



A Conference, Retreat & Vacation Center

**2023 PROGRAMMING NEEDS
and PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS
TOTAL: \$480,950**



As 2022 nears the end, it has been a year of transition for Epworth. For the first time since 2019, and the pandemic, we have fully returned to “normal operations,” which includes camps, retreats, conferences and events, along with individual and family guests. There have been moments where visitors “trickled” back, and times of abundance. For example, July was one of the best months in our history, with camps, retreats and conferences well attended. However, with the resumption of school, August was a slow time. We are learning the ebb and flow of this “new normal.” Through it all, God continues to do the amazing work of His ministry. Lives have been changed, souls have been saved and children have come to the Lord! The Holy Spirit is alive and well providing refreshment for all who draw near.

Your partnership in Epworth’s ministry, as part of God’s divine provision, has sustained us in these times. We would not be the conference and retreat center we are today without your support. **THANK YOU!**

Your gift is always appreciated. Additionally, end of year giving may have **TAX ADVANTAGES** for you. If you itemize deductions on your tax return, you may be able to decrease your tax liability with a gift to Epworth. Even if you do not itemize, you can deduct up to \$300 for a charitable gift. You can avoid capital gains taxes by giving appreciated property, including stocks and bonds. You can also make a direct gift from your IRA through a qualified charitable distribution. If so, you can avoid federal income taxes and satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution. Please discuss these options with your tax advisor and IRA administrator.

We have enclosed a gift card and return envelope for your convenience. You can also make an online contribution at: www.epworthbythesea.org/support.php

We are honored to be one of the ministries you support. We are very grateful for your partnership. Every gift is sincerely treasured.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

PROGRAMMING NEEDS TOTAL: \$50,000

Miss Ella’s Camp for Special People:

To assist with a camp designed for physically and mentally challenged adults.

Living Life to the Fullest: An Older Adult Retreat

This 3-day retreat, May 15-18, 2023, will be a fun, informational and spiritual event for older adults.

Scholarship Fund:

Assists families needing scholarship support for their child to attend summer camps, retreats and Bible studies.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS TOTAL: \$430,950

• Reynolds Rooms and Apartments: \$37,400

Complete renovation of 12 rooms and 5 apartments: paint, flooring, micro-fridge and cabinet, replace vanity and bedding.

• Brown Meeting Room: \$36,000

Renovate Classrooms 5-6 with new lighting, ceiling tiles, paint, flooring and replace glass windows.

• Pitts Office, Walker Lobby and Dining Rooms Generator: \$79,000

Replace existing diesel generator with natural gas generator that will operate our main building during a power outage.

• Gholson Pre-school: \$13,550

Replace the 40-year windows. Current mechanisms do not operate the window safely. Replace the fence surrounding the pre-school.

• Serving Line Solarium: \$15,000

Reroof the solarium with a flat roof over the serving line.

• Upgrade Serving Lines: \$145,000

Upgrade the serving lines, soup and salad bars and beverage stations to provide better service to our guests.

• Strickland Auditorium: \$30,000

Replace the HVAC

• Various Mechanical Equipment: \$75,000

During the course of the year, HVAC systems, commercial hot water heaters, pumps and motors fail and need to be replaced.

CAPITAL PROJECT

Walker Lobby Porte Cochere: \$150,000

enhance safety, pedestrian protection and traffic flow for the registration and dining area. The design will be similar to the Porte Cochere for the D. Abbott Turner Lodge.

Your gift will be applied as most needed for the improvement, operations, and related programs or to build up the endowment funds that support the operation of Epworth By The Sea. Any specific donor restrictions will be fully honored. You will receive no goods or services in exchange for your donation.