

THE STATE OF HOLLIS

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For now, we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face.
 (1 Corinthians 13:12)

Finding hope this past year was like looking through a grimy window or through a fog-shrouded valley. You could catch glimpses, but the light only got through dimly.

While we did not have the best year ever at Hollis, I am happy to report, that with your help we managed to retain all our staff, finish the Tiny Cabin Project and still welcome small groups to Hollis for hiking, camping and personal/family retreats.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

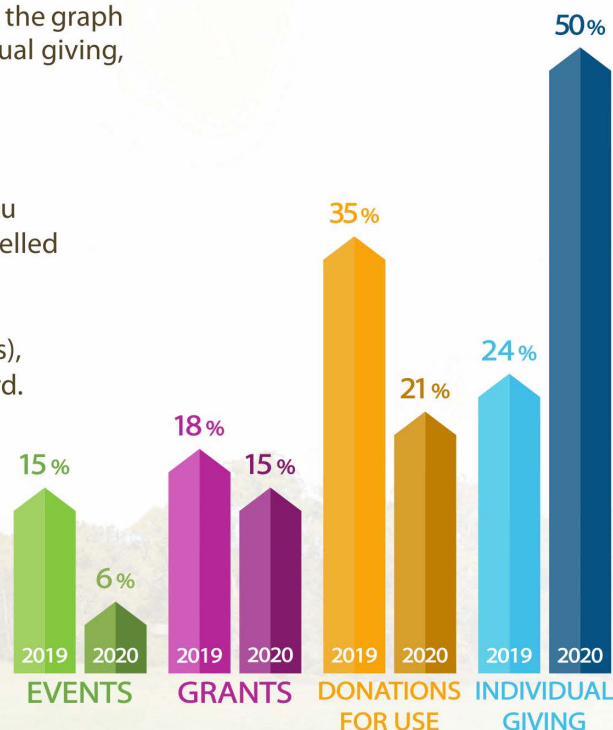
You kept this ministry afloat during a difficult year. As you can see in the graph below our income was divided between donations for use, Individual giving, grants and events. In 2019, those percentages were typical.

2019 & 2020 GIVING

In 2020, the huge increase through individual giving shows that you responded to our appeals for help when our events had to be cancelled and guests could not use our facilities due to the pandemic.

While we plan to resume some events in 2021 (see inside for details), we will still need your support and gifts to continue moving forward.

Thank you again for your part in keeping this ministry of hospitality strong for our community.





2020 HOLLIS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Hollis Volunteer of the Year, Steve Fogt, member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church has been a regular volunteer the past two years and a faithful presence, even during the pandemic. Steve is no stranger to Hollis, he served on the Board of Directors for nine years (2002-2009) and with his wife Sandy, has attended many Hollis events. After retiring from Cerner, Steve came back to Hollis to volunteer because he believes in our mission to provide a restful and reflective place for our guests. "Volunteering at Hollis gets me out of my house, I do something positive, there is good fellowship, I learn a lot, and in the pauses between jobs, we talk about our faith", says Steve.

Thank you Steve for your dedication and service!



Volunteers Richard, Steve, and Tom with Dave

VOLUNTEER AT HOLLIS

Hollis is not only a place but also a community of people dedicated to welcoming all though Christian hospitality. This welcoming spirit is exhibited in various ways ... Our guests "set the table" for the next group and our dedicated volunteers exhibit this sentiment by giving their time and talent. If you would like to become more involved in the Hollis community, we encourage you to reach out ... we would love to include you.

WAYS YOU CAN VOLUNTEER AT HOLLIS

- **Hollis Board of Directors**
Help shape the vision and future of Hollis
- **Thursday Volunteer Crew**
Ideal for those who love to work with your hands.
- **Trail Crew**
Ideal for families, scout troops and those who love the outdoors.
- **Hospitality Crew**
Help welcome guests to Hollis at events and provide snacks & meals for campers and counselors during Hollis Crossings Day Camp.
- **Scout & Eagle Scout Projects**
Projects that benefit from many hands or need dedicated focused specific effort.

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CHOICE DOLLARS & ACTION ITEMS

Are you a Thrivent Financial member? If so, please consider applying for a Thrivent Action Team to support a Hollis project, and/or allocating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Hollis, as we are an approved organization. 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars must be allocated by March 31, 2021, or else they are lost.



Past Thrivent ACTION TEAM PROJECTS

- Laundry Room Installation
- Tiny Cabin Painting
- Tiny Cabin Ladders

Current Needs & WISH LIST

- New Vacuum Cleaners for Tiny Cabins, Hideaway & Meadow Cottage
- New Sinks for Lodge Restrooms
- New Beds for Meadow Cottage
- Adirondack Chairs for Tiny Cabin Deck

2021 Project List

- Refurbish/Update Lodge Kitchen & Restrooms
- Build ADA Compliant Ramp for Tiny Cabin Deck
- Install Yard Hydrant at Tiny Cabin
- Rebuild Iconic Hollis Entrance Sign



POSSIBLE EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

- Build Wood Crib at Tiny Cabins
- Build Benches for Use at Tiny Cabins
- Build & Install New Cross at Hillside Chapel



Hike the hills of Hollis ... stretch your legs and help Hollis at the same time.



Originally scheduled for December 5, our reimagined Summer Art Fair features the works of local artisans and is hosted on the grounds Hollis to ensure safety for all involved. A portion of all sales, support the mission and ministry of Hollis. Complimentary Wine & Cheese provided for "of age" guests.



10 AM-12 PM

BrickWorks is a family friendly service program, hosted in partnership with THE GIVING BRICK.

SAVE THE DATE
BLESSINGS AROUND
BENEFIT
GOLF TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 20

SAVE THE DATE
CHILI COOK-OFF
& LIVE AUCTION
OCTOBER 10

SAVE THE DATE
12TH ANNUAL
HOLLIS WINTER
ART FAIR
DECEMBER 4



Hollis Crossings Summer Day Camp is hosted in partnership with Camp Tomah Shinga at Hollis Center. Stay tuned for details.

Registration opens Spring 2021.

TINY CABINS



Join us as we celebrate the efforts of many and dedicate our new Tiny Cabins. Dedication will take place on the same day as our Summer Art Fair. Come early or stay late to shop the works of local artisans.



Our new Tiny Cabins are the culmination of years of planning and 1.5 years of hard work by many, many volunteers. The cabins have effectively doubled our bed space, and provide an ideal location for individuals, couples and families to retreat from the rigors and stresses of daily life.

Book your retreat today.

www.holliscenter.org/tiny-cabins.html



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