



ANNUAL REPORT 2009

MISSION STATEMENT

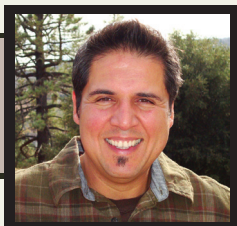


Whispering Winds' mission is to provide a Christ-centered environment, apart from the everyday world, where all are welcome to increase their knowledge of and commitment to Christ, and join as fellow pilgrims on their journey of faith with God.

Our theme for 2009 has been BELIEVE, from Don's favorite verse in the book of James: "...he should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt." As we have all experienced, this past year has been a challenging one for undoubting belief. The international economy crashed, and our national unemployment rates are on everybody's mind.

On a positive note and remarkably, as you will see in this first ever Annual Report, our financial results were actually slightly better than a year ago. Praise God! We hope you enjoy reviewing the 2009 happenings at Whispering Winds.

Thank you for your stewardship... your time vested, your talent invested and yes, your sacrificial treasure.



Martin Rosales
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Building
the
Kingdom of God

A Step at a Time



- 1978** "San Diego Family Camps" founded by Don Kojis and Dr. Jerry Tisi
- 1981** Camp renamed Whispering Winds after Elijah in 1 Kings 19, "tiny whisper of a wind"
- 1982** First Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Leo Maher, Bishop of San Diego
- 1985** First weekend retreat lead by Fr. John Powell, SJ
- 1986** First permanent meeting and dining halls completed
- 1988** Co-Founder, Dr. Tisi' untimely death; Quadruplex completed; Bernice Mascari and Kathy Brown founded Woman's Auxiliary
- 1989** Installation of Mary's Grotto and original Mary statue (by Mary Crosby)
- 1990** First Cursillo Retreat; Conference Room A donated and installed
- 1995** Mass and celebration - final mortgage payment & complete ownership of 161 acres
- 1998** Milner Lodge (12-plex), tennis & basketball courts installed, First Summer Family Camp
- 2002** Completion of Juanico Lodge 12-plex; close call with 'Pines Fire'
- 2003** Cedar Fire ravages 80% of Camp, Mary intercedes for Grotto & team of firefighters
- 2004** Community embraces recovery with time, talent and treasure; Camp reopens to guests
- 2005** Kids Camps launched; year round service and programs announced
- 2008** 30th Anniversary celebrated; new Mary statue (by Beverly Paddelford) placed in grotto

Highlights of 2009

SWIMMING POOL GRAND OPENING

The new swimming pool was fully incorporated into summer programs. The pool-side Bible study was a big hit. Summer closed with Labor Day Pool Party for the entire community.



CAMPS EVANGELIZED

178 new families attended 4 Family Camps for the very first time. The ever popular Kids and Single Parent Camps continue to **change and impact lives.**

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

280 guests attended 27th annual fundraising gala that raised \$36,014. The 'Golden Opportunity' was introduced for the first time allowing the lucky person to claim any auction item without even a bid! Greg Evans chose the Grand Mayan Vacation Package. In addition, the Dinner Dance Fund-an-Item raised nearly \$25,000 for a restroom & showers for the new swimming pool.



CO-FOUNDER DON KOJIS TURNS 70

Don celebrated his 70th birthday in style with a Mass of thanksgiving and a rollicking roast. Benefit raised \$14,176 for Whispering Winds ministries.



MASTER PLAN RE-SUBMITTED

With support from County Supervisor Dianne Jacobs a revised Master Plan was filed with County allowing extensive future expansion.



Changing Lives

Saving Lives

IMPACTING LIVES

2009 Financial Summary

INCOME	2008	2009
Camp Rentals and Store Sales	399,832	433,977
Programs	104,839	128,315
Food Service	200,455	219,174
Challenge Course	<u>29,450</u>	<u>18,962</u>
Camp Income	734,576	800,427
Fund Raising Income	<u>281,511</u>	<u>338,985</u>
Total Income	1,016,087	1,139,413

EXPENSES

Camp and Programs		
Salaries and Benefits	469,190	477,273
Operating & Other	<u>451,208</u>	<u>422,406</u>
Camp Expenses	920,398	899,679
Camp Gross Surplus	95,689	239,734

Administrative & Office Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	150,477	147,628
Operating and Other	<u>90,916</u>	<u>67,271</u>
Total Administrative Expenses	241,363	214,899

<i>Surplus (Deficit)</i>	<i>(145,674)</i>	<i>24,835</i>
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Non-audited financial data

2009 Activity Summary

8,474	Guests Served	14,028	Guest Nights
128	Groups Served	35,500	Plated Meals Served
37	Diocesan Parishes	19	Schools Served
9	Camp Programs <i>(Kids, Youth, Family and Single Parent)</i>	5	Business Conferences
		4	Cursillo Retreats
3	Diocesan Programs	4	Family Reunions

Changing Lives Saving Lives IMPACTING LIVES

FAMILY CAMPERS, The Beach Family

“Whispering Winds Family Camp is an experience our family will cherish for years to come. The gift for all of us was to strengthen our relationships with each other as well as with our Heavenly Father. The staff was outstanding and the program nourished our hearts and souls. Our children want to come back next year. Thank you!”

KIDS CAMP PARENT, Denise Jantz

“My daughter had a wonderful experience for her first camp away from home. She can’t wait to go back next year. Even though she felt nervous, she began to feel the love of Jesus from the counselors! Thank you for the blessing.”

TEEN VOLUNTEER, Audrey Jarvis

“Whispering Winds epitomizes who I am and who I strive to become. I changed and grew spiritually more than any other time in my life. I met my best friends and rekindled my passion for Christ there, the two greatest gifts I could have possibly received.”

GUEST, Dn. Mike Daniels

“Most of the important decisions in my life were made under some lovely tree while on retreat at Whispering Winds. There is just something about the place that I’ve never experienced anywhere else on earth.”

BOARD CHAIR, Larry Sheehan

“Jesus continues to meet people when they come to Whispering Winds. That’s what it is all about.”



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2009 PERSON OF THE YEAR *Mr. Charles S. LiMandri, Esq.*

Charles LiMandri is a nationally respected Catholic attorney based in San Diego. His devout Catholic faith has guided his career in law.

Mr. LiMandri has been a tremendous advocate for Whispering Winds. Through his efforts we were able to secure a fair legal settlement from our former insurers, which helped compensate for the devastating losses incurred during the Cedar Fire of 2003. In 2009, Whispering Winds honors Mr. LiMandri for his dedication and service to our Lord. His devout Catholic faith has guided his career in law.



2009
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS



STAFF FOR
ALL SEASONS



Prayer Chapel

NEW DEVELOPMENTS - 2010

Founders Hall and Prayer Chapel

Recovery continues with the project launch of the first permanent buildings since the 2003 Cedar Fire. Founders Hall, a 5,040 s.f. multi-purpose meeting space will accommodate 230 guests and have the capability to easily be converted for social and spiritual venues. Immediately adjacent will be the Prayer Chapel, an intimate, prayful worship space for 50. For the first time, the Camp will have a permanent meeting hall and chapel that, for generations to come, will impact the lives of all who experience the Camp. Grand opening is scheduled for the Fall of 2010.



Founders Hall

Together We Do Impact Lives



Don Kojis, Co-Founder:

God does not usually appear in His Person to answer our prayer; He moves in the people around us. We put our trust in the Lord, and He fulfills that trust through you. On behalf of the staff and board of Whispering Winds, thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ. Thank you for ensuring the gift of this holy ground for all generations.

Ways You Can Impact Lives

Whispering Winds depends on the generosity of faithful friends like you to continue sharing the Gospel of Christ, equipping people of ALL ages for life, and renewing, restoring, and strengthening families. We encourage you to become more involved and committed to helping us Change, Save and Impact Lives.

FOR ALL GENERATIONS GIVING

As a member of For All Generations, your monthly sacrifice shares your faith with campers in a convenient way through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) or credit card from your designated account.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Your gift to the Camp Scholarship Fund sends a child or family to camp. Last year the WW Women's Auxiliary awarded over \$7,500 in Camperships.

STOCK, REAL ESTATE AND IN-KIND GIFTS

Your gift of appreciated stock, real estate, art, vehicles, and other property is another way to support the Camp and Impact Lives.

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE SPONSORSHIP

Your family or business can support our largest fundraiser, The Dinner Dance, through numerous sponsorship opportunities. Donate wine, sponsor a table, takeout an ad, or contribute an auction item. Call the office for suggestions.

MATCHING GIFTS

Ask if your company makes matching gifts for charitable donations, or call the office and we will find out for you.

PLANNED GIVING

Add Whispering Winds as a beneficiary of your will or living trust, create a charitable trust, or consider advanced estate and tax planning techniques. Leave a lasting legacy that will impact lives for generations to come.

2010

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