

INCARNATION CENTER

GIFTING OPPORTUNITES

WHO WE ARE

Incarnation Center has the honor of being the oldest and one of the most distinguished church affiliated summer camps and year around conference centers in the world. It was founded in 1886 as Incarnation Camp during the formative years of the world-wide summer camp movement. Sprung from a vision for outreach ministry by the Church of the Incarnation on Madison Avenue in New York City, Incarnation Center has played a major role in impacting the lives of hundreds of thousands in building self-esteem, independence, and an enlivened faith.

Located on 650 beautiful rolling forested acres in South Central Connecticut, the Center is an independent 501C3 not-for-profit organization sponsored by twenty-seven Episcopal churches in the dioceses of New York and Connecticut. The Center has a year-round operating staff of twenty and is accredited by the American Camping Association and is an agency of the United Way, Episcopal Charities and the Federation of Protestant Church Welfare Agencies of New York.

Our Mission:

Individual growth, discovery of life and renewal of faith are at the heart of Incarnation Center, a ministry of the Episcopal Church. We welcome all to our conference, retreat, camp and nature center programs and facilities in a beautiful environment where people, ideas and spirit flourish.

Core Purpose:

To provide a sacred, natural setting in which people experience growth, discovery and renewal.

Vision:

To be nationally recognized as the premier Episcopal Center in the northeast.

OUR PROGRAMS

Incarnation Center offers programming in four divisions:

- **Conference Ministries:** Since 1975, Incarnation Center has provided year-round conference facilities for non-profit organizations. Guest accommodations are in three Adirondack style lodges and other surrounding facilities. The Center seeks to provide an atmosphere of quality hospitality and food service to our guests. Attending groups come from a variety of church, environmental, social service, educational, and governmental organizations. Youth organizations are welcome to use the excellent year-round facilities in the summer camp area. The Center offers services for personal and group retreats and family reunions.

In 1983, Incarnation Center became one of the first facilities in the country to host Elderhostel programs off college campuses and it has been recognized as providing outstanding college level courses in a variety of academic areas to senior citizens from around the world. Our outreach to the senior population in offering quality programming and hospitality services had its roots in a cooperative effort with the Church Federation in New York City, which sponsors a senior program called "Vacation Lodge."

- **Youth Ministries:** The oldest of our program divisions, Youth Ministries provides high quality programming and staff for the Incarnation Center Summer Camp, one of the finest and most comprehensive traditional summer camps in the country. The seven week camp is open to children of all creeds and has had the distinction of hosting young people of all races and cultures from around the world.

The camp has two components – one for up to 250 children, ages 8-13 in its Pequot (for boys)/ Sherwood (for girls) camp and up to 72 teenagers ages 14-15 in its Pioneer Village camp. The younger campers have the option of attending from one-week to seven-week sessions on campus; the teenage camp consists of one six week camp session, with campers engaging in three five-day off-site treks focused on biking, canoeing and hiking in rural New England.

The camp programs seek to provide each participant an experience of fun, adventure, and fulfillment of personal potentials with a variety of programs in a supportive and diverse community atmosphere; appreciation of the natural world; health and safety; spiritual values; leadership responsibilities; wholesome interpersonal relationships.

In addition, Youth Ministries offers a day camp during the summer for area children, a winter camp for children, training programs for camp counselors, resources for camp programming, training opportunities in health and safety, and consultation services to adults working with youth.

- **Pastoral Care:** Under the direction of our full-time Chaplain, an ordained priest of the Episcopal Church, Pastoral Care provides a variety of year-round conferences and programs in the areas of spiritual formation and personal wellness. Spiritual direction is available to individuals and conference groups. Pastoral Care can assist individuals making a private retreat, and opportunities for worship in our beautiful on campus chapel. Through networking with Episcopal seminaries, individuals pursuing careers in the Church can have hands-on training and experience with youth ministry by serving as Chaplain Assistants in our summer camp program. Pastoral Care also manages our book and gift store and our on-campus spaces for reflection and ministry, as they are developed, such as gardens, outdoor stations of the cross, and indoor and outdoor labryinths.
- **Bushy Hill Field School:** Started in 1980, the Field School provides programs at the Center for public and private school children, as well as at area schools throughout the academic year. In addition to studies in Native American and environmental science education, Bushy Hill maintains a nature center/museum where visitors can view a variety of natural history displays and materials up close, experience hands-on learning through structured activities, and engage in more traditional learning through its resource library. Bushy Hill does programming for on campus Elderhostels and area community organizations, operates a maple syrup sugar house for instructional purposes and revenue production, and maintains the over seven miles of hiking trails on the Center's property. During the summer, the Bushy Hill Day camp, for up to 110 children a week, is recognized as one of the region's finest.

GIFTING CHOICES

GENERAL FUND:

It is the financial goal of Incarnation Center to raise enough revenue to cover its operating expenses and more. However, variables occur when working with churches and other volunteer agencies and they frequently cause fluctuations in expected revenues. Although we try very hard to control our stream of revenue and our expenses, variables in seasonal programming and increases in fixed operating costs have made it necessary at this time to depend upon contributions to support the General Operating Fund. General Fund contributions help us to maintain sound financial leverage so that we can focus on running quality programming and effectively care for and train our excellent staff. They also assist in providing revenue for purchasing equipment and replacing worn furnishings. General Fund contributions are an important element in helping the Center fulfill its mission.

CAPITAL FUND:

As Incarnation Center continues to grow and serve our constituents, the Board of Directors annually identifies major program facilities, structures and equipment that either need to be replaced or enhanced. Included in this list can be vehicles such as vans and maintenance trucks, furnishings, play fields and the construction of new buildings. As operating revenues do not cover the costs of capital projects, Incarnation Center is dependent upon the generous gifts offered by donors who care and want the Center to have the finest facilities and services possible.

GIFTING CHOICES (CONTINUED):

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

One objective of Incarnation Center Summer Camp's mission is to make the summer camp available to any eligible child without financial constraint. We know that camp makes an incredible difference for good in the life of a young person. Our program, which is based on helping children to develop a spiritual life, establish personal values, and grow in self-esteem and respect for others and the environment, has immeasurable value in today's world.

Each year, the Center must raise over \$40,000 to meet the need for camp scholarships. A scholarship grant covers up to half the cost of a child's camp tuition. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund will make it possible for a child, without the full financial resources available, to attend camp and truly benefit from a life transforming experience. Each contribution makes a donor a significant part of changing a child's life.

ENDOWMENT FUND:

In the early 1980s, the Board of Directors established the Incarnation Center Endowment Fund from two bequests given to the Center. Since then, additional gifts have been contributed and the Fund has matured. However, to ensure the financial security of the Center, the Board of Directors realizes that the Fund must be increased. Careful attention is paid to the management of the Fund by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors. Your contribution to the Endowment Fund will serve to provide a strong financial backbone to the Center's future.

GIFTING CHOICES: (CONTINUED)

PLANNED GIVING:

Incarnation Center can provide assistance with Planned Giving contributions. We would be very happy to review with you various options giving which would best fulfill your own desires and intentions. The following are some options for consideration:

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST:

This is a vehicle that provides you, as the donor, a charitable deduction. Your gift is placed in a trust with Incarnation Center. The portfolio continues to be managed by the donor, who is allowed to take the interest out of the trust. The income received by the donor is based on the donor's age. The donor is granted a tax deduction on the amount of the investment. The term of the gift annuity is the life of the donor. Upon the death of the donor, the amount of the trust goes to Incarnation Center.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY:

This is the best planned giving opportunity for a gift \$5,000 to under \$20,000. It is designed for those who would like to support the mission of Incarnation Center, but who would like to receive income from their gift. A donation as low as \$5,000 may be made to Incarnation Center. Incarnation Center will invest the donation and give the donor an invariable percentage of the donation. The donor is allowed a charitable deduction based upon the fair market value of the gift.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST:

This allows you to give your asset to Incarnation Center as "rent" while designating that asset for your children or grandchildren. In this way, Incarnation Center receives the interest income. The family then receives the corpus of the trust. The IRS grants the donor a reduction in the gift tax.

GIFTING CHOICES: (CONTINUED)

BEQUESTS:

The history of Incarnation Center demonstrates that our work and witness extend well beyond a lifetime. Therefore, there is no better way to ensure that future generations are going to benefit from the values and services of our outstanding programming and ministries than to include the Center in your will. We will continue to be here - doing the work of the witness of the Church, caring for our environment, and helping people young and old experience growth, discovery and renewal. Including the Center in your will allows you the opportunity of reaching into the future and making a difference in people's lives.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Directors approved a three-year Strategic Plan, which began in early 2001. The Plan calls for major program and facility enhancements as well as for an overall site review and Master Plan. An attachment is included which illumines many of the proposals in the Plan.

DEVELOPMENT

The Development Office would be more than pleased to answer your questions and to provide you with additional information. Visit our web site at: www.incarnationcenter.com. Tours of the Center are available as well as personal presentations. Please don't hesitate to contact us!

YOU CAN HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

All of us at Incarnation Center are very grateful for your support!

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WISH LIST

15 passenger van	\$ 25,000
Used bulldozer	\$ 10,000
Computers	\$ 10,000
Climbing tower	\$ 15,000
High ropes course	\$ 40,000
Labyrinth	\$ 5,000
Stations of the Cross	\$ 5,000
Benches (each)	\$ 500
Patio umbrellas (each)	\$ 200
Pontoon Boat	\$ 10,000
Paddle boat (each)	\$ 1,000
Refurbish outdoor Chapel	\$ 10,000
Upgrade Tumble Inn	\$ 15,000
Beach area rest rooms	\$ 25,000
Acoustical upgrade of Activity Center	\$ 40,000

SPONSORING EPISCOPAL PARISHES



Diocese of New York

MANHATTAN

All Angels'
All Saints
Calvary /Saint George's
Christ and St. Stephen's
Church of the Epiphany
Good Shepherd
Grace Church

Church of the Heavenly Rest
Church of the Holy Trinity
Church of the Incarnation
St. Bartholomew's
St. Luke in-the-Fields
St. Michael's
St. Thomas

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Christ Church, Bronxville
St. John's, Larchmont
St. Stephen's, Armonk
Christ's Church, Rye

St. James the Less, Scarsdale
St. Bartholomew's, White Plains
St. Mark's, Mount Kisco
St. Thomas, Mamaroneck

Diocese of Connecticut

St. Luke's, Darien
St. Paul's, Darien

Christ Church, Greenwich
St. Mark's, New Canaan