

# EAGLE'S WINGS NEWS

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## Mabee Challenge Grant Announced

Have you ever thought to yourself, "I wish I could give more", or "I want my donation to really make something happen. I want my donation to make a difference"! Well now is the time!

Eagle's Wings was awarded, in April, a challenge grant by the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The

amount of the challenge grant is \$150,000. This is the second time that the Mabee Foundation has awarded Eagle's Wings a challenge grant. It shows considerable confidence in and commitment toward the mission of Eagle's Wings and to its continued growth.

The submission of the grant request required Eagle's Wings to

have approximately 50% of the total project cost in place. The grant award is then added to that amount and we then must raise the remaining capital for the project. This can be in cash donations, pledges or gifts in kind that are applicable to the project.

Here is where we stand right now:

### Phase III Cost

Chapel Cost	\$400,000
2 dorms @ \$170,000	\$340,000
Sports Complex	\$190,000
Contingency	\$ 20,000
Total Cost	\$950,000

### Receipts so far

Cash available for construction	\$380,000
Cash applied to construction	\$ 57,000
Pledges received to date	\$ 97,000
In-Kind construction gifts pledged	\$ 15,000
Mabee Challenge Grant	\$150,000

**Amount left to meet Challenge Grant \$251,000    Deadline is December 31, 2011**

So if you really want to make a difference, make your gift worth more and make something happen

**THIS IS THE TIME!**

Please help us to meet the chal-

lenge. We know we need God's help and your prayers are important. We ask you to pray for God's blessings and help as we face this December 31st deadline to raise an

additional \$251,000.

We are very close to our goal and can get Phase III fully underway if we complete the challenge before the deadline.





Holy Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Society Spring Break Camp



Volunteer cooks at EWRC take a short break from their busy activities



St. Mary's, Wimberley/Immaculate Heart, Martindale - Confirmation Retreat

## Quotes from Graduating Seniors.....

I love Eagle's Wings Retreat Center and I am so grateful for having it here in Burnet. Over the years I have learned the meaning of volunteerism. I have mowed, swept, mopped and even weed-eated up on top of Mediation Mountain and that's hard labor, LOL. I work wherever I am needed. Being a volunteer has made a huge impact on me knowing the work I was doing affected the retreat center itself. I put myself physically and spiritually into my work to help improve what I could for the benefit of other teens. Eagle's Wings for me is a place where teens can go to get closer to God without feeling awkward or being judged. Godstock has always touched me in a special way, to see hundreds of teens rocking out to Christian music and then experience the silence during Adoration is awesome.

*Amie Balsam*

*Burnet HS Graduate Class of 2011*

Hi I'm a senior who goes to Georgetown high school "Eagle's Wings is a place to grow closer to God in His own environment with no disruptions."

*Sarah Webb*

*Georgetown HS*

*Graduating Class of 2011*

"Eagle's Wings is a very incredible youth center, they have so many places where you can connect with God. It's a beautiful environment and I will definitely be spreading the word to all of my friends and family about how great Eagle's Wings is. God gave the owners extreme strength to build that place and to continue building. Eagle's Wings is the place I was at my freshman year when I finally found God. It will always be a great memory that I'll cherish forever."

*Linda Bice*

*Georgetown High School  
Class of '11*

## Vacation With GOD

by Katie Haffner

We spend a lot of money to go on cruises, faraway countries & all inclusive resorts. We talk about whether we would like to vacation at the mountains or the shore. What about a vacation with God? This was the idea proposed at a youth retreat seminar I recently attended at the Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center. Tom East was the presenter from the Center for Ministry Development. He spoke about the importance of retreats for youth. They are so important he called retreats "A Vacation with God". I personally love a vacation with Mickey Mouse but just think about how awesome an experience it would be to go on a vacation with God. A retreat is just that type of a vacation.

Tom East went on to explain the importance of retreats.

- On a retreat you live in community with friends & family.
- On a retreat you break bread together in meals & in the Eucharist.
- On a retreat you share sacraments.
- On a youth retreat you share recreational time together.
- On a retreat you take personal time.
- On a retreat you have new experiences & grow in your faith.

Hmmm! I see the similarities of a retreat & a vacation.

**Tom East also said youth retreats have a very important impact on our parishes.** Parishes are made up of families. Youth come from families. Youth grow into young adults. Young adults grow up to choose vocations. Some choose to marry & have children and this means more families. Some might choose the vocation of religious life. Sounds like a perfect formula to grow our parishes in quantity & quality.

This is the season for vacations. We at Eagle's Wings pray that you have a very blessed & safe summer. Meanwhile, think about planning your next vacation with God. The benefits are everlasting!

# GodStock 2011



Meet the EWRC Board

Mary E. Mazzei - Board Vice-President

Mary Mazzei has been a member of the board since 2006 and is serving as vice-president. She and her husband, Bill Koederitz, have three daughters and two grand-daughters. She and Bill live in Cedar Park where she works as a Civil Engineer. Mary graduated from University of California at Davis with a BS in Civil Engineering.

Her hobbies include embroidery, reading and baking.

When asked to share her passion for EWRC, she said, "When I started teaching confirmation in 2001 and going on retreat to camps that were Christian but not Catholic, I begin to see the need for a retreat center for Catholic youth. I knew Joe from teaching confirmation together and was aware of his search for a retreat center for youth but it was not until 2005 when Father Elmer "encouraged" me to offer my skills as an engineer did I get involved with Eagles Wings. I fell in love with the project, the property, and the people involved. As the campus grows and I witness the teens coming for Godstock and other retreats, it affirms that what we are trying to achieve is so very important and that we must continue in our vocation."

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