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Interested in making a lasting gift to Hollis? We can put you in contact with a professional planned giving agent that works for Hollis, who does not take a commission or have any hidden fees. Either check the box on the reply envelope or call the Hollis office.



Dave and his family welcome you to Hollis

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The Seasons at Hollis Renewal Center Annual Report

A place to be surprised by God



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Hollis Programs in 2007

Day Camp

This summer Hollis hosted two weeks of Day Camp attended by 95 youth from the inner city and area churches. The mix of culture, race and economic diversity had its challenges and rewards. Hollis, in partnership with Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, hopes to offer four such weeks in 2008. We will continue to need financial and volunteer help from our local churches, individuals and sponsoring foundations.

Art Fair

The interactive art fair in August continued to attract artists and over 200 people. This is becoming a great event for families as they participate in the mix of art and nature.



Day Campers

Facilities and Grounds Use

The space at Hollis continues to be our primary program. We want to provide this reflective space so persons using it may have a renewing experience with God. The Hideaway and Lodge continue to stay busy most every weekend. If you are wanting to use Hollis, please book your time here well in advance.

Find more about our programs at www.holliscenter.org

Financials

Hollis is supported by its partner congregations, usage, individual gifts, grants and events.

- Partner Congregations: 15%
- Earned Income from Usage: 20%
- Grants/Events: 15%
- Individuals: 50%

Hollis started a building fund this year with a two-year goal of \$170,000. To date, we have raised \$85,000 in pledges and gifts. Currently, Hollis is about \$10,000 behind expenses for its current year ending January 2008. You can help by making your donation today, either by mail or by donating at our website: www.holliscenter.org.

Special Events

For the past six years Hollis has been hosting a thank-you meal for administrative assistants. While most of them have come from churches, all are welcome. Our event in 2008 will be on April 23.

This year Hollis hosted its first annual Hike-a-thon. On November 3, thirty eager hikers enjoyed a perfect fall day to hike the Hollis trails. This event, along with our Fall Celebration held in October raised over \$9,000 for Hollis. Look for a Spring Hike Day!

Meadow Cottage/Campus Restrooms

Started late in 2006, the Meadow Cottage has been enclosed, insulated, new siding and windows. Inside finish work will be completed this winter with hopes of completing the adjoining Campus Restroom facility next summer and fall. The cottage will give people an alternative to using the Lodge and the Hideaway.



Volunteering

Last year Hollis volunteers logged over 6,000 hours. This year we have already

logged 5,000 hours and we have a couple months to go. We give thanks to our weekly volunteers who come every Thursday, providing labor and expertise on projects like the Meadow Cottage. We thank special project volunteers who fix our machines, garden, paint, assemble newsletters and provide office assistance. We thank our groups who use Hollis as they also help clean and maintain it, especially the scout troops that help with trail maintenance. The spring work day in April had over 50 participants; the work day in 2008 will be April 20. Maybe you have a special talent you can give to Hollis, helping make this place an enriching experience for all who come.



The diversity of those who use Hollis continues to increase. Whether it is a church meeting, a business meeting, youth groups, scout troops, or your family reunion, Hollis offers affordable retreat space for the whole community.

