

DECEMBER MONTHLY IRONWOOD UPDATE

1. **NOVEMBER** □ month in review
2. 2010
3. Operation Welcome Home
4. Extreme Sno-camp retreats for youth
5. Miracle Lodge
6. Inspirational speaking
7. Miracles Happen Festival II
8. Did you know?

1. **Groups using the camp during November.** Two quilting retreats (Time to Sew and All in Stitches) , Hmong Baptist Church, Sacred Heart, Stewartville Tennis banquet, North Heights Jr and Sr High retreats, Quality Pork Processors workshop, Faith Crafters, Minnesota Fetal Alcohol syndrome adopted families, Hope Summit Youth, Bethel Ev. Free Church-Fairmont, Monty Bruce Horse Clinic, World Wide Marriage Encounter and Girl Scout Pac 82.

Donations received during the month of November. Canadian Honker-Roch, Detail Stone-Eagan, David Langhus-Bethlehem,PA, Jeanne Bardwell-Winter Haven,Fla. , IBM, Lighthouse Community Church-Rosemount,MN , Tony & Gail Baez-Mpls., Gail Buckingham-Owatonna, Carimona Township Community Chest, Zion Un. Methodist Church-Sargeant, Medo Baptist Church-Mapleton, Eleanor Lewis-Roch, Carolyn Hackel-St Louis Park, Marion Peterson-Roch, Rodgers Law Office-Bemidji, Mike & Luann Olson-Mpls, John & Jode Avant-Racine, Mark & Julie Place-Hagar City,WI, North Heights Lutheran Church-Arden Hills, Grace Ev. Free Church-Stewartville. **Total Donations - \$3,675.00**

Year to date comparisons:

	2008	2009
General Donations	\$84,765	\$123,443
Miracle Lodge donations	\$210,205	\$223,476
Miracle Lodge Fee's	\$120,330	\$128,844
Camper Fees	\$141,663	\$117,850

2. **2010** Our mission for the coming year is to **UPSIZE** as opposed to downsizing. This is a bold statement and of course is accomplished by the grace and goodness of God. The camp continues to grow and the generosity of donors and volunteers is on the rise. To date in 2009, we have served on average 1,782 guests per month, of which 426 stayed in the Miracle Lodge. We have a mandate to SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS because so many need to hear of God's salvation, love, and healing besides just needing a good dose of CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY. We are living in challenging times and our staff desires that more people come down the Ironwood drive, enabling us to make a difference by SPREADING JOY & CHANGING LIVES

Projects:

- 1) remodel the old red barn (volunteers needed next spring/summer)
- 2) install our second zipline
- 3) upgrade the mini-farm

- 3. Operation Welcome Home retreats:** We are excited and honored to be planning three retreats for our soldiers in 2010. We have a beautiful color flyer available. We can send you one/many or you can print it by going online at www.ironwoodsprings.com Consider getting involved: spread the word to your military contacts, sponsor a family, sew a quilt, or come be a part of the weekend. \$2,500 was just donated from Tee It Up For The Troops and \$1,100 from PCCTS Pardeeville, WI Community Car & Truck Show.
2010 Dates: April 30-May 2, May 14-16 (Wounded Warrior) and Sept, 17-19.
We will also be hosting Operation Military Kids camp next summer.
- 4. Extreme Sno-camp. Junior Camp □ Jan. 22-24 Senior Camp Jan 29-31.**
Contact Sam Sutter □ Ironwood Program Director at www.sut_3829@yahoo.com .
- 5. Miracle Lodge:** We continue to see miracles happening on the inside with many different retreats. We are looking forward to serving more in 2010. Yet to be completed: hot tub, exercise room, outdoor landscaping.
- 6. Inspirational Speaking:** Speaking schedule: Calvary Lutheran Church, Golden Valley, MN (Veterans and Military Breakfast), Owatonna Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Southland Athletics & Football Banquet
- 7. Miracles Happen Festival II □ July 30-Aug 1.** Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this fun-filled, inspirational weekend!
- 8. Did you know?**
 - a. **Ironwood's extended ministry:** Breakfast on the farm and Marigold Days uses the Ironwood wagons, Scholarships granted for campers, Several gift certificates given to local charities, Salvation Army, Local fire Department
 - b. **Gift Shop:** We have lots of great ideas for gifts: Jackets, shirts, plaques, key rings, mugs, etc. We hope to get them online soon.
 - c. **Snow Tubing:** It's not too early to schedule your winter activities. Call 533-4315 to schedule a snow tubing event.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE IRONWOOD STAFF,
Bob Bardwell