



**WITH OPEN ARMS**  
MAR-LU-RIDGE



## WELCOMING WITH OPEN ARMS »

The Board of Directors has authorized the **With Open Arms** capital campaign to provide the funding necessary for these site improvements.

Contributions are sought in the form of cash, appreciated marketable securities, land, or other assets that can be readily converted to cash. If you would like to make a non-cash gift, please contact Sarah Lefler, Executive Director, for transfer and broker information.

Gifts will be received from individuals, families, businesses, organizations, foundations, and congregations. Friends of the Mar-Lu-Ridge community are invited to respond, as able, with a three-year commitment to this effort. However, gifts extending beyond three years are certainly welcome, as are one-time contributions and gifts made over a shorter timeframe.

## IMPROVING OUR WELCOME »

As contributions to the **With Open Arms Campaign** are received, we have prioritized the following improvements to increase MLR's hospitality, inclusion, and accessibility for all people.

1. We will make the Ridge Inn fully accessible for all guests and visitors. An elevator will be installed so that guests with mobility needs may easily and safely access the top floor. Adding public restrooms on the lower level and installing automated doors will expand our hospitality in new ways.
2. Next, we plan to improve Cabin 3—our most-requested, most-used cabin—with an accessible restroom and a refreshed interior. Siding will replace the log exterior to prevent further decay from pests.
3. Carpenter bees have damaged a significant portion of Potomac Lodge's exterior log structure. New concrete siding will be added to protect this building.
4. Cabins 1 and 2 are beyond repair and are no longer in use. These buildings will be removed to allow for increased green space.

The old swimming pool at Area 3 is no longer serviceable. We plan to remove this feature and level the ground for group gathering space. This area is in near-constant use thanks to renovations and upgrades by MLR staff. In time, we will develop this space with an accessible pavilion.

5. In 2020, MLR secured the main camp water reservoir, which was leaking. Gifts to the **With Open Arms Campaign** will help to quickly clear the remaining \$220,000 debt acquired for the reservoir development.

# ESTIMATED COSTS

Ridge Inn Accessibility	\$ 1,000,000
Cabin 3 Improvements	\$ 230,000
Potomac Lodge Siding	\$ 200,000
Pool and Cabins Removal	\$ 100,000
Pavilion	\$ 250,000
Reservoir Debt retirement	\$ 220,000
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000</b>



## CHALLENGE GOAL »

With funds contributed in excess of the campaign goal, bathrooms and furniture throughout Ridge Inn will be renovated and replaced. MLR will refresh as many of these spaces as financial resources are available.

*I was very pleased to hear that Mar-Lu-Ridge is planning to make the Ridge Inn fully accessible. Before Parkinson's, neither Judy [MLR Staff 1973, 1974] or I realized how crucial accessibility can be for those with mobility issues. By deciding to make Ridge Inn accessible, we can welcome so many people with mobility issues who might otherwise stay home due to a "fear of falling".*

- Dave Price, MLR Volunteer 1968, 1972, 1973, 1974

## MAR-LU-RIDGE MISSION

Rooted in Christ, we welcome all to encounter God's love through sacred hospitality, deepening relationships, and care for creation.