



Phoebe Needles Center, Inc.

"And there shall be a portion that you shall set apart, with a sanctuary in the middle of it." Ezekiel 48.8

"FRIENDS OF PHOEBE NEEDLES"

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FALL YOUTH EVENT

DIOSWVA'S FYE @ PHOEBE NEEDLES

Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. was extremely excited to host the annual Fall Youth Event for the diocesan youth. Youth from around the diocese came to Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. to enjoy a spiritual, relaxing, fun, and community-building weekend event. They were spiritually ed with morning prayer and Eucharist on Saturday night at Saint Peters-

in-the-Mountains, enjoyed a fire and S'mores inside Webb Lodge, and they participated in small group conversations led by high school students.

The youth's energy and presence have always been an incredible blessing to Phoebe Needles. We are also very thankful for the adults who attended and helped guide the youth during the weekend activities.



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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. board of directors teamed up with Trinity Episcopal Church in Rocky Mount, VA and Saint Peter's in the Mountains to spend a day working with Habitat for Humanity. They installed kitchen cabinets, painted two bedrooms and a living room, and primed and painted a master bathroom and closet!



THE CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

January 14th
"Genetically Modified Organisms"
with Dr. Tim Durham

February 11th
"TBD"
with TBD

March 10th
"Building Bridges Across Faiths"
with Voices of Faith

April 14th
"The Phoebe Needles Mountain Band"
with Alan Messenger & Friends

May 12th
**"Islam: How is it connected to
Judaism and Christianity?"**
with Dr. Saleem Ahmed

The programs begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a lunch at noon. To register, please call the Center by Friday noon the week before the program.

WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT PHOEBE NEEDLES IS IMPORTANT...

MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS @ PHOEBE NEEDLES

Seph Custer performed a benefit concert at Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. on November 10th, 2019. We would like to thank everyone that came to the event, and a special thanks to all of those that contributed to our summer camp scholarship fund for 2020. We raised over \$1300 for our Summer Camp Fund! Thank you to Seph Custer for performing!



THE ACTIVE SENIORS CLASS

Need a little bit more exercise in your life? Want to join a fun and caring workout group? We're perfect for you then! The goal of the class is to work on mobility, flexibility, balance, and help develop strength. Participants will be able to use a chair during their exercises, as well as have the option of opting out of any activity they may not feel comfortable doing. Classes are Monday & Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Walk-ins are always welcomed! Call the center for more information at (540) - 483-1518.



SCHOOL BUS FUND

We would like to thank everyone that contributed to our School Bus Fund on GoFundMe and through other platforms. Our campers can continue taking trips to go rock climbing, caving, and hiking! Your continued support is greatly appreciated, and we appreciate your generosity.



PHOEBE NEEDLES CENTER, INC.

BISHOP LIGHT FUND ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Friends,

The Bishop Light Fund was established in 2005 for the purpose of securing the funds to begin new programs, and to maintain programs successfully in place. We hope you will become part of the growing ministry of Phoebe Needles Center, Inc.

For those of you who have contributed in the past, **THANK YOU** for helping us to do amazing things!



The Center continues to persevere and thrive, but more importantly than that, it makes a difference in the lives of many people. Here are a few comments sent to us by those who have benefited by their involvement in our programs:

"This camp is absolutely amazing and everyone there has made my life ten times better. Thank you for impacting my life in the most positive way ever. The past eight years have made me so happy, and I love this camp so much! It will always have a special place in my heart. Thank you." –Carlee

Your continued support does two important things. First, it secures the continuation of programs that change lives; and second, it honors Bishop Light for his vision of a vital ministry serving the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and people of all denominations throughout southwestern Virginia.



This fall we received a letter from the Daniel Watson one of our summer camp counselors who spent two summers as a residential counselor. *"Thank you all at Phoebe Needles for such an amazing summer! I learned vital life skills, met amazing people, and gained experience with different methods of teaching children. This summer has truly been life-changing!"*

November 1, 2019

This has turned out to be the best year of my life so far. I have never seen a community like Phoebe anywhere!"



This is what it's all about – transforming lives. The programs, staff, and facilities are dedicated to creating these experiences for people of all ages. Your support of the ministry at Phoebe Needles makes these experiences possible.

Our gratitude for your past support is even more realized when we get feedback like this from the campers who come each summer. *"This was the best week of my life! Phoebe Needles feels like home - cool people, new challenges, great camp. Thanks for letting me be me. Can't wait to come back next summer!"*

-- Michael

Our financial needs have grown tremendously due to a recent loss of funding (nearly \$75,000) previously provided by the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. This unexpected occurrence in July 2019 has challenged us to generate additional avenues of funding to continue our current programs, and expand programs into new directions.

~ Carl Dudley, Treasurer

We are asking for your help once again as we continue to strive to serve those who seek a deeper and richer experience with God, those who come to celebrate a significant moment in their lives, those who seek fun or learning, those who benefit from the community and fellowship of programs that bring all sorts of

people together.

We need your partnership and financial support. Please join me in making a fully tax deductible gift today using the enclosed envelope, or go to our website: PhoebeNeedles.org and donate through PayPal!



Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Strong
President of the Board of Directors



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