

Cathedral Ridge Report

A PLACE APART

Cathedral Ridge Episcopal Retreat, Camp & Conference Center is a place apart – a place for people and programs that stimulates discovery and collaboration, transforming adults and youth into leaders with heart and faith.

A PLACE OF CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY AND MINISTRY

Cathedral Ridge continues to host a wide variety of gatherings and creates opportunities for Christ to enter the conversation. As a place for retreat, faith formation and deepening spiritual journeys, Cathedral Ridge is a home for spiritual renewal for the Episcopal Church in Colorado. As we begin the next important chapter in our history, a foundation is being strengthened that will impact current and future generations, creating a sacred space for celebration and reflection.

An important aspect of our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming environment for children. Cathedral Ridge was blessed to host numerous summer camps in 2018, drawing participants to camps for the Episcopal Church in Colorado, and also welcoming camps from throughout the United States. Cathedral Ridge is able to provide the perfect atmosphere for faith formation for our children. Partnering with the Office of Faith Formation, we are able to provide programming that is inviting, nurturing, and powerful. New offerings are being created every season to create more faith deepening opportunities for our youth. Our directors, chaplains, volunteers and counselors do a great job providing leadership and direction to our children as they discover more about Christ and themselves. Through Christian community, youth form bonds that will last a lifetime and new leaders emerge that will carry the Episcopal Church in Colorado into the future.

TRANSITIONS

This year has been one of financial, organizational and financial transition.

Staff and leadership experience has continued to grow and this year we successfully recruited and filled the new position of a full-time, on-site Executive Director. Under the direction of Grae Dickson, our new Executive Director, we are creating a team that provides our guests familiar and friendly faces to assist with all their needs. A new reservations process will make booking stays at Cathedral Ridge easier. Additional staff training has been implemented to ensure the best guest experience possible. We have also streamlined and restructured our administrative team, clarifying the reporting and decision-making process between Cathedral Ridge management and the Office of the Bishop.

This year we have made significant progress in providing for a solid financial plan to ensure the future success of Cathedral Ridge. Progress has also been made towards realizing key planned capital improvements with proceeds of the recent capital campaign.

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Cathedral Ridge is moving forward with increasing momentum, but we also realize that we still have some challenges ahead. Cathedral Ridge has a great potential for growth through an increase in weekday bookings. It is time for us to imagine new ways to invite group from within the Church and in the wider community to consider hosting their next group gathering with us. We seek the support and participation of members from congregations across the Episcopal Church in Colorado to help us identify new opportunities and open doors to new guest groups. Cathedral Ridge can be home to a variety of groups including non-profit, military, school groups, corporate retreats, and government groups.

For Cathedral Ridge, the future is exciting. We are already changing lives daily and positively impacting every person that arrives on the property. We are providing a sacred space that can create space for change and offer an opportunity for every guest to have a closer relationship with Christ. We are nurturing future generations. We are updating our facilities to better serve the needs of our groups. Cathedral Ridge is moving forward, and we invite everyone in the Episcopal Church in Colorado to join us on this inspiring journey.