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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.

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Raising 50 for Marble Retreat's 50th Anniversary

As you can read from the many testimonials in this newsletter from Marble Retreat guests who received a scholarship to attend a session at Marble Retreat, the intensives in some cases not only saved their marriages, and their relationship with their children, but also gave them the strength to continue to minister to their communities.

In February of 2024, Marble Retreat will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Over these 50 years, bringing hope and healing to Christian Leaders through Christ-centered counseling has remained constant and we have maintained a commitment to **not let finances stand in the way of a ministry leader getting the help that they need.**



Because of our scholarship fund, we have been able to assist pastors and missionaries who desperately needed to attend a life-giving session at Marble Retreat but couldn't afford it. **These scholarships have been made possible because of your generosity. Last year alone, we gave \$77,250 in scholarship assistance.** These scholarships were received by 84 different ministry leaders.

Since 2018, we have awarded \$243,975 in scholarships, which not only positively impacted the Christian Leader's personal life, family, and ministry, but had a ripple effect into their greater community as their changed life impacted the lives of those they serve. We have often given these scholarship discounts off our program, even when we didn't have a scholarship fund from which to draw.

For our 50th Anniversary, we are raising \$50,000 in donations to replenish our scholarship fund. With your support, we want to make it possible for more struggling Christian Leaders to attend a session at Marble Retreat. A donation, of any amount, helps.

Please consider giving to the Marble Retreat Scholarship Fund. You can donate by using your debit or credit card through our website marbleretreat.org or by a check mailed to Marble Retreat P.O. Box 176 Carbondale, CO 81623. **For additional information** please contact Cheryl at ministrycare@marbleretreat.org or call (970) 963-2499.

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Would you like to donate to a special designated scholarship fund?

This past year, we had a generous family start a scholarship fund in honor of a personal loss. This scholarship fund is reserved for those who have suffered the loss of a child.

The Catherine Elizabeth Carpenter Scholarship Fund makes it possible for Pastors, Missionaries, and other Christian Leaders who have lost a child to receive support by attending an intensive at Marble Retreat Christian Counseling Center.



As a result of *The Catherine Elizabeth Carpenter Scholarship Fund*, **we have been honored to come alongside several families during their indescribable time of grief and offer support.**

We would like to see this scholarship fund continue for many more years.

Do you feel led to give to this special need? If so, you can designate your scholarship gift to this fund.

The Value of a Scholarship: Stories of Life-Change

“Marble Retreat will forever be a landmark moment in our lives, marriage, and ministry. Marble Retreat gave us the opportunity to safely heal from the wounds and lies of a broken world. Together, we received the opportunity to share our stories and to walk in healing, all under the wise and loving tutelage of the counselors. As a couple, we were benefactors of the patient, strong, and gracious love that Mindy pours into her people. In a great many ways, we met Jesus anew at Marble. Our retreat would not have been possible without the generosity of those who support this incredible ministry. Thanks for all you do to make Marble Retreat the safe haven it is!”

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“It’s hard to determine who “saved” my marriage, was it the counselor and her profound gift of knowledge, compassion and deep perception or was it the environment that Marble Retreat creates for people who arrive there without hope, broken, and desperate? Obviously, it’s a combination of both. I arrived at Marble Retreat desperate and without hope for myself and my marriage and somewhere between day two and three, I felt I had found my tribe, people, who were like me. People looking for healing and willing to unearth whatever it was that was holding us back from living a fuller life. The counselors were key to those first steps toward living a fuller life. And now that we are home, we are using the tools and wisdom gleaned from our time at Marble. Thank you for making a real difference in these pastor’s lives.”

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“I think all of us have watershed moments that set the trajectory for the rest of our lives. Marble Retreat was one of those for me. Life and deeply painful pastoral experiences left me wounded and sinking in pain and depression. Instead of just trying to hold on, my time at Marble Retreat opened the path to healing. The godly and compassionate insight of the counselors, the hospitality and wonderful meals from our host, the lodge itself in the mountains, the group receiving care with us—all divinely orchestrated and custom fit for me. Our time revived my marriage and probably saved my relationship with my kids. My kids got their dad back. I am forever grateful to the staff at Marble Retreat, and to each person whose financial gifts afforded my wife and me the opportunity to attend. God worked through you to give us hope and begin the process of healing.”

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Stories of Life-Change (cont.)

“Over time, ministry took a toll on me. Anger and tears were common. At times it has been incapacitating. It was difficult to focus on sermon writing and other positive aspects of ministry. It was also hard to know how to reach out for help and who to ask for help. It’s been extremely isolating. My time at Marble Retreat was transformative and freeing. My church paid for a significant part of it but could not afford it all. A scholarship from Marble Retreat made the rest possible. Thank you for making that possible! The financial gifts you make to Marble are well used and will impact my ministry for years to come.”

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I had the opportunity to go to Marble Retreat when I was in a season of complete desperation. After 20+ years of ministry and a recent job transition, I found myself in a state of depression for the first time of my life. I “randomly” found Marble Retreat and thanks to the generosity of others, was able to receive a scholarship to attend. It was life changing. Since my time at Marble, I have recommended and sent several friends and each of them had significant healing. I will forever be grateful to God for how Marble deeply impacted my life. This sacred space will always be an integral part of my story.

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Even when you find a great resource for healing, like Marble, the cost is often a significant investment (as many good, worthwhile things are). I especially appreciated the scholarship because I serve a small congregation where my wife and I often pay for ministry expenses out of our family budget. A scholarship helped make my time at Marble Retreat possible. I want to thank donors who give to this scholarship fund for embodying the best of the body of Christ, and for the key role in helping me heal. One part of the body inflicted hurt. Another part of the body provided healing. Thank you.”

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*“Initially my husband didn’t want to attend the retreat and when he realized the cost of it, whatever little desire was there, quickly disappeared, but he committed to go anyway. Because I was desperate to find help for our marriage, I would have looked for the funds at any cost. And that would have been SO STRESSFUL. But because of the generosity of the scholarship Marble Retreat provided, it **really** made a huge difference for us. With some of the financial stress removed, I could breathe and concentrate on working out our marital problems. So, THANK YOU for alleviating a financial stressor at a very challenging time in our lives. It made a huge difference.”*

Please consider giving to the Marble Retreat Scholarship Fund.

Your gift of any size will help a Christian Leader attend a session at Marble Retreat and will have exponential impact on their life, marriage, ministry, and community.

Ways to donate: online at marbleretreat.org

mail a check to: Marble Retreat, PO Box 176
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2024 SESSION DATES

JAN 16 – 25
JAN 30 – FEB 8
FEB 13 – 22
MAR 12 – 21
APR 16 – 25
APR 30 – MAY 9
MAY 14 – 23
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JUN 18 – 27
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AUG 6 – 15
AUG 20 – 29
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OCT 8 – 17
OCT 29 – NOV 7
NOV 12 – 21
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Happy Thanksgiving from Marble Retreat!

What is the value of a scholarship offered to a Christian Ministry Leader in need of attending one of our life-giving intensives at Marble Retreat?

This newsletter is full of testimonies from those who received a scholarship to attend a session at Marble Retreat. We invite you to read the stories of life-change to get a small glimpse into the impact of a gift to our scholarship fund.

The Board and Staff of Marble Retreat thank God for your friendship and support and pray His many blessings on you and yours this Thanksgiving. We are deeply grateful to have partners in ministry like you! Your prayer and financial support is absolutely essential as we serve Christian leaders and those in ministry.

