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The mission of Marble Retreat is to help bring healing, hope and restoration to those in vocational Christian ministry and the Church at large through Christ-centered brief intensive counseling.

Winter 2017

Save the Marble Retreat Campus!

Over the history of Marble Retreat the house, which is separate from the lodge, on our campus has always been owned by the directors. It first belonged to Louis and Melissa McBurney and then was sold to Steve and Patti Cappa when they were directors. The Cappas are ready to sell the home giving Marble Retreat a great opportunity to buy it and keep our campus intact, secluded, and quiet. If you could prayerfully consider giving to our capital campaign, we would greatly appreciate it. You can donate online through our website at www.marbleretreat.org or send a check to Marble Retreat, P.O. Box 176, Carbondale, Co 81623. For more information



Aerial view of Marble Retreat

about the capital campaign, please check out our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/marbleretreat/>

A Client's Experience

"I really appreciated both Mike and Kari's gentleness, kindness, and insight. I appreciated that they did not "beat around the bush" but named things that they saw in me/my behavior. I am grateful that they brought up things that I had not yet been able to see about myself."

"I also valued the community of having others here. It was really cool to see how God arranged who would be here for this particular session. I am grateful for what I gained through these 8 days."

"The birds, flower boxes, amazing views, prayer walk, nozebo, couches and patio chairs, hot tub, quiet environment, puzzles, room fans, beautiful rooms, lots of pillows on the bed, abundant sunshine, everchanging clouds, glorious mountains, fire pit & s'mores, blanket of stars in the night sky, jeep rides, waterfalls...all blessed me and fed my soul. Thank you for all of the special touches/creativity/care that went into this week."

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Thank You LifeBridge and Woodsplitting Crew!

A work crew from LifeBridge Christian Church in Longmont, Colorado joined us for several days this summer. And they sure are a work crew. We always have a list of to-dos for them and they get to work. We are always pleased and amazed at how much gets done and how well they do. This year they cut down trees, replaced an old wood door with a beautiful glass door to let in more sun, deep cleaned, replaced old light fixtures, stained the nozebo, organized our library, and on and on. It is hard to put into words what an encouragement they are to us "missionaries" serving up here in the wilderness of Marble. Thank you LifeBridgers! Job well done!



We also had our annual Labor Day woodcutting and splitting day with volunteers from Marble Community Church and The Church at Redstone. Thank you for your hard work!



Quotes From Our Guests

"This was a life-defining week for me. I know it will impact me for months and years to come."

"I was totally ministered to!"

"Thanks so much for this experience. I feel like we can face the future with hope!"

"Mike, Kari, Bob, Lisa and the entire Marble experience was truly a gift from God and just what we needed. The simple phrase of "Thank you!" is nowhere near adequate to express how grateful we are to you all, but we offer it with full sincerity!"

"Janelle was prompt, courteous, helpful, and great with follow through on everything."

"It will be a while before the true impact of our time at Marble Retreat will be realized, but I know this much already, these days have been life-changing. The tools you have given us will make a real difference. The encouragement and support of yourselves and the group have been good for me, I truly believe better days are ahead. You have most definitely found your calling, forever grateful."

"I am so happy to have met Lisa and Bob. They host really well! I felt welcomed by their hospitality and warmth, loved by their service, and refreshed by their humor."

"Office staff was available, considerate, and helpful. Nothing could have been better."

"I am so grateful to you two for letting me participate in the Marble Retreat! Thank you for sharing your knowledge about counseling, sharing stories about your lives, helping me speak out areas of darkness in my life, and working through the knots, fearlessly. You two are examples of how to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strengths in your service to others. Thank you for following your calling! Thank you most of all for meeting me where I was at – spiritually, emotionally, financially. Without your willingness to use your gifts to help and God's amazing grace, I would still have had nowhere to "unpack" my bags from serving as a missionary. Please continue to heal and inspire others!"

"I was so blessed by the host couple's willingness to take us around, to go hiking. I appreciated their relaxed and calm personality and nature. They really made me feel at home. Every meal felt gourmet and had some special touch!"

"Mike and Kari's biblical and psychiatric knowledge were really impressive and effective."

"I've been to other retreats but received the most from this one."



Would you like to receive our newsletter and other updates electronically? If so, then email our office at ministrycare@marbleretreat.org.

Woodstove Insert Update

In our last newsletter we mentioned it is estimated to cost us \$8,000 to replace our worn-out flue and wood stove insert. So far you have generously given \$5,000. We really appreciate it! When the chimney company came out to make a closer inspection they did a temporary fix which may get us through this winter, which buys us a little more time to raise the funds. We will still need to replace before next winter so just \$3000 more and we won't have to knit sweaters for everyone.



Scholarship funds for John and Mary

This summer we sent out an email blast asking for help raising funds for John and Mary, a pastor and his wife who have given a lot and suffered a lot for the Kingdom. Our commitment at Marble Retreat is to not let finances be an obstacle for someone in full time ministry who needs to come. We regularly work at raising scholarship funds but sometimes the need is greater than what has come in and we find ourselves in the situation where we are out of funds but the needs keep on rolling. Such was the case with John and

Mary – they have extremely limited personal and church funds to put towards coming but they really need to come. We are so pleased and excited to report that enough was raised to give a full scholarship to John and Mary. Thank you so much – this is such a blessing to John and Mary, to the Kingdom, and to Marble Retreat.

Marble Retreat Needs List

Here are our top three needs to consider when donating to Marble Retreat:

- Our capital campaign to purchase the Cappa home and keep our campus intact.
- Our scholarship fund – we are always in need of scholarship funds so that we can continue helping pastors and missionaries in need.
- Our flue and wood burning insert fund – we only need \$3000 more to get the job done.

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