



# 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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### ARTISTS @ PHOEBE NEEDLES

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020, a group of local artists came out for a few hours to Phoebe Needles to paint! It was an absolutely perfect day to paint the porch's scenic view and a few others scattered around the property painting nature pieces. Phoebe Needles is always open to ideas that serve the needs of the local community!



### THE ACTIVE SENIORS CLASS

A fun and caring group of seniors has been meeting through Zoom. 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. Join us from your own home until we can meet again in person!



### COVID-19 UPDATE

Like nearly every small organization, we are suffering financially from the effects of the pandemic. If you are able to help us with some financial assistance, please send your check today, or go to the Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. PayPal button on our website, [PhoebeNeedles.org](https://PhoebeNeedles.org), to donate.

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## MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS AND YOUTH SATURDAYS

### MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

On Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the community gathered for an outdoor Music in the Mountains program. Alan Messenger, Gene Parker, Marvin Harlow, Ray Holland, Jackie Cooper, and Dylan Clements performed for a group outside of Phoebe Needles Hall. Nearly \$1000 dollars was raised for the Phoebe Needles' Summer Camp Fund!



### QUILT RAFFLE

Congratulations to Emma Willis who won the Quilt Raffle at the Music in the Mountains program!



### MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

On October 17th, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chris Prillaman, old-time fiddler and whis-key maker, performed at Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. outside of Phoebe Needles Hall.



## YOUTH SATURDAYS

On Saturdays throughout the remainder of 2020 and pre-camp season 2021, Phoebe Needles will be hosting a variety of fun and engaging activities to help you escape the COVID-19 blues. Much like the "Days @ Phoebe Needles" programs in the summer of 2020, there will be archery, sling-shot paintball, climbing tower, games, arts & crafts, tie-dye a shirt for \$10, and much more! The cost of the day (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) is \$20, and we just ask you bring a lunch, a mask, and an attitude ready for excitement and fun!







# PHOEBE NEEDLES CENTER, INC.

## BISHOP LIGHT FUND ANNUAL APPEAL

October 2020

Dear Friends,

We are living in an exceptional time. The pandemic has rearranged our lives in ways few of us could have ever imagined. Despite the uncertainty, disruption, and requirements we currently live with, Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. continues to provide programs for people of all ages that are engaging spiritually and educationally. We continue to find creative ways to bring people together for meaningful experiences.

Your financial support provides opportunities for so many people to experience the peace and serenity of this place nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the hospitality of our staff, programs for inquiring minds, fellowship that comes with being with friends old and new, and outdoor youth programs that provide a safe space for growth and learning.

**We hope you are aware how much your gift really matters to so many people!**



It is hard to place a value on a week of summer camp. Few things in our daily life create a better environment for living in community, making new friends, and reacquainting with old ones, trying new activities designed to push our faith and comfort zones, and witnessing God's presence in creation. For some campers, just being outdoors for a week opens up a new world

of discovery. For others, it is the very real change in self-image after rappelling down the side of a 150' rock face. Many campers benefit simply from being away from home for a week.

Our programs this summer were significantly different in terms of their format, but they maintained the core values of Phoebe Needles, including our hallmark of more than twenty years – building community. We hear so often from campers, parents, and other guests, and I want to share a few of those comments with you.



*"I always feel as home while I'm at Phoebe Needles; I can be myself." Evan*

*"What a place, what a view - a peaceful place to refresh my soul." Anne*

*"Both my children have attended camp for several years - I love how the campers and staff all feel like extended family." Susan*

*"I get to try so many things I never get to do elsewhere - it's the coolest." Elly*

*"Everyone needs a week to unplug, get away from parents, and be outdoors - thanks to the Phoebe Needles staff for making that happen." Sharon*

*"What an amazing day - outdoors, great music, lots of people - it's just great to be together!" Rob*

"The Bishop Light Fund was established in 2005 to honor A. Heath Light, Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. Bishop Light served the Diocese from 1979-1996. We honor him for his dynamic character, warmth, and genuine love for the people he has served throughout his ministry. This fund is established for the purpose of funding new and on-going ministry of Phoebe Needles Center, Inc" You can help us honor Bishop Light by making your contribution today.

*"Phoebe Needles is the best place to spend time with your friends!!" Ella*



PLEASE join me in making a tax deductible gift today using the enclosed envelope, or go to our website: [PhoebeNeedles.org](http://PhoebeNeedles.org) and donate through PayPal!

Sincerely yours,

*Bob Pohl*

Bob Pohl  
President of the Board of Directors





## WAYS TO GIVE

### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Are you looking for methods to secure and increase your future income in the currently unpredictable economy? A charitable gift annuity provides more assurance than the market's instability. It is defined as a gift that creates a reliable, flat income over your lifetime. The payment rate is fixed based on your age, causing your income to never fluctuate. Additionally, a portion of your payment could be tax free!



### CONVENIENT IRA GIVING IN 2020

Many donors this year desire to make their pledge from required minimum distribution (RMD) from their retirement account. The CARES act has waived the requirement to take an RMD in 2020. Additionally, the SECURE Act changed the age for RMDs from 70 1/2 to 72.



Thus, an option in the unique year of 2020 would be to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This is a direct transfer of funds from the IRA. These funds are paid directly to a qualified charity and may be counted toward the fulfillment of the RMD for the year 2020. This is valid for up to \$100,000. QCDs are not included in taxable income. However, this is untrue about a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if the money would go to charity later. If a withdrawal is made, funds will be considered taxable income, even if offset with the charitable contribution deduction.



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All gifts are fully tax deductible.

This is a significant distinction to make in the year 2020: income taken as an RMD will be considered taxable income as opposed to income taken as a QCD. RMDs may push one into a higher tax bracket and reduce tax credits and/or deductions.

### STOCK TRANSFER

Additionally, transferring stock to charity instead of selling allows for an income tax deduction based on its current value. No gains will be paid on the transfer of stock.



Please consider making a contribution to Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. this year. All proceeds go towards operating expenses for programs that benefit the many people who come for education, renewal, fellowship, and fun!





# COMING UP IN 2021...

## DAY CAMP 2021

All Around Camp  
June 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>  
Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Tuition is \$ 105

Swim Day Camp I  
June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Tuition is \$ 105

Art Day Camp I  
June 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Tuition is \$ 105

Art Day Camp II  
July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Tuition is \$ 105

Swim Day Camp II  
July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Tuition is \$ 105



# SUMMER CAMP 2021

## RESIDENTIAL CAMP 2021

Middler Camp  
June 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Rising 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

Senior Camp  
June 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>  
Rising 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Outdoor Expedition Camp  
June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Minimum Age 13

First Year Camp  
June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Rising 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

Rock Climbing Camp  
July 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Minimum Age 13

Art Camp  
July 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Minimum Age 11

Nature Camp  
July 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Minimum Age 11

Outreach Camp  
July 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Rising 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

All dates are subject to  
change due to COVID-19.



Tuition is \$ 240/session.  
financial scholarship are  
available. To sign up for camp,  
please check out our web site  
at: [www.Phoebeneedles.org](http://www.Phoebeneedles.org)



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## THE CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

November 10<sup>th</sup>

"Real Policing Reform" with Dr. Wornie Reed

December 8<sup>th</sup>

"The Outdoors" with Tim Pohlada-Thomas

January 12<sup>th</sup>

(To Be Announced) with Dr. Michael Hancock-Palmer

February 9<sup>th</sup>

(To Be Announced)

March 9<sup>th</sup>

"Children at Risk" with Joyce Moran

April 13<sup>th</sup>

"Phoebe Needles Mountain Band"  
with Alan Messenger and Friends

May 11<sup>th</sup>

"Early Domestication of Plants" with Tom Klatka

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.



*Consider giving beyond  
your life through a bequest  
to the Phoebe Needles  
Center in your will.*

