

2023 Annual Report



**Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and
Retreat Center**

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Calvin Crest




We are always amazed at the ways that God continues to work through this place--through the people, the programs and the facility.

We are grateful for the people that put their trust in what is happening here throughout the year. Whether it is campers attending summer camp for the first time or a quilt group that has spent a few days each year for the past 20 years or a faithful volunteer who shows up regularly to support the staff and help maintain the facility and complete bigger projects. Each group is a vital part of the ministry that happens throughout the year.


We are appreciative of the many individuals, churches, foundations and organizations that support the work that goes on at Calvin Crest. Through joyful giving, the dollars that are generously given help support the campers and keep this place vibrant and ready for the next group to experience God.

Please read through this report to catch a glimpse of what God has done here at Calvin Crest.

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Through Christian stewardship and hospitality, Calvin Crest provides facilities and programming to experience personal enrichment and community growth through recreation and fellowship in a retreat setting.



Highlights of the Year

SUMMER CAMP



Summer Camp provides the opportunity for kids to be kids, engaged in life-affirming Christian Education, mentored by near-peers and surrounded by the beauty of this special place. In 2023, we had 172 registered campers over five weeks of camp. We hired 8 college-aged summer staff and had 23 volunteers in addition to our regular hard-working year-round staff.

Our capacity is limited by available and willing staff since we maintain excellent camper to staff ratios as outlined by the American Camp Association accreditation standards.

PROPERTY TRANSFER



In early 2022, Homestead Presbytery approached the board of directors to discuss the possibility of transferring the ownership of the property to the Calvin Crest corporation. After much discussion, the parties involved agreed to terms and began the process of getting the approval of both Homestead and Missouri River Valley Presbyteries. That was accomplished in August, 2023 with a celebratory worship service held at camp. Final paperwork was signed in February, 2024. Read page 4 for what this means for you.

WORK GROUPS AND VOLUNTEERS



Over the past decade or more, significant improvements to the facilities have occurred. The biggest project was the construction of the new pool completed in 2015. Many other smaller projects are completed each year through the generosity of donors and grant funders and the dedicated efforts of work groups, volunteers and maintenance staff. All cabins have been remodeled to increase efficiency, privacy and ease of use. Decks have been built on several of them to allow for additional space and a secondary exit.

GUEST GROUPS



Each year, thousands of people attend events, retreats, conferences, meetings and family reunions at Calvin Crest. We are delighted to provide meeting space, food, lodging and Christian hospitality to our guest groups throughout the year. Guest groups attend events at Calvin Crest each month of every year. It is a joy to serve them and help them accomplish their goals for their event.



Property Transfer

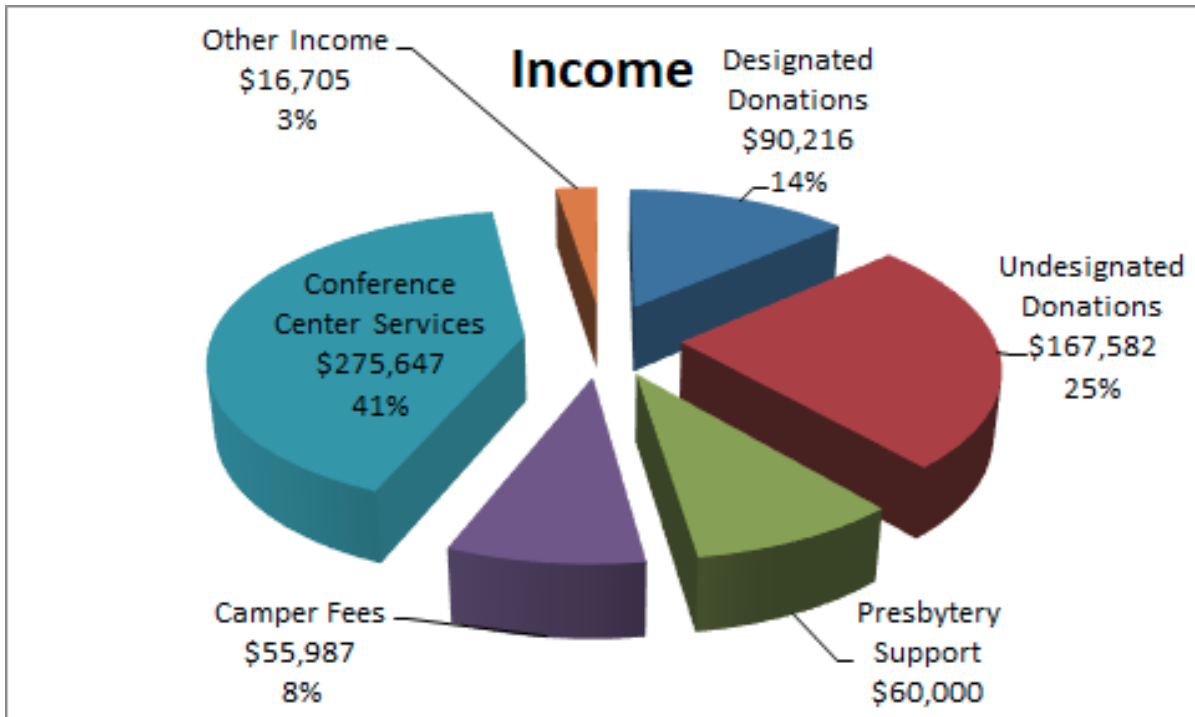
The Process

- March 2022-Representatives from Homestead Presbytery and Calvin Crest gather to discuss the possibility of a transfer of the property from Homestead to the Calvin Crest Corporation.
- January 2023-A Memorandum of Understanding was created and updated with general approval by all parties involved.
- April/May 2023-The first reading of the documents were presented to the Presbyteries of Homestead and Missouri River Valley with time for questions.
- August 2023-At a joint meeting of both presbyteries, the final documents were presented and approved. As a part of that meeting, a celebratory worship service was held to reflect on the past mission of Calvin Crest and a re-dedication to the future mission of Calvin Crest.

The Future

- The Board of Directors and staff of Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center are committed to providing excellent programming for children, youth and adults. They are dedicated to maintaining and improving the facilities to meet the changing needs of our guests and campers. They are focused on continuing to meet the financial obligations of this place. In other words, for our guests, campers and supporters, nothing really will change--These are the things that the Board and Staff have been doing for many years.
- The Board of Directors will now be responsible for finding their own board members within the guidelines outlined in the transfer documents.
- If you are interested in serving as a board member, please reach out for additional information.
- Calvin Crest's desire, outlined in a covenant agreement with both presbyteries, is to continue the historical relationship we have with the presbyteries and churches in the area. This includes representation on the board and planning and promoting events with presbytery leadership.

Financial Picture



Income: \$666,138

Expense: \$612,367

