



THE POINT GUARD

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Dear Donors,

Planning a trail sometimes involves building switchbacks. I have been on many trails in the Cascades and Sierras that cut back and forth up the side of the mountain. One of my favorite hikes I have recently discovered is down to Vikingsholm on Emerald Bay here on Lake Tahoe. On occasion as I have climbed back up from the lake, I have had to fight an impulse to cut across the trail and head straight up the hill. However, I discovered that the trail-makers knew what they were doing when they planned the route. Switchbacks help conserve your energy much longer than going straight up and down. They also help avoid the erosion and breakdown of the trail that comes with use and weathering. Switchbacks also help you enjoy more of the view from the side of the mountain as you walk along.

“There is a way that seems right to a man; but the end thereof is the way of death.” Proverbs 14:12

Our fast paced, technologically driven, indulgent world sometimes tempts us to look for shortcuts in our lives. Instead of following the pathway God has blazed for us, we want to take what seems to be an easier route only to find out that the path leads to frustration and sometimes destructive patterns. We need to learn to trust in the way our Divine trail-maker has blazed for us.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and he will direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:4-5

As a donor you are part of maintaining the Master’s trailways here at Zephyr Point as people find their way to God. Thanks for sustaining the path.

Sincerely in Christ,

**Bedford Holmes
Executive Director**

News from Zephyr Point

The Uncharted Passage - *The Zephyr Point Autumn Banquet*

You're invited to Zephyr Point's first annual Autumn Banquet, Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. There are major channels of opportunity that Zephyr Point has never investigated and I would like your help as we explore and chart the future. You will be receiving a special invitation soon about this important event.

Special Features:

- Featured speaker: Dr. Dan Bolin, International Director, Christian Camping International
- Director's Report: Hear about the current state of the ministry and our hopes for the future
- Banquet held in our beautiful Tallac Dining Room with a sumptuous meal prepared by our Zephyr Point chefs

Summer Begins!

We have just completed the first month of summer and are off to a fun and rich time of fellowship here on beautiful Lake Tahoe. As your new Director, I am enjoying getting to know all the folks who have come over the years to Zephyr Point. In particular, the stories people convey are both poignant and inspirational. These grounds have been the venue of so many family memories for our guests as well as a devotion point in their relationship with God. One recent example is the Kaleidoscope Artist's retreat. It was full with over 90 guests who happily painted, weaved, stitched and wrote their way through the week as they expressed their God-given creativity.

Zephyr Prayer Needs

Pray as we begin recruiting a new Program/Development Manager for the Ministry. This person will be responsible for developing safe, dynamic, educational, Christ-centered programs for Zephyr Point.

Continue to pray for the safety of our guests and staff in the months ahead – that the Lord would build a strong hedge of protection around Zephyr Point with no major injuries or accidents.

Pray for our year-to-date funding needs. We are running behind in undesignated giving after the first half of the year – about \$3,000. Pray about making a generous donation today.