



2011 ANNUAL REPORT



Whispering Winds
Catholic Conference Center

OUR MISSION:

“...to provide a **Christ-centered** environment, apart from the everyday world, where **all are welcome** to increase their knowledge of and commitment to Christ, and join as fellow pilgrims on their **journey of faith** with God.”

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MARTIN ROSALES



Thousands of guests visited Whispering Winds this year for different reasons, but inevitably each was touched by the presence of God in his or her own way while on the mountain. It may have happened during the quiet of a sunrise hike, or because of an encouraging comment from a retreat leader, or in a moment of prayer at the Chapel. These God-filled experiences abound at Whispering Winds because of our dedication to providing a natural, safe environment where all can experience a tangible faith.

Creating a place for faith to come alive is especially important for sustaining the Church. More and more youth are losing interest in their faith, putting our Church's future as a whole in jeopardy. However, when college students were asked who or what has been the biggest influence on their present commitment to Christ, "youth leaders," and "attending retreats" topped the list. Whispering Winds is proud to be a favorite retreat destination for church youth groups, parochial schools, high schools, and Catholic universities throughout San Diego County and beyond.

The impact of a retreat experience away from the everyday is profound, and those who give of their time, talent, and treasure to the mission of Whispering Winds are investing in the future of our Church.

The camp exists thanks to the faithfulness of many who have chosen to invest in the lives of future generations. Thank you for your stewardship and especially for your prayers as Whispering Winds continues to grow and offer year-round services to the faith community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin", written in a cursive style.

Martin Rosales

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD...

1978 “San Diego Family Camps” founded by Don Kojis and Dr. Jerry Tisi
1981 Camp renamed Whispering Winds after “gentle whisper” heard by Elijah
1982 First Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Leo Maher, Bishop of San Diego
1986 First permanent meeting and dining halls completed
1988 Bernice Mascari and Kathy Brown found the Women’s Auxiliary
1990 First Cursillo Retreat; Conference Room A donated and installed
1995 Final mortgage payment for complete ownership of 161 acres
2003 Cedar Fire ravages 80% of Camp
2005 Kids Camp program launched; year-round service and programs started
2008 30th Anniversary celebrated; installation of new Mary statue in the Grotto
2009 Swimming pool opened in time for summer programs
2010 Founders Hall and Prayer Chapel opened to guests

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2011

Camp Connect Reunites Siblings

Promises2Kids, formerly the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation, brought its annual Camp Connect program to Whispering Winds where over 80 foster children were reunited with their siblings for some fun together. With support from the Rivers of Hope Foundation, the kids enjoyed music, crafts, swimming, the challenge course and more.



Super Summer for Service

KaPOW! BAM! Heroes of all kinds showed off their power to do good during Family Camp. Campers brought food donations for Catholic Charities’ emergency services in San Diego County, and Child Care Assistants (CCAs), teenage heroes to the parents and children they served, dedicated a combined total 2,600 hours in service this summer.

New Retreat Leader Joins Programs Team

Nick Petro, published author and dynamic youth speaker, joined the team as the new Diocesan Confirmation Retreat leader. The retreat brings teens from all over the county to the mountain to experience God in a new way while leaving distractions behind. The rich program included powerful music, dynamic stories and down-to-earth messages.



2011 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

AN INVESTMENT IN MINISTRY

INCOME	2009	2010	2011
Camp Rentals & Store Sales	\$433,977	\$419,517	\$484,811
Programs	\$128,315	\$197,409	\$93,613
Food Service	\$219,174	\$119,692	\$223,373
Challenge Course	\$18,962	\$11,790	\$5,625
Camp Income	\$800,428	\$748,408	\$807,421
In Kind Donations	\$36,590	\$28,766	\$5,729
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$15,144
Private Donors - Operations	\$217,751	\$169,949	\$253,833
Total Fundraising - Operations	\$254,340	\$198,715	\$274,705
Interest/Investment Income	\$406	\$2,823	\$1,345
Extraordinary Income/Expenses	\$0	\$2,900	\$128,385
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,055,174	\$952,846	\$1,211,857

EXPENSES

Camp & Programs:			
Salaries & Benefits	\$477,273	\$452,892	\$426,993
Operating & Other	\$422,406	\$384,898	\$426,967
Total Camp & Programs Expenses	\$899,679	\$837,789	\$853,959
Camp Surplus (Deficit)	\$155,495	\$115,057	\$357,897
Administrative & Office:			
Salaries & Benefits	\$147,628	\$163,153	\$193,436
Operating & Other	\$67,271	\$70,013	\$67,986
Total Administrative Expenses	\$214,899	\$233,167	\$261,421
OPERATIONAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$(59,403.85)	\$(118,109.91)	\$96,475.93

CAPITAL/BUILDING PROJECTS

Balance at Beginning of Year	\$1,634,777	\$1,236,220	\$127,915
Capital Income	\$183,711	\$514,718	\$581,662
Capital Expenditures	\$582,268	\$1,623,023	\$392,011
Year End Balance - Capital	\$1,236,220	\$127,915	\$317,566

non-audited financial data

ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Guests Served	8,721	WW Programs	5
Groups Served	168	Diocesan Programs	5
Guest Nights	16,941	Churches Served	37
Meals Served	33,075	Schools Served	24

Changing Lives Saving Lives

IMPACTING LIVES



BILL MONTAGUE, Family Camper

From my viewpoint everyone went down the hill with more than they brought up. Is this not the reason the camp came to be in the first place? And doesn't it feel great to be doing the Lord's work? Building stronger families in Christ is why we are here!



REBECCA KNAPP, Family Camper

Tropical vacations are nice, and day trips are fun, but Family Camp at Whispering Winds is the *one* vacation our family anxiously looks forward to every year. Blessings abound at this remarkable camp!

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moment they arrive..."*



MARK G. SPERRAZZO, Principal, St. Therese Academy

Our 7th and 8th graders will once again be enjoying the wonders of God's nature at Whispering Winds. I have always loved going to the mountain to get away from the daily grind. Our students experience something magical from the moment they arrive and take a deep breath of the fresh air. Thanks for always providing support to our youth while they are there learning to connect with God. I always find everyone accommodating and pleasant.

2011 PERSONS OF THE YEAR

Glenn and Susann Wilhite



Glenn and Susann Wilhite are dedicated to the mission of Whispering Winds in a variety of ways. Having both served on the Board of Directors, they each have given of their time and talents to the camp. Most recently Glenn served as the Chair of the Building Committee for Founders Hall and the Prayer Chapel and returned to oversee construction of the new Dining Hall and Kitchen. For ten years and counting Susann supported the success of the annual Dinner Dance Gala and mentored the volunteer planning committee. Both Glenn and Susann are active in the Cursillo movement, the ministry that first introduced them to Whispering Winds.

With more than 340 guests in attendance at the 29th Annual Dinner Dance, the gala raised over \$100,000 – the most funds raised by the event to date – to support ministry work and youth programs at the camp.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS

DINING HALL AND MAMA GHIO'S KITCHEN

Blessed by an anonymous million dollar matching grant and an enthusiastic building committee, construction of a much needed permanent dining hall and kitchen was started this year. The new building will include energy efficient features and seat approximately 200 guests. Meal service will begin in fall of 2012!

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

The Programs Team is hard at work developing an enriching camp experience for young teens to celebrate their faith in summer of 2012.

There are a number of ways that you can become more involved in supporting our efforts:

FOR ALL GENERATIONS MONTHLY GIVING

As a member of For All Generations, your monthly sacrifice shares your faith with campers in a convenient way through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or credit card from your designated account. Your consistent support allows us to make long term plans for facility and ministry improvements.

CAMPERSHIPS

Your gift to the fund will help send a child or family to camp.

STOCK, REAL ESTATE, OR GIFTS OF PROPERTY

Your gift of appreciated stock, real estate, art, vehicles, and other property is another way to support the camp and impact lives.

ONE-TIME DONATIONS

A tribute gift is a heartfelt way to express your love, gratitude and appreciation for the life of someone while enriching the lives of many. Such a gift is a great way to remember or honor someone special, or commemorate a special time in your life such as a birthday, anniversary, or retirement. Ask if your company makes matching gifts for donations.

PLANNED GIVING

Add Whispering Winds as a beneficiary of your will or living trust, create a charitable trust, or consider advanced estate and tax planning techniques. Leave a lasting legacy that will impact lives for generations to come.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE GALA SPONSORSHIP

Your family or business can support our largest fundraiser, the Dinner Dance Gala, through numerous sponsorship opportunities. Donate wine, host a table, take out an ad, or contribute an auction item.

VOLUNTEER

Giving of your time and talent is always welcome and numerous opportunities at the camp and in the office arise throughout the year that benefit from the dedicated assistance of volunteers, young and old. Contact our office for information.

WISHLIST

Whispering Winds is always accepting of items for the camp and office such as program supplies, furniture, board games, etc. Consider donating to us your gently used items next time you do "spring cleaning." You will receive a tax receipt for the value of your in-kind donation.

If you are interested in participating, please see our website at www.whisperingwinds.org. For more information contact us at (619) 464-1479 or office@whisperingwinds.org.



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2012

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