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Mabee Challenge Achieved

Eagle's Wings retreat Center recently achieved its financial requirement to receive a challenge grant awarded by the J. E. & L. E. Mabee Foundation and received a check for \$250,000.00. However, more important is seeing how God has revealed His desire for His retreat center.

The Mabee Foundation was formed in 1948 by Mr. John E. Mabee & his wife Lottie E. Mabee with its office in Tulsa, Oklahoma. As stated in its charter, the purposes of the Foundation are to aid Christian religious organizations, charitable organizations, and institutions of higher learning, hospitals and other organizations of a

general charitable nature. Mr. & Mrs. Mabee were natives of Missouri. They had no children. Mr. Mabee died in 1961 and Mrs. Mabee died in 1965, leaving a substantial portion of their estate to the Foundation. The Foundation continues to carry on its purposes – under the guidance of its Board of Trustees – as a monument to the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Mabee.

Isn't it interesting to see the intricacies of God's plan and how it spans space and time? The generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Mabee 61 years ago has been connected to the generosity of hundreds of people during the past five

years to enable Eagle's Wings Phase II construction to take place. We truly do have an awesome God. The Body of Christ can make the impossible become possible with many hands helping. Hands that have labored in preparing mail-outs, digging and clearing land, preparing building sites, fundraising events, working cap-



Many hands were involved in achieving the Mabee Challenge Grant

ital campaigns and making presentations. It's about the hands of many individuals who have shared their treasure through second collections and pledges in a Capital campaign. It's about the many hands of folks who gathered for a Fall Festival to celebrate the progress of building a youth retreat center. It's about the hands of all the

businesses that have given their equipment, and provided labor and materials to help build a spiritual home for our youth, adults and families to grow their relationship with God.

It is with this profound awareness that we offer our thanks to the Mabee Foundation for their confidence in Eagle's Wings' Phase II project and to everyone who answered God's call through prayers and by opening your hearts. We offer thanks to God and for all your helping hands.

Construction To Be Completed By Late Summer

It is with much gratitude that Eagle's Wings is able to announce construction of the dining hall, the dormitories and the clergy residence are all progressing due to the generosity of all our benefactors.

The concrete pad for the dining hall will be poured in the next week with the erection of the building to follow. The sites for the 2 dormitories continue to be prepared with the necessary plumbing installation prior to the pouring of the concrete foundations. The clergy residence is scheduled to begin construction the first week of March.

After 5 years of planning it is truly a moment closest to God to see His plan truly coming to fruition.



**Clay Billac's Eagle Scout Project
- Gazebo Benches**



Funke Const. doing site prep.



Rabroker completing plumbing roughin on dining hall



Gary Beam begins Clergy Residence Construction



St. Mary's of Wimberly & Immaculate Heart of Mary in Martindale



St. Thomas More Father-Son Group



Temple Girls at the father - daughter retreat

Expansion Project Promises More Retreat Options

We have been very blessed with a wide variety of retreats. Although our primary focus is for our youth groups, we also have served quilting groups, father/daughter as well as father/son groups, and family reunions.

Upcoming retreats include youth groups from A&M, University of Texas, St. Mary's of Lampasas, St. Elizabeth's of Pflugerville, Girl Scout Day Camp, Assumption Church from West, and Sacred Heart of Elgin, St. Ignatius & Holy Vietnamese from Austin, St. Luke's Keysis along with Godstock 2009.

Our adult usage includes our friends from St. Thomas More of Austin & St. Luke's of Temple with the Marble Falls-Lampasas Deanery ACTS joining us in the fall of 2009.

The main campus is currently under construction and our capacity will expand to handle overnight retreats for 100 people and day retreats for up to 200. The new facilities include 2 dormitories and a dining hall that seats up to 200 and a commercial kitchen. These facilities will be ready for use by the fall of 2009. ***You may book your reservations now.***



Ken Flynn, President of the St. Thomas More Men's Club, presents check to Joe Noonan

WISH LIST:
15 Passenger Van
8 - 60 inch Round
Plastic Tables
64 - Plastic Chairs
Commercial Kitchen
Supplies


4th Annual Godstock Set April 25-26



The 4th Annual Godstock Catholic Music Festival of the Austin Diocese returns to Eagle's Wings on April 25 – 26, 2009. Godstock is a celebration of faith intended for Catholic high school youth. Activities will include camping, bands, sports, devotionals and Sacraments. Sunday will close with the celebration of the Mass with Bishop Gregory Aymond. For more information & to register you may visit Eagle's Wings website at www.ewrc.org or www.austingodstock.com. We hope our youth groups will join us.

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