



**INSPIRE.
INVEST. IMPACT.**

David & Liz Gibson received a clear vision from God to purchase a specific piece of property in Williamson County, Tennessee for a camp. In a step of faith, they sold their home and bought the property.



THE VISION

- FACILITIES**
- soil survey for septic; trees cleared from lake area, recreation field, building site and entrance road
 - meeting with county environmental department about septic systems
 - meeting with HB&TS Utility District to request public water line on Perkins Road

1996

1997-98

In December 1997, 10 persons gathered in prayer to determine the ministry name and mission plus establish a plan for facilities and funding. The following month in January 1998, Deer Run Retreat Center was formed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a volunteer board of directors. The first donation of \$10,000 was given as seed money and volunteer teams began clearing the property.

THE MISSION

RETREATS

- first overnight retreat for a local church junior high youth group
- hosted several local church groups with only campfires and cookouts available



\$1,035

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

RETREATS/EVENTS

- facilitated first low ropes team-building group: Guatemala mission team
- first programmed men's event
- 12 retreat groups

\$8,937 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- 7 platform tents and footbridge over creek to tent camp area

RECREATION

- first phase of low ropes complete

RETREATS/EVENTS

- 18 retreat groups
- first programmed marriage weekend



\$19,288 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

RETREATS

- hosted 5 local church groups for day retreats



\$2,250 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- improvements to entrance road and road frontage; built entrance and fences
- cleared sites for ropes course pavilion and maintenance building
- temporary toilet facilities

RECREATION

- construction of 3-acre lake
- volleyball court and horseshoe pits
- cut several miles of hiking/mountain bike trails throughout the property
- began building low ropes course

RETREATS

- first weeklong overnight camp for a local church
- over 25 retreat groups



\$29,850 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- ropes course pavilion (later enclosed and named The Upper Room)
- underground electric lines to the camp area and pavilions
- public water line on Perkins Road
- water line to the shower house location

RECREATION

- first phase of high ropes course

2003

2004

RETREATS

- hosted 3 weeklong overnight camp groups
- over 35 retreat groups



\$40,850

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- pavilion and sand beach added to Spring Valley Lake
- upgraded ropes course pavilion by adding concrete floor and lighted stage
- 2 temporary shower houses
- primitive cabin for Narrow Gate ministry use (later becomes paintball equipment building)

RECREATION

- completed high ropes course

RETREATS

- over 45 retreat groups



\$47,052

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- construction begins on The Creekside Meeting & Dining Facility
- purchase The Lodge and begin renovations

OTHER

- 22 young men in the Narrow Gate ministry live on site and help with facility improvements
- first lake baptism
- website launched

2005

2006

RETREATS/EVENTS

- 6 programmed events for families and songwriters including launching the Father-Son Adventure Weekend
- over 6,000 people on site (more than the past 6 years combined)

\$212,511

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

CAMPS/RETREATS

- launched Deer Run Camps: 1 week youth overnight camp and 2 weeks day camp
- 48 campers / 3 summer staff
- 124 retreat groups

\$307,658

OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- relocated and upgraded platform tents; renamed Cedar Point Rustic Camp (7 tent-cabins with bunks accommodating 76 campers)
- added pavilion to tent area
- submitted revised site plan to the Williamson County Planning Commission

RECREATION

- aqua park/blob at Spring Valley Lake with roped swim area

FACILITIES

- The Lodge opens Jan 1, 2006
- completion of The Creekside

RECREATION

- wiffle ball field
- sand volleyball court

OTHER

- 6 lake baptisms from Angel Tree Mission Camp
- Narrow Gate relocates to their own newly-acquired property
- first full-time staff including director of camps & recreation; total 3 staff

CAMPS

- 6 camp weeks
- Campers: 135 / Summer Staff: 12
- Professions of Faith: 19 / Baptisms: 17
- Scholarships: 42 campers; \$8,618



\$662,026 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- road connecting lodge and camp
- onsite sewage treatment system
- site plan approved
- walk-in cooler/freezer and expanded dining capacity

RECREATION

80 yard recreation field

2008

2009

CAMPS/RETREATS

- Campers: 383 / Summer Staff: 18
- Professions of Faith: 12 / Baptisms: 7
- Scholarships: 65 campers; \$14,317
- Retreat Groups: 243



\$786,680 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

CAMPS/RETREATS

- Campers: 674
Summer Staff: 18
- Professions of Faith: 30
Baptisms: 15
- Scholarships: 112 campers; \$28,449
- Volunteers: 215;
6900 volunteer hours
- Retreat Groups: 252



\$762,494 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

2010

2011

2012

2011: FIRST YEAR TO COVER ALL OPERATING EXPENSES WITH USER FEES

FACILITIES

- asphalt under worship tent
- flooring at Upper Room
- enclosed older cabins; added A/C

RECREATION

Wet Willie water slide at lake

FACILITIES

2 Lakeview Cabins (24 campers)

RECREATION

- climbing tower
- wooded paintball course

CAMPS/RETREATS

- Campers: 1319 / Summer Staff: 36
- Professions of Faith: 39
- Baptisms: 5 / Recommitments: 32
- Scholarships: 184 campers; \$55,310
- Volunteers: 396; 10,553 volunteer hours
- Retreat Groups: 293

\$1,105,767 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- horse barn; horseback riding added to overnight camp
- 5 Cedar Point Cabins (80 campers)
- "The Rock" shower house
- covered archery & BB-gun range
- restrooms at Upper Room
- recreation pavilion by low ropes

OTHER

- I-840 opens in Nov making Deer Run more accessible to 3 major interstates
- started camp preregistration and monthly payments (34% preregistered)

CAMPS/RETREATS

- Campers: 950
Summer Staff: 21
- Professions of Faith: 32
- Baptisms: 17
Recommitments: 6
- Scholarships: 148 campers; \$42,358
- Volunteers: 329;
8905 volunteer hours
- Retreat Groups: 276

\$923,059 OPERATIONAL BUDGET



CAMPS/RETREATS

- Campers: 1693
Summer Staff: 48
- Professions of Faith: 49
- Baptisms: 30
Recommitments: 36
- Scholarships: 196 campers; \$75,500
- Volunteers: 342;
10,992 volunteer hours
- Retreat Groups: 302



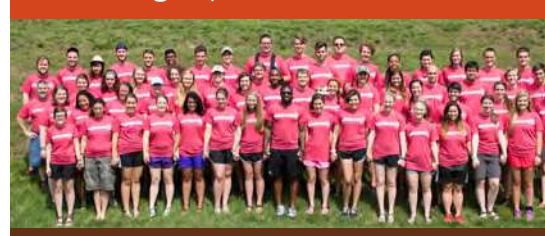
\$1,452,233 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

2013

2014

CAMPS/RETREATS

- Campers: 2056 / Summer Staff: 64
- Professions of Faith: 54
- Recommitments: 42 / Baptisms: 44
- Scholarships: 160 campers; \$71,000
- Volunteers: 189; 7943 volunteer hours
- Retreat groups: 326



\$1,685,098 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- paved all camp roads
- Creekside veranda covered for outside dining
- The Fortress: a multi-use open air gym and worship center plus camp staff offices

RECREATION

upgrades to lake: new aqua park and kayaks, floating docks

OTHER

- first 2-week middle school camp
- first Mother-Daughter Weekend
- purchased 3 bedroom house and 5 acres for staff housing
- all improvements paid for with cash from donations and reserve funds: \$411,311

FACILITIES

- craft shack
- pavilion with restrooms on ridge near paintball

RECREATION

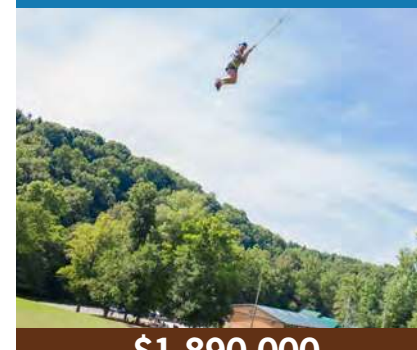
Noah's Park playground

OTHER

- purchased house and shop with 5 acres on Perkins Road for additional staff housing
- first Family Camp

CAMPS/RETREATS

- Campers: 2501
Summer Staff: 76
- Professions of Faith: 153
- Baptisms: 81
Recommitments: 129
- Scholarships: 186 campers; \$76,110
- Retreat groups: 356



\$1,890,000 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

2015

2016

CAMPS/RETREATS

Numbers through mid-July

- Campers: 2705 / Summer Staff: 73
- Professions of Faith: 158
- Baptisms: 110 / Recommitments: 53
- Retreat Groups: 314

\$1,992,730 OPERATIONAL BUDGET

FACILITIES

- Creekside kitchen prep area addition
- renovated 4 oldest cabins

RECREATION

Lake waterfront improvements: sun deck addition, pavilion concrete, sidewalks, beach renovations and zip line rebuilt

FACILITIES

- renovated 3 cabins
- enclosed pavilion for additional meeting space (The Summit)
- opened 2nd camp store, The Outpost

RECREATION

- giant swing
- Preds Zone Challenge Course
- improvements to high ropes course

OTHER

- launched Leadership Training Program for college students
- 10th annual Father-Son Adventure Weekend



*"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God."
Psalm 42:1*

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