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And to provide a Christ centered retreat facility and environment.

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Welcome to the first edition of *Eagle's Wings* our official newsletter. This newsletter will be dedicated to bringing you news about **YOUR** youth retreat center. Lots of things have been happening at Eagle's Wings and we wanted to share the good news with you.



**Eagle Scout Project for Flag Poles** – Jacob Chavez from Boy Scout Troop 513 did an Eagle Scout Project to install 2 flag poles at Eagle's Wings. His project included all the planning, design and installation of the flag poles. Jacob is planning a dedication ceremony at Eagle's Wings on April 2, 2005 at 10:00 AM. You are welcome to come out for the Dedication ceremony.



Jacob Chavez with friends that helped install the flag poles. Curt Haffner, Steven Olguin, Justin Affolter, Katie Haffner, Jacob Chavez, Cameron Reid, & John Blanchett.

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## Eagle's Nest

**Eagle's Nest** is our first retreat facility being built. It is a 36'x36' building with a 12'x36' sleeping loft and front & rear covered porches. The building contains 2 bathrooms, a small kitchen & large meeting area.



St. Thomas More Teens during service project on Eagle's Nest.

The new building was started by the Mercy Mission group from Colorado Springs, Co the first week of November'04 and has been worked on by a variety of volunteers from St. Thomas More, St. Luke's, St. Mary's, St. John the Evangelist and Our Mother of Sorrows.

Eagle's Nest will handle from 20-40 people and will allow us to start using the retreat center in the Spring of 2005. Reservations are being taken now: Contact Curt or Katie Haffner at 512-715-0017 or email: [Katie@eagleswingsretreatcenter.org](mailto:Katie@eagleswingsretreatcenter.org)  
Come see the new building on April 23rd or 30<sup>th</sup> between 9 AM – 4 PM, bring your picnic lunch.

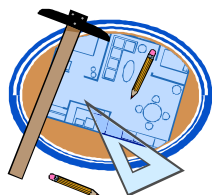


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## Our Master Plan



Thanks to our volunteer Engineering/Architect Team lead by Don Collier our Master Plan is almost done. The big item left is to finalize the detail architectural and engineering drawings. Our first step once the drawings are complete is to start installing the infrastructure items such as roads, water, waste water and electric to the main campus site. To view the artist renderings go to Plans under the Eagle's Wings Retreat Center website: <http://www.eagleswingsretreatcenter.org/Plans.htm>



Retreat Center Layout – Sleeping quarters on the left with meeting, dining and chapel on the right.



Site Layout shows athletic fields and pavilion to the left and main campus to the right.

## Fund Raising



Of course to make this Retreat Center a reality we need to raise money to start construction. We thank all the people that donated in 2004. It was a wonderful year, but of course to build this retreat center we will need a lot of donations. The full price tag of construction is estimated at \$4.2 Million for everything in the Master Plan. We will start construction in a phased approach as the donations are raised. This year we will be rolling out several fund raising projects. Stay tuned.

Remember donations are tax deductible. Send checks to: Eagle's Wings, PO Box 248, Burnet, Tx 78611

Envelopes are available if you want monthly reminders. Automatic deposits and Credit Card payments are being looked into so if you are interested in either of these options just let us know.

## Eagle's Wings CD Sales



Wow, this was a great success! We made 1000 CDs and we only have a little over 100 left. What a fund raiser!!! I want to thank Cheryl Maxwell, Karen Lawson & the whole St. Thomas More Life Teen Band for spearheading this project. Thanks for supporting us by purchasing these CDs and if you still need a CD(s) go to the STM Gift Shop or contact Joe Noonan. Cost is \$16.00

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## List of Items Needed for Eagle's Nest

We are currently finishing up the new building but we lack several items. If you can help us with any of these items or want to donate the cash to buy them here's what we need:

Bunk Beds & Mattresses  
Deck on the back of the building  
Propane Hot Water Heater  
Propane Stove/Oven  
Wood Burning Stove  
Propane or Electric Space Heaters  
Window Air Conditioners  
Bathroom Sink/Cabinets  
Refrigerator

## **Volunteers Needed**

Here's a list of volunteer positions we need filled. Please prayerfully consider helping us in these positions.

Development/Fund Raising Director  
Fund Raising Committee Members  
Marketing/Advertising Director  
Advertising Committee Members  
Construction Manager  
Newsletter Editor  
Grant Writer

Contact Curt or Katie Haffner if you want to find more about these positions. Phone 512-715-0017  
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If you are just interested in helping out on the building or any other service project at Eagle's Wings contact Joe Noonan or Curt Haffner. We love to have people out.

By the way we always have a list of projects that are just looking for a Group that wants to take them on. So if you have a group interested let us know.

## Calendar



February 12<sup>th</sup>- St. Lukes's Teen Service Project  
February 19<sup>th</sup> - STM Life Teen Service Project  
April 1-3 - Boy Scout Campout  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Flag Dedication Ceremony & St. Thomas More Teen Service Project  
April 23 - Open House for Eagle's Nest (9-4)  
April 30 - Open House for Eagle's Nest (9-4)

Note: The Open House for Eagle's Nest is for anyone that wants to come out and see the new building and enjoy the wild flowers. Informal visits.

## **From the Desk of Katie Haffner President**



I just came up from working on our new building "Eagle's Nest". While I was working the thought hit me, Noah must have felt the way I do. How will we ever finish this building not to mention the thousands of other things that need to be completed? My next thought was I think we do have it different from Noah. In the Bible we don't hear about many people helping Noah, but here at Eagle's Wings we are blessed with many people who continue to share their time, talent and treasures. The amount of effort people have given by installing insulation, wiring, plumbing, roofing and siding has enabled us to make this kind of progress. Youth groups continue to take advantage of service projects. I still cannot believe that this

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building was all started by a group of people from Colorado Springs. So, Noah, I'm going to continue thanking God for all the help he sends our way and have faith he will continue to send them.

Our Board spent a Saturday recently planning our strategies for the year 2005 along with long term goals. We approved the motion to make Stephanie Glorioso our new treasurer. She happens to be a certified CPA. Another blessing! We appointed Curt, Executive Director. His duties will be in charge of operations, budget and fundraising development. Curt is giving new meaning to the term multitasking. He will be seeking volunteers to accomplish projects such as a \$1000 Club, the planning of fundraising events, and grant writing. We will also be starting a Capital Campaign with a goal to raise a million dollars this year. We will continue to go out and make presentations to organizations to interest them in our goals and once Eagle's Nest is completed we will be actively seeking youth groups to use the facility.

We have a picture in our living room of Jesus calming the sea during the storm. Jesus' followers were in a situation one day, rowing during a vicious storm. They were trying to get safely to shore, but things looked scary. Then Jesus calmed the seas. Their faith in Jesus saved them. We at Eagle's Wings have not really had to experience any storms but we are faced with an incredible amount of work to do. As Jesus' followers, many of us have joined together in this journey to develop Eagle's Wings as a youth retreat center. May we continue to have faith as we row together in this endeavor and may we make sure we keep Jesus in our boat.

Come out to visit us this spring to see Eagle's Nest and retreat in the beauty of the land. Last year the flowers were spectacular. No work required!

*Katie*

## Eagle's Wings Board of Directors

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