

Thank You...

2008 has been a banner year and we want to thank those responsible

For gifts of money...

- In-kind labor
- Cash
- Pledges
- Stocks
- Infrastructure:
 - Electrical
 - Water Supply System
 - Waste Water System
 - Roads
 - Signage

For Gifts of time...

- Eagle Scout projects
- Service projects
- Donor solicitations
- Office work
- Newsletter work
- Brochure design
- Professional services

For special gifts...

- Gutters
- Lawn mower
- Ladders
- Weed whips
- Auction items
- Chairs
- Refrigerator and freezers
- Tools
- Large assembly bell
- Tables
- Marian Grotto Bridge
- Sacramentary book
- 20 foot Gazebo
- Wooden benches
- Construction pipe
- Road base
- Large equipment loan
- Office furniture
- Wooden cabinets
- Commercial storage racks
- 9' mounted grizzly bear
- Food donations

... and we Thank God

from whom all blessings flow

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Capital Campaign Within \$200,000

Phase II of the Eagle's Wings Capital Campaign is nearing completion and the goal of \$2,360,000 is within reach. Approximately \$200,000 is still needed to qualify for the challenge grant that has a deadline of January 31, 2009. A \$250,000 challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation was awarded to Eagle's Wings in April of this year. Successfully reaching the goal before the deadline will qualify us for the Mabee grant and put in place the necessary funding for phase II construction plans. Phase II includes the construction of a dining hall that will seat 200 people, two dorms that each provide sleeping space for 28, a clergy residence, maintenance building and all related infrastructure.

The retreat center has received several gifts of stock and numerous firms and individuals have donated labor and materials toward the project. Other gifts include cash

donations and pledges. The generosity of many people in the central Texas area as well as some individuals from out of state has been outstanding! We have been truly blessed and with your continued assistance and generosity we can successfully complete the challenge.

The Board of Directors and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your prayers and support. We recognize that 2008 has brought chal-

lenges and difficulties and yet we know we are called to continue to step out in faith and trust that God, through His people, will provide. Our prayer for all of you is that you experience His love through family and friends during the upcoming holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving! Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Curt Haffner
Executive Director

Avila's Named 2008 Volunteers of the Year



Gracia and Diego Avila were named volunteers of the year during a special presentation October 12, 2008 at the EWRC Fall Family Festival. Joe Noonan, EWRC board president made the presentation and told of the Avila's dedication and commitment to the Retreat Center. In making the presentation, Noonan said, "This couple never says 'No' to any requests and they truly love what they are doing for our youth. They worked diligently on the St. Thomas More Capital Campaign for Eagle's Wings plus made their own pledge. They participate in all our fund-raising activities, they help work retreats and offer their translating skills with Spanish speaking participants. They have put together several Eagle's Wings' videos and in 2007 created the Capital Campaign video for the retreat center." This was the third presentation of the Award, known as the Joe Noonan Volunteer of the Year Award, which is named after the first recipient. Don Collier received the award last year.

IRA Distributions Allow For No Tax Gifts To Nonprofits

Certain types of transfers of IRA distributions to tax exempt organizations is available to persons 70 1/2 years old and older. This program would provide an opportunity for qualified individuals to take advantage and provide a gift to Eagle's Wings Retreat Center.

To learn more about the program, please contact Eagle's Wings at 512-715-0017 or your personal tax planner.

Report on 2008 Retreats

# of Retreats for 2008 –	33
# of retreatants for 2008 –	1616
Total service hours for 2008	7733

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*Retreat of
Assumption Church
From West, TX.*

Fall Festival

Eagle's Wings Fall Festival took place on Sunday afternoon, October 12. The weather was outstanding, the food was delicious, the entertainment was fabulous, the hay-rides were full, the games and climbing the rock wall were non-stop, the silent and live auction were exciting and no one got eaten by the bear! A great time was had by all who attended and we're thankful to everyone who came and enjoyed a family day in the country.

We also held a special dedication of "Logan's Way". This is the road that circles through what will eventually be the dormitory and lodge area. Don Logan gave unselfishly of himself and provided all the architectural work for the "master plan" for the main campus. Don died in 2007. The road is named in his honor and his family was at the Fall Festival for the dedication. Don's work is now beginning to become reality and the legacy of his character and his work will endure at Eagle's Wings Retreat Center.



Construction

Progress continued on Phase II construction during September and October. Power supply to the Maintenance building was finished and completion of the water system took another step forward with completion of the pump house, storage tank pad, placement of the pressure tank and electric supply. It is anticipated that the water system will be complete and functional by the end of the year. Construction on the dining hall was also begun. The metal for the building has been ordered and the pad for the foundation is currently underway. We expect that the pace on all Phase II construction will increase dramatically after the first of the year.