

November 2023

Dear Hidden Acres Friends,

We welcome this opportunity to connect with you as the year is wrapping up. Hidden Acres has always been a special place for our own family, and we have been very blessed by the summer camp and retreat ministry. We now have a new opportunity to bless future guests. You may have heard of our plan to construct a canopy over the outdoor basketball court, which is called an "airnasium." The outdoor basketball court is the concrete pad just south of the Family Life Center. We have had a string of hot summers, and airnasiums are common in warmer southern U.S. states to combat heat and intense sunlight. We honestly see an airnasium as a unique way to expand the ministry of Hidden Acres more than just providing shade against the hot sun.



Hidden Acres now has over 20,000 annual guests along with 3,700 summer campers (K-12 students). Our ability to care for and extend hospitality to that many guests has become more of a challenge when large groups desire to use camp. While we have used the basketball court as our outdoor chapel for worship and teaching time, Hidden Acres has growing events like our Men's Retreat, Sportsmen's Retreat, and Family Camp where the extreme heat or cold makes using an outdoor space tough. We now also have churches, colleges, and youth ministry groups that want to bring large groups of 700-900 guests at one time. While that is an awesome opportunity, we simply do not have adequate facilities to allow larger groups to be together in one place for worship and teaching time. However, never fear - the Lord has impressed upon our hearts a solution...an airnasium at camp!

Throughout this letter are photos of the Airnasium over the existing basketball court. Phase one of the project is to construct the shell of the building, including one solid wall, three open walls, and large garage-style doors that will allow us to enclose the Airnasium. This flexible building style will allow us to provide a large gathering place in any season of the year. Phase two of the project will include interior finishes like utilities, sheetrock, seating, and a stage area. Overall, this structure falls right in line with the new mission statement of Hidden Acres as "A place set apart to encounter Jesus!"





Expected Costs:

\$700,000 for exterior shell, insulation, and doors (\$300,000 has already been earmarked in our development fund – praise the Lord!)

\$150,000 to finish the interior

Fundraising Goal: \$850,000

There are many ways to reach this goal! Here's one example:

\$300,000 earmarked already	+	\$100,000 200 people give \$500	+	\$200,000 200 people give \$1,000	+	\$100,000 50 people give \$2,000	+	\$150,000 larger gifts from churches and individuals
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Now is the time when Hidden Acres would be very blessed with your financial support for the Airnasium! Please pray about how to help us fund this project. Please join us in donating and supporting this project that will enhance our ministry to future guests. Feel free to reach out to us at 712-369-1531, or call the Hidden Acres office at 515-547-2751.

Warm Blessings!

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