



Westview on the James

2023

# MISSION IMPACT REPORT





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# MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER

Dear Friends,

I am very excited to be writing you today as the new Camp Director. For those who I have not had the privilege to meet, I'd like to briefly introduce myself. I was raised in nearby Henrico County and began attending Westview as a camper when I was 8 years old. In those days, I attended during the MADD (music, arts, drama, and dance) specialty week. Every summer I returned to Westview and when I was 15 years old I joined the staff as a Junior Counselor. I have not missed a summer of camp since. For 10 summers, I was a member of the Westview staff. The next 10 summers I served at other camps in the United Methodist connection.

It is wonderful to be back at the camp I called home for many years. I would like to thank my predecessor, Denny Flaherty, and our recently departed Program Manager, Mitchell Sasser, for their faithful service to Westview and wish them both the best in their new endeavors. Westview is a healthy, impactful organization because of their service and your support.

The work at Westview continues because of your support. We are currently deep into the preparations for summer 2024 and Retreat Season is now in full swing. It is clear in both cases that we stand on the shoulders of the servants and partners who come before us. Thank you for helping make sure that Camp Times continue to be the Best of Times!

*-Anthony Gomez*



# PROGRAM ADDENDEES



How many campers attended Westview-led programs this year?

Resident Camp

130

Adventure Camp

69

33

Camptoberfest

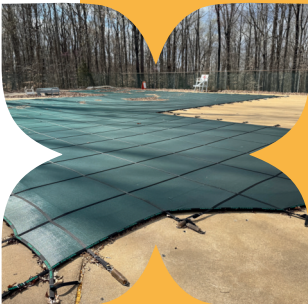
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Winter Camp



## WHAT ELSE HAPPENED IN 2023?

- A new pool cover for the Faber Pool
- Repaired the Edwards Lake Spillway
- Replaced the porch of Lakeside Dorm
- New metal bunks in 2 Hogans
- Two new office computers
- Metal roofs for Hogans 2 & 5
- Hogan 7 repainted
- New HVAC in Lakeside Lodge
- Significant plumbing repair in the Hogan Hill Bathhouse
- Two new entryway signs at the front of the property
- Replaced HVAC in Directors Home
- Firewood storage racks around Hogan Hill
- Dehumidifiers in every Hogan
- A Ring camera security system
- A new front gate with auto-closer
- New refrigerator in Homestead Lodge





# What are camp staff saying?

Quotes from 2024 staff interviews...



**“Westview really got me out of my comfort zone and it really changed my life.”**

**“Camp has always been a safe place for me. It’s helped me branch out and meet new people. I’m still connected with lots of people I’ve met at camp. It’s helped me grow in my faith as well.”**



**“When I got to Westview I got the attention I needed, I wasn’t constantly thinking about acting out.”**



**“Whenever I’m at Westview I feel like I can really be myself.”**

# RETREAT OPERATIONS

**When summer camp is not in session, the facilities are available for groups to rent for retreats.**

Our retreat guests include churches, non-profits, families, schools, and educational groups.



**41 different groups held retreats in 2023**



**These groups brought 1,863 people to Westview**



**1,007 meals were served to retreat guests**



**Through a new partnership, every 5th and 6th grader in Goochland public schools visited camp for a day of activity and education**





# What does 2024 hold for Westview?

## Welcoming back All Gods Children Camp

This Virginia Conference Program serves children with incarcerated parents. A week of camp was held at Westview for many years, and we are excited to welcome them back this summer.

## Renovation of the Hogan Hill bathhouse

After many years of service, the Hogan Hill bathhouse is due for some significant repairs and updates. This project will require the support of both donors and skilled volunteers. We know this building serves many campers and guests each year and this project will significantly improve their camp experience.

## Resurfacing the Faber Pool

One of our most beloved summer activities, the pool has begun having issues with the surface. To make sure the surface is safe for the feet of our swimmers, the current surface will be removed and then professionally reinstalled this Autumn.

## A new fundraiser for Care & Connect

Taking inspiration from one of our favorite camp activities, the Board of Trustees will host a game of Ultimate Frisbee between current and former staff. Gifts from players, sponsors, and other supporters will go towards the Care & Connect Fund to send children to camp. The game will take place August 3rd, 2024.

