

# Mabee Foundation Issues \$250,000 Challenge Grant To Complete Phase II

Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Inc. has received a \$250,000 challenge grant from the J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation according to EWRC president Joe Noonan. In announcing the grant, Noonan expressed his excitement that the Mabee Foundation Trustees had recognized the value of the current expansion project. "This challenge grant means that we have to raise the balance of the funds for this phase before the grant money will be issued", said Noonan. The total of this phase is \$2,360,000 and to date almost \$1,800,000 has been pledged

or committed toward the project.

This phase includes the construction of five buildings: dining hall, two dormitories, clergy residence, maintenance building and all associated infrastructure. The dining hall will include a commercial kitchen and meeting/dining area that will seat 200. There will also be space for offices, a craft area, a storage room, laundry facilities as well as a walk in cooler and freezer. Each dorm is ADA compliant and will provide sleeping for 28 and two large restrooms. The clergy residence

will be the home of the residing priest and will have an additional bedroom for visiting clergy. The maintenance building will serve as shop, warehouse, storage and multi-purpose building during the construction process.

In addition to the Mabee Foundation grant, EWRC has also received a \$10,000 grant from the Ben E. Keith Foundation. EWRC Executive Director Curt Haffner said, "This grant came about with the assistance of our friends Rayburn and Jeanette Houston of Llano."



## SPLATTERED PAINT

While workers were busy this spring installing the infrastructure for the new main campus at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, it appeared as if God had been busy splatter painting the countryside. Red, yellow, blue, pink and white flowers are in abundance all over the center, but especially around the site of the new main campus.



**GodStock**



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Godstock III drew a record crowd of over 600 youth and volunteers and got off to a great start with youth from 32 Parishes attending. They were welcomed by an energetic group of volunteers and eight Priests. Following camp setup, the youth participated in the games and special activities and were entertained by the Catholic Rap Group Righteous B. Other bands also entertained and there was a constant schedule of activities. Heavy rains Sunday morning did not dampen the spirits of the youth but unfortunately did cause the cancellation of Mass with Bishop Gregory Aymond.

## Recent Happenings At EWRC

**BBQ Pavilion built by Tom Hansen and Mike & Lynn Winkler**



**St. Mary's - Wimberley**



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**Mother - Daughter**

**Mother Daughter Retreat**



**St. Elizabeth**



**David Laurent works on an Eagle Scout Project at EWRC**

# St. Thomas More Fund Drive Tops \$138,500

St. Thomas More parish in Austin has launched a capital campaign for the construction of Phase II of the main campus. "Pledges from the

campaign have topped \$138,500 and there are still three weeks to go. We hope to reach \$250,000", said Joe Noonan, the EWRC presi-

dent, "The generosity of the people of St. Thomas More parish is another huge step toward our goal and achieving the Mabee Foundation Challenge Grant for \$250,000. Thanks to all those who have donated and to the campaign volunteers for their work." Hopefully more parishes will pitch in with their own fund raising ideas and help raise the necessary funds to continue and finish the main campus at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center.

### Take the Challenge

The Mabee Foundation has issued a challenge grant to Eagle's Wings. The challenge is that they will award a \$250,000 grant if we can raise \$600,000. If every EWRC newsletter reader (YOU) would pledge for the next two years we would reach that goal. There are pledge options for every budget on the back of the commitment card. Please consider filling out the pledge card below and a special thank you to all of our readers who have already pledged.

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## *Commitment Card* to the *Youth of Central Texas For Eagle's Wings Retreat Center Capital Campaign*

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Check here to receive more information from Eagle's Wings

5 Year Pledge Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2 Year Pledge Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One Time Pledge Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Family Festival Scheduled Oct. 12

A family festival has been scheduled for October 12 at EWRC. Friends and supporters are urged to save the date and start encouraging friends and others to also make plans to attend. A full afternoon of activities are in the early planning stages and complete details will be announced soon. Preliminary plans call for a lunch, special entertainment by John Arthur Martinez (Runner-up on TV's Nashville Star) and his band.

There will also be a live and silent auction. **Anyone who has items they would like to donate for either the live or silent auction is asked to contact Eagle's Wings at 512.715.0017 or info@EaglesWingsRetreatCenter.org.**

Games and special activities will highlight

the afternoon and attendees will be able to see all the newly completed work on the new main campus as well as tour all the facilities. Hay rides, face painting, pumpkin painting, moon walk and numerous other activities are on tap for the afternoon. The day promises fun and entertainment for the entire family.

## Join eWish

EWRC has a new online fund raising tool called eWish (Eagle's Wings Is Soaring High). eWish allows you to send email to your friends and family and give them an opportunity to support our programs.

For more information go to:  
[www.EaglesWingsRetreatCenter.org](http://www.EaglesWingsRetreatCenter.org) and click Join eWish

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### 5 Year Pledge

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 per year<br>\$25,000 total  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 per quarter<br>\$5,000 total   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$83.33 per month<br>\$5,000 total  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 per year<br>\$12,500 total  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 per quarter<br>\$2,000 total   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 per month<br>\$3,000 total  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 per year<br>\$5,000 total   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00 per month<br>\$15,000 total | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00 per month.<br>\$1,500 total |
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I authorize Eagle's Wings Retreat Center to  charge my credit card  draft my bank account

bill me for a period of  five years beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.  
 two year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

I would like to donate stock, bonds, or property and would like to speak with someone from Eagle's Wings.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach copy of a voided check to have your account drafted.

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Dear Elmer, Katie and Curt:

Thank you for once again informing me of the development of Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. I am most grateful for your concern for the young people of our Church, and your willingness to provide a place for them to grow in faith, in fellowship and in providing an atmosphere of prayer.

I have enjoyed the times that I have joined you for events, such as Godstock. It is always energizing to see young people gather to share faith and to connect with other young people their age.

I understand that you are in the process of the first phase of construction, which will consist of two dorms, a dining hall and clergy residence. Please know of my prayerful support for you as you embark upon this important project.

I have heard from some of our youth and youth directors that they have enjoyed your hospitality and I express gratitude for your ministry.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond  
Bishop of Austin

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**SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT**

A group of ACTS men provided special entertainment at an EWRC fund raising event in Llano. Following a fish fry and special presentation of the Phase II construction plans at Eagle's Wings, the group conducted a sing-a-long and then did several special songs to cap the event.

**Wish List**



Live and Silent Auction Items are needed for the Fall Festival




- Reducing the level of frustration of the EWRC chief mower operator (Katie).....\$7,500
- Maintaining a nicely groomed retreat facility.....Priceless

Donations toward this mower may be returned in the enclosed envelope.



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