From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Five years ago, it seemed we regularly heard surprising comments like, “I lived in the area all my life and never knew Laurelville was here,” or “We didn’t think we were welcome or allowed to come to Laurelville.” God was opening our eyes.

It was not our intent to hoard Laurelville as a treasure, burying it underground like the third servant in the Parable of the Talents as in Matthew 25: 14-30. As Acts 1:8 directs, “And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere... to the ends of the earth.”

How should… would we respond?

Our calling was clear. God was challenging us to intentionally embrace our mission of Christ-like hospitality in new ways. We began our quest and focused our strategic planning to serve as a resource versus remaining a well-kept secret. We took steps such as renovating our pool, inviting community day guests to share it, launching Day Camp, and other outreach programs. We examined our marketing to explore why Laurelville was perceived by some as “exclusive,” then rebranded as “Laurelville Retreat Center,” all while continuing to model our Mennonite core values and faith traditions.

Fast forward to Feb. 12, 2022 when our maintenance building burned to the ground. During this time of upheaval, our Operations Director Robby Emerson and I were often overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from friends— both new and longstanding.

The biggest takeaway of 2022 is that the sheer number of people who love Laurelville and who have their very own personal Laurelville story and connection are innumerable. We pray God continues to use Laurelville as a special place where people are continually pointed to the love and goodness of Jesus. Thank you for supporting our ministry efforts!

Humbly yours,

Jeanette Lahm
Executive Director

Board Chair Report

Early one morning last year, I received a phone call from Jeanette that our maintenance building had been completely destroyed by fire. I was relieved to hear that no one was injured in the disaster. However, I was extremely sad because that is a building where I spent many days volunteering following the death of my wife four years ago. I was able to achieve healing and wholeness in my life as I built things in the shop, helped with maintenance, and interacted with the staff.

A week after the fire, my friend Duane and I joined others in helping clean up after the fire. I was amazed by the large group of volunteers and donated equipment from the local community and the neighboring camps. The cleanup was accomplished in half a day. I had never met most of the volunteers before, but they all spoke of the positive impact of Laurelville on their lives and the community. We were all there because of our gratefulness for Laurelville.

Laurelville is thankful for all the support it receives from Association members, clients, community members, staff and volunteers. Our ministry would not be possible without the support of all. Gratitude is a two-way street. Whether we are giving or receiving, we are encouraged to do it cheerfully. On behalf of the board of directors, thank you for your support.

Thank you, volunteers, for serving 6,287 hours!

Pittsburgh Kids Foundation gets muddy!
### Program Report

Laurelville’s Program department returned to ministry as usual, with both Overnight and Day Camps operating at full capacity. Overnight Camp welcomed 164 campers, and Day Camp played in the sun with 184 campers! All of these young people had the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God, while learning new things and bonding with new friends.

We were especially excited to bring back a longstanding leadership development program, relaunched in 2022 as Laurelville Leadership Lab (L3). Facilitated by Association members Andrew Miller and Shannon Telenko, participants learned and applied valuable leadership skills in order to “lead with purpose.”

Community programs also continued to flourish. 255 kids learned to swim at Laurelville, and parents expressed their gratitude for this program. Programs such as Lunch and Learns or Sunset Yoga brought a wide variety of community members to Laurelville throughout the year, often for the first time.

### Hosted Report

Guest Services was busy in 2022, as we welcomed back numbers that were close to pre-pandemic years. One group that we were especially grateful to have back was Camp Raising Spirits, a cancer survivor group who comes to Laurelville each year to celebrate and refresh together.

“We can’t believe it’s getting close to 3 (THREE!!) decades ago when a group of oncology nurses and supporters began inviting adult cancer survivors to this spectacular retreat center filled with love and healing warmth. Covid held us hostage for 2 seasons but it was sooo wonderful to be back in 2022. Our theme this year was “Life is a Circus.” We were entertained by clowns, magicians, and aerial acts, plus lots of other activities that greatly resembled the 3-ring circus that these times have become.

The wonderful staff of Laurelville were able to help us “keep all the balls in the air” as they kept us cozy, safe and well fed, and even provided perfect weather! What a wonderful homecoming we had and look forward to our next adventure in 2023.”

-Camp Raising Spirits Planning Committee
On Feb 12th, 2022 our staff received a call that no one ever wants to receive — a fire had completely destroyed our maintenance building and everything in it. There had been a malfunction of equipment inside the building, which caused the fire. We were so grateful no one was hurt, but at first the sense of loss was overwhelming. However, almost immediately, we were surrounded by people who love Laurelville, and we quickly realized that circle was bigger than we ever imagined.

Many of us know Laurelville is a special place, and in the past few decades, Laurelville’s board, leadership, and staff have been intentional about making connections and building relationships. None of us knew how far those connections had reached until, without asking, our community (far and wide!) surrounded us to help rebuild from this devastation.

One of our guests, Ted Martin, who was staying on grounds during the fire later wrote to tell us about his connection to Laurelville and the many years he had spent coming as a child and young adult. He wrote “Laurelville is a place of healing and joy. It is a place of affirmation and love; it is a place where God encounters you.”

Showing Christ-like hospitality to all who visit and providing a space for people to relax, refresh, and renew has been central to our mission for many years. When we opened the new pool in 2019, we hoped it would become a way to connect to...
our neighborhood, provide a safe place for families, and ultimately to minister to our local community. This year, our community ministered to us. They showed up and demonstrated their love for Laurelville in tangible ways — donating time, money, and supplies to help us rebuild. They also reached out with countless messages of support and prayer. When we say we could not have done this without YOU — we aren’t exaggerating.

We are so grateful to everyone who sent messages, called, donated, volunteered, and prayed for us this year. How blessed we are by you, our dear friends! We praise God for this special place and the many people who love and care for it.

Thank you!
Financial Report
For year ending Dec. 31, 2022

Revenue, Gains, & Other Support – 2022

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Expenses

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**Total Expenses** $1,699,178

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Maintenance Report

2022 showed us that just because you might experience a setback, through the grace of God, and the support of helping hands, much can still be accomplished. Along with working on the cleanup from the maintenance fire, and starting construction on the new building, here are some projects that we completed in 2022:

- Sealed and cleaned Meetinghouse ceiling
- Replaced Meetinghouse carpet with vinyl flooring
- Split wood and filled the wood shed with the help of Central Christian School volunteers
- Added electric to the new pool pavilion
- Painted 10 Guesthouse rooms and bathrooms, and replaced 10 HVAC units
- Remodeled and refreshed SH 202 bathroom
- Relocated and replaced dishwasher booster heater
- Replaced the HVAC in the Motel rooms with mini split units
- Added structural support to the Lodge
- Added a new Day Camp shed
- Replaced pool heater
- Added pickle ball to outdoor recreation
- Replaced fire escapes on Lodge
- Refinished all outdoor rocking chairs
- Replaced HVAC at Zurich
- Continued work on High Alp:
  - Cleaned balconies
  - Replaced plumbing
  - Added 3rd bathroom
  - Replaced electric panel
  - Replaced and repaired drywall
Leadership Staff
Jeanette Lahm, Executive Director
Robby Emerson, Operations Director
Mary Kaufman, Program Director
Hannah Kupets, Director of Guest Services
Lenise Plas, Co-Food Service Director (as of Aug ’22)
Cindy Rall, Co-Food Service Director (through Dec ’22)

Year-Round Support Staff
Regis Biller, Maintenance Tech*
Chevelle Biller, Intern (as of Sept ’22)
Craig Bruce, Craig Bruce, Food Service Coordinator’ (through Aug ‘22)
Amy Craig, Guest Services Manager’
Tracy Edwards, Intern (through May ‘22)
Brianna Grief, Intern (as of Sept ‘22)
Paul Johnson, Pool Coordinator’
Christina Juliano, Office Manager and Program Coordinator
Regis Kaufman, Intern
Kyle King, Intern (through Aug ’22)
Brenda Johnson, Guest Services Coordinator’
Sam Leighty, Housekeeping’
Susan Leighty, Housekeeping Coordinator’
David Maurer, Assistant Maintenance Director (through Sept ‘22)
Steve Meyer, Guest Services Manager and Intern Coordinator
Leah Rittenhouse, Youth Program Manager’ (as of Oct ’22)
Maya Tuls, Intern (as of Sept ‘22)
Lisa Wilson, Welcome Center Coordinator’
And dozens of seasonal staff; Laurelville’s ministry couldn’t happen without them!
*Part time