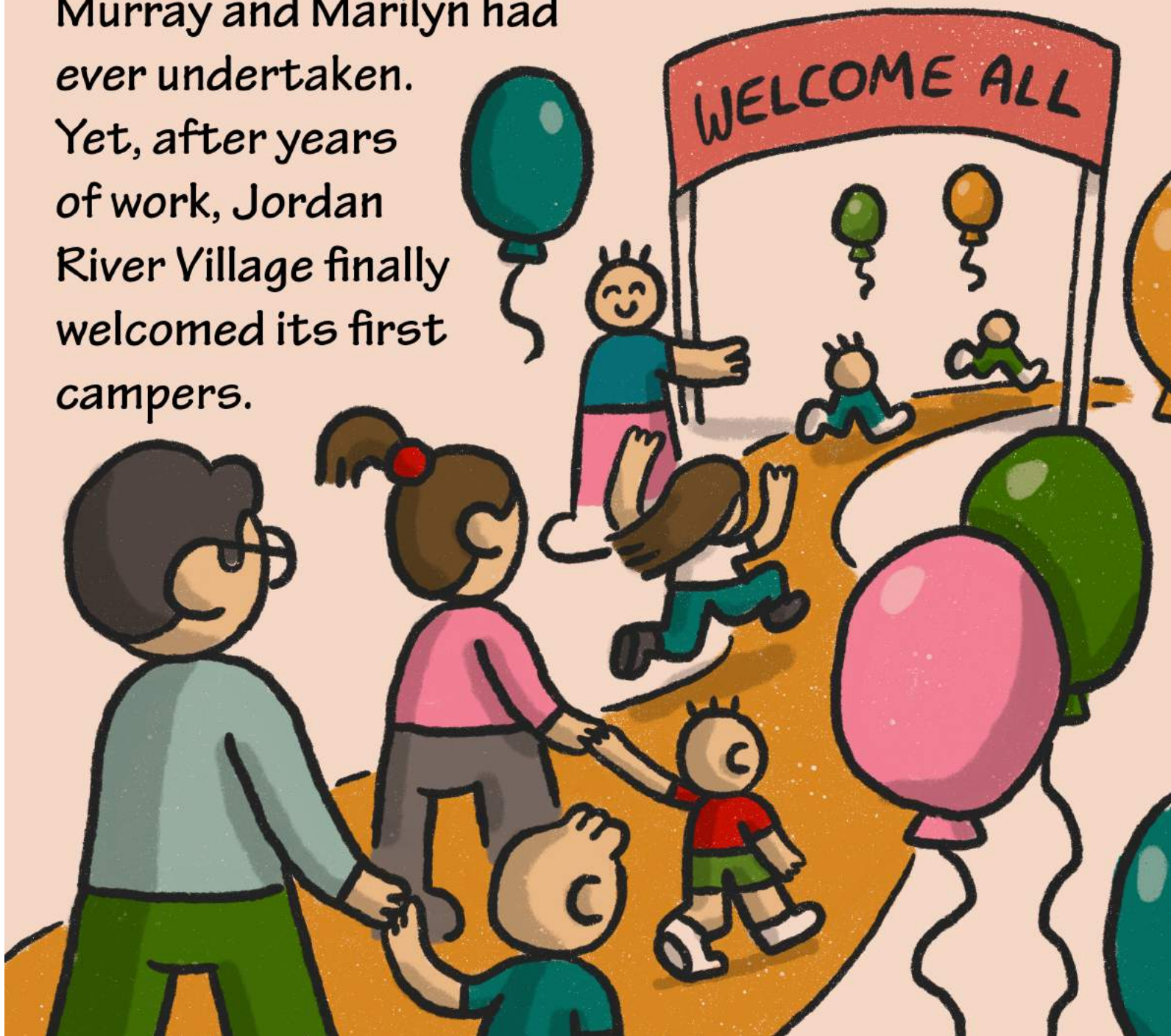
Fundraising also began in the United States.
Everyone Murray and Marilyn met,
no matter where, learned about the camp
and were inspired to support.



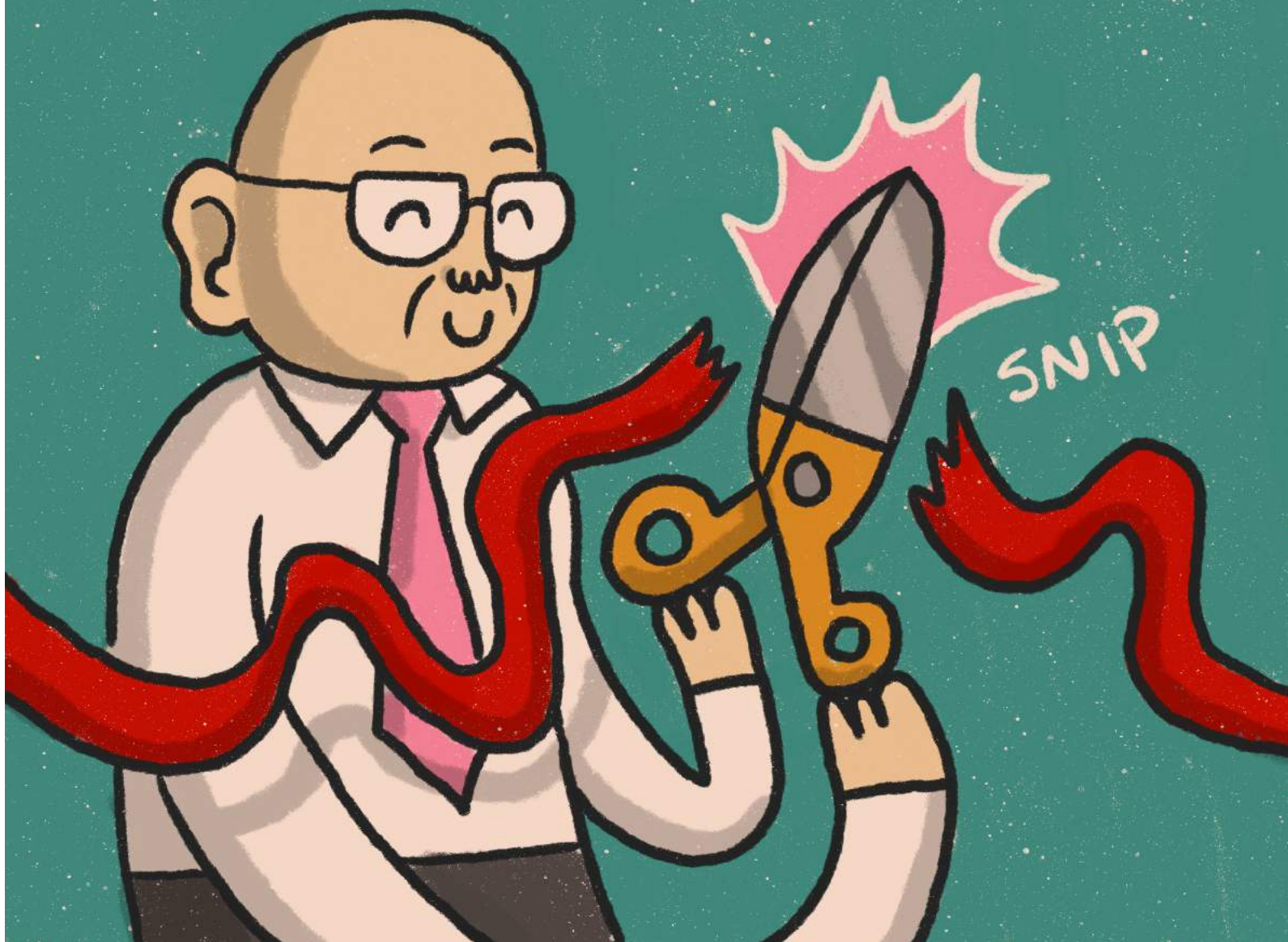
Finding the perfect camp location took time. Thanks to Murray and Marilyn's perseverance, they were able to secure 60 acres in Israel's Lower Galilee.

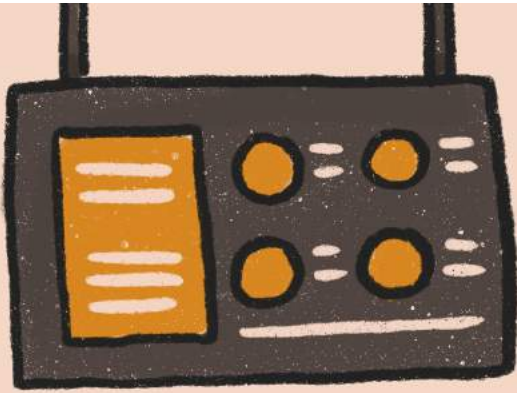


Founding the camp was unlike anything Murray and Marilyn had ever undertaken. Yet, after years of work, Jordan River Village finally welcomed its first campers.



In 2012, in a grand ceremony with friends from across the world, Murray cut the ribbon and declared the camp OFFICIALLY OPEN!





The camp opening was the culmination of years of hard work and one of immense pride for Murray and Marilyn. Sadly, as they prepared to fly to the United States the next day, Murray began to feel ill.



On the flight to New York City,
Murray passed away.
Marilyn, as always, was by his side.





The Village is Israel's only free, year-round, camp for children living with serious illnesses and disorders.

It is truly the place that Murray and Marilyn dreamed it would be...



where kids can be kids, no matter the challenges they may face.

It is a place where parents can relate to each-
other, share stories, and relax,



knowing that their children are in the best
possible hands.

In its first 10 years, Jordan River Village welcomed over 13,000 children yet its impact is so much greater; supporting families, empowering communities, and helping all of Israel. Our Village family includes thousands of staff, volunteers, friends, and supporters.



And as part of Paul Newman's SeriousFun Children's Network, we have a collective global impact.

Today, Jordan River Village is blessed to have friends and donors from around the world. With your support and friendship, the dream that Paul Newman shared with Murray & Marilyn will continue to provide generations of children in Israel the experience of a lifetime.



- Never the end

With much love & gratitude we thank all of our friends from around the world who were integral to Jordan River Village's beginning.

Your support has allowed this dream to thrive, but the story is far from over.

Be Inspired, learn more, and please, continue helping us provide important programs for all of the sick children of Israel.

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