



UNDER THE REDWOODS



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"ONE IS FOR HOPE AND ONE IS FOR FAITH AND ONE IS FOR LOVE, YOU KNOW": FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For five years at St. Dorothy's, I have sought out the illusive four-leaf clover. This fall Bishop Marc Andrus and I were on a beautiful, inspirational hike on St. Dorothy's property. Suddenly, I looked and there it was, "down underneath in the loveliest nook." I found a four-leaf clover! I was ecstatic and filled with childlike joy.

The four-leaf clover is a significant symbol for St. Dorothy's. The leaves of the clover represent **FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, & LUCK**. We weave these ideas into our chapel services every day during summer camp. But it wasn't until I finally found a four-leaf clover that I become acutely aware of the abundance of three-leaf clovers throughout St. Dorothy's. You don't have to search for them; they are everywhere! This led me to think about which three leaves St. Dorothy's has in abundance; I think they are faith, hope, & love.

FAITH...Nellie O. Lincoln showed an abundance of faith, starting with the vision to begin this camp over 100 years ago. Her courage and continued faith support our thriving camp and retreat ministry that serves so many. My faith in the importance of our work grows and grows.

HOPE...Anyone who comes to camp, or simply visits St. Dorothy's can see the abundance of hope here. People who visit are transformed by this sacred place. Those of us who steward and care for St. Dorothy's hold the hope that friends will financially support this place that provides hope for so many.

LOVE... The abundance of love here is palpable, generous, and contagious. You can see the love shown by the staff - especially the summer camp staff in how they treat one another and the campers. I think we are challenged to take that love out into the world.

Finding my four-leaf clover by sheer **LUCK**, came at an important time to remind me how lucky I am to work and serve such a wonderful organization rich with faith, hope, & love. But I know it isn't just luck that keeps me (and all our staff, volunteers, and supporters) working so hard for St. Dorothy's. Rather, it is the abundance of faith, hope & love we have for our mission and work...the same faith, hope, and love we experience here.

During this season of thanksgiving, we are invited to pause and be grateful for what we have in abundance in our lives. I hope you all remember the many three-leaf clovers right under our noses here at St. Dorothy's. We don't need to focus on the illusive hunt for luck, when faith, hope, & love is abundant. Please consider showing your faith, hope, & love for St. Dorothy's by making a donation to support this place and our mission. -Katie Evenbeck, Executive Director



2009 UPDATE

Internships positions: 2

Donations received as of October 31st: \$81, 556

Amount left to be raised to reach goal of \$200,000: \$118,444

Percentage increase in Camperships for families who were unable to afford the full cost of camp: 35%

Groups hosted during retreat season: 114

Campers served in the camp season: 323

Number of parishes sending youth to St. Dorothy's summer camp : 32

**WELCOME LUCILLE (LUCIE) NORMA EVENBECK
BORN APRIL 18, 2009**



Photo by Max Dayan

Likes: Campers & Camp Staff, Trees, Long Walks on the Beach, People Who Read Newsletters.

Looking Forward To: Finding a four-leaf clover at camp in 2010.

YOUR GENEROSITY IS AN INVESTMENT IN SO MANY GOOD THINGS:

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The St. Dorothy's Campership Fund ensures that all kids can attend camp regardless of financial circumstances.

-Advertised policy that no child will be prevented from attending camp for financial reasons.

-Two weeks of Health Camps for Bay Area hospitals, free of charge to families, fully supported by donations, grants and operating budget.

-Camp & retreat rates held low and offered at a subsidized cost by the work of the annual fund.

-Support for a variety of camp programs at St. Dorothy's.

-Arts and crafts supplies and a St. Dorothy's t-shirt for each camper.

-Camp equipment and supplies provided for camper activities.

-Staff training programs and lifeguard training.

-The ability to continue to offer top salaries to our year-round staff and summer camp staff so they can afford to spend their summers with us.

-Salary increases each year and rising costs of medical benefits.

-Repairs and upgrades to camp facilities and equipment.

-Hiring of additional year-round support & program staff.

-Maintenance and safety checks of facilities and vehicles.

-Communications to the Diocese and marketing St. Dorothy's programs.

-Increased funds for renovations as we expand camp facilities and programs to serve more people and further the mission of the Church.

Your contributions to St. Dorothy's Episcopal Camp & Retreat Center are tax deductible.

We invite you to make a contribution today.



MY FIRST TIME AT CAMP

by Olivia Bisel

Towering redwoods

Ancient little chapel

Incredible food

Fun activities

Scenic hike

Making marvelous marionettes

Splashy canoeing

Peaceful campfire songs

Calm evening rituals

St. Dorothy's

A PLACE OF LIGHT: FROM THE ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR SUMMER 2009



I stood among a circle of people in the redwoods, barely able to make out one another in the dim light from the stars above. A candle was lit and light flared up in one part of the circle. We began to pass the flame from candle to candle, person to person, as we acknowledged each staff member's individual strengths. Before long, every face in the unbroken circle was illuminated, drawn together by the warmth and love of the community. For me, at that moment, there was no stronger bond than that circle, no greater sense of belonging.

St. Dorothy's summer camp has given me a place to be totally comfortable, to belong, and to be myself. We laugh, we cry, and we run around in crazy costumes singing at the top of our lungs. As a member of the summer camp staff, I have gained friends that will last a lifetime and made memories that will never fade. Most importantly, I have been given the knowledge that with a little creativity, hard work, energy, and a lot of love I can impact someone's day, week, year...or even their life.

The campers and staff that come to St. Dorothy's may leave after a week or a summer with the sneaking feeling that St. Dorothy's has changed them - maybe it has made them better people. As for myself, after eight summers as a camper and staff member, I know that the community at St. Dorothy's has been integral to making me the person I am today. Whenever I am hesitant or unsure of myself, I think back to that circle lit by candles and held together by love, and all my doubts disappear. For all of this I am truly thankful.

-Bethany Lybeck, Assistant Camp Director summer 2009

DID YOU KNOW?

Current acres of St. Dorothy's: 30: Number of Retreat Facilities: 7:
Weekly capacity for summer campers: 60: Year St. Dorothy's was founded: 1901

FROM THE GROUND UP

As the seasons change, a large part of my focus returns to the grounds at St. Dorothy's. I have really started to notice how they offer many blessings, interesting species, and lots of diversity. The views from several spots are truly breathtaking. Some of my favorites are looking out across the canyon from behind Lydia House, from the shop area near the chapel, and sitting in the northern dining porch in Main. We are all lucky to have such a beautiful place to build community, relax, and reflect.

Of course there is beauty all around on the property, too. The majestic Redwoods, Tan Oaks, Broadleaf Maples, California Bays, and California Buckeyes are incredible. The grounds are host to squirrels, many kinds of birds, deer, salamanders, and more. Earlier this fall, on a rare quiet morning, I encountered a bobcat just outside of camp. I feel really lucky to have seen such an endangered and elusive species. With this change of seasons, I give thanks for the beauty, liveliness, and splendor of the St. Dorothy's grounds.

-Ben Evenbeck, Director of Programs

CRANBERRY CHUTNEY

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Bag Fresh Cranberries
- 3 limes (1/3 cup juice)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 Jalapeno, minced (can add more for spicy)
- 4 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
- 3 scallions, chopped
- 1 cup sugar
- Pepper to taste

Boil cranberries 1 minute (until they pop) then, mash lightly with the rest of the ingredients and serve chilled.

-Diane Larkin, Head Cook

ST. DOROTHY'S REST

P.O. Box

Camp Meeker, CA

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Summer Camp 2010 Dates Inside



Cut along dotted line and return pledge to St. Dorothy's.

WITH THANKS AND APPRECIATION for all of God's wondrous gifts to me,
I/We pledge to support St. Dorothy's with an offering of
\$ _____.

WHEN :

I/we will pay our pledge:

___Monthly ___Quarterly ___Annually ___Weekly

HOW :

I/We will pay our pledge by (check one)

___Check or ___cash ___Gift of appreciated stock)

Name(s): _____

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Household e-mail: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

NOTES:

**WAYS TO SUPPORT ST. DOROTHY'S
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR INCLUDE:**

- Make an annual gift to St. Dorothy's, appropriate to your ability.
- Say a prayer daily for St. Dorothy's.
- Include St. Dorothy's in your will or estate plan.
- Be a spokesperson for St. Dorothy's in your parish and around the diocese.
- Invite a friend for a visit to St. Dorothy's.
- Post the camp schedules, fundraising and retreat information in your newsletter.
- Place a link to St. Dorothy's website: www.stdorothysrest.org on your website.
- Share the stories of your experiences of St. Dorothy's.
- Attend or Host a Fall/Winter House Party to raise money and awareness for St. Dorothy's.
- Organize or recommend St. Dorothy's to a Retreat Group or Volunteer Work Weekend.