

# SERVANT'S OASIS

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ENRICHING, ENLIGHTENING  
& EMPOWERING  
SERVANT-LEADERS

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# OUR PURPOSE

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TO ENRICH, ENLIGHTEN AND EMPOWER  
SERVANT-LEADERS PHYSICALLY,  
EMOTIONALLY, MENTALLY AND  
SPIRITUALLY, INSPIRING THEM TO LIVE  
AND WORK EFFECTIVELY AND  
TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.



Offering training seminars, small-group discussions, quiet reflection and relationship-building opportunities, the Servant's Oasis retreat center will refresh and grow participants so they can expand and enhance contributions to their various communities and the world.

**Please consider joining us and making this life-changing mission a reality.**



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# AN IDEA IS BORN

As the child of a pastor, Dr. Roy Smith grew up seeing the many needs of local communities throughout Pennsylvania. Similar to today, issues like poverty, addiction, domestic violence, physical challenges, mental health issues, family conflict and spiritual needs were common struggles for the people of these communities. It was not unusual for his

father to receive phone calls or visitors asking for help.

Dr. Smith learned at a young age his responsibility to do whatever he could to help people in need experience God's love. His understanding of God's call to serve others led Dr. Smith to become a licensed psychologist, counselor and ordained minister (Matthew 20:28).

Through his early life experiences, along with working with and observing many other individuals who give of themselves to help others thrive, a need came to light and a dream was conceived. That dream is the creation of a beautiful haven—the Servant's Oasis retreat center, a place where these dedicated servants can step back to reflect, refresh and grow and, in so doing, be equipped to serve others to the best of their abilities (Matthew 25:35-40).



# AN OVERLOOKED NEED

Servant-leaders such as counselors, ministers, healthcare workers, educators, missionaries, parents, coaches and mentors are an essential part of the healthy development, safety, education, physical health and spiritual enrichment of our communities. They are passionate about extending God's love to people and treating all with respect, value and dignity. These servant-leaders believe no task is insignificant if it contributes to lifting up others.

However, the efforts, consistent sacrifice and positive impact of these humble individuals often go unnoticed or are unacknowledged. Lacking support or encouragement, losing sight of the importance of their own physical, emotional and spiritual

well-being, unresolved trauma from their past and a tendency to personalize the struggles of others can all lead to frustration, discouragement, self-destruction and burnout.

Left unaddressed, this unhealthy state begins to undermine the servant's ability to give as they once did. They feel underappreciated, misunderstood and depleted. Sadly, their faith in themselves, those they serve, their communities and God begins to disappear, and they end up doing what they tell others never to do—they give up (2 Corinthians 6:4).

## 2 COR. 8:3-4

I TELL YOU THAT  
THEY GAVE AS  
MUCH AS THEY  
COULD... THEY  
BEGGED US FOR THE  
CHANCE TO SHARE  
IN SERVING THE  
LORD'S PEOPLE IN  
THAT WAY.





# OUR VISION

Servants need a time to center themselves and focus on their own self-care in order to sustain and even increase their positive impact on their communities (Psalm 46:10).

With a focus on total wellness, the Servant's Oasis retreat center not only will provide a rejuvenating experience but also will teach servants to value themselves along

with their mission. Wellness elements will include:

- Private and communal time to meet with God and listen to His messages away from the noise of everyday life.
- Time to evaluate family relationships and other support systems in ways that encourage personal growth.

# OUR VISION

- Different types of seminars and workshops to help build identity, lead others more effectively and feel supported as leaders.

The impact of intentionally building up these servant-leaders will extend to the communities they serve in monumental ways. By helping them clarify their priorities, both for

their mission and for themselves, we can ensure that their positive contributions continue far into the future.

## MARK 6:31

JESUS SAID TO HIS APOSTLES,  
“COME WITH ME BY  
YOURSELVES TO A QUIET  
PLACE. YOU NEED TO GET  
SOME REST.”

# OUR HISTORY

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In 1993, Servant's Oasis was established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Over the last 25 years, Servant's Oasis has made a difference at a local, national and international level by supporting ministries and providing ministry through:

- Educational opportunities.
- Helping missionaries' college-age children adjust to life in the United States.
- Developing training programs to help those struggling with addiction, parenting, sexuality,

ISA. 43:10

I HAVE CHOSEN  
YOU TO BE MY  
SERVANT.  
I WANTED YOU  
TO KNOW ME  
AND BELIEVE  
IN ME.

# OUR HISTORY

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## JOB 2:3

HAVE YOU  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT MY  
SERVANT JOB?  
...HE IS HONEST.  
HE DOES WHAT  
IS RIGHT. HE  
HAS RESPECT  
FOR GOD AND  
AVOIDS EVIL.

self-care, wellness, marriage, leadership, grief and loss and other personal growth issues.

- Partnering with LiveUp Resources to distribute faith-based, growth-inspiring books, DVD series and resources for men, women and youth. These resources help servants who diligently work in the field of rescue missions, homeless shelters and prisons succeed in their mission.



# OUR FUTURE

From its inception, the primary goal of Servant's Oasis has been to create a retreat center to help strengthen and support community outreach organizations by investing in the servant-leaders who work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of others.

The Servant's Oasis retreat center is being developed on 150 acres in South Annville Township. Because Pennsylvania is known for its scenic farms and countryside, a beautiful dairy farm design has

been selected so that the entire retreat center campus will blend nicely with the farms and houses in the area. Campus buildings will include:

- Two dairy barn lodging halls (85 to 90 rooms total)
- A dairy barn dining hall
- A design-congruent chapel, meeting and training center
- A farmhouse registration, office and gathering center

# OUR FUTURE

Our goal is to create an environment where servant-leaders feel welcomed and comfortable so they can unwind and focus entirely on their renewal and growth (Luke 1:54; Mark 10:45).





JOHN 12:26

...WHERE I AM, MY  
SERVANT WILL ALSO  
BE. MY FATHER WILL  
HONOR THE ONE WHO  
SERVES ME.



Servant-leaders work in many fields and professions and have a diversity of work and personal needs. Thus, the programs offered at the retreat center will vary to meet and address numerous issues (Ezekiel 34:23; Psalm 119:125). Programs and seminars will include:

- Events for doctors, health professionals and addiction therapists to learn about current epidemics and their impacts.
- Leadership development programs for those who lead and work with women to help them strengthen their identities, purpose and relationships.
- Events for men to develop their manhood, which will in turn help them mentor fatherless boys and young men.
- Programs to strengthen marriages and establish strong, stable homes for children.
- Weekends to help families celebrate and grow in their relationships. Specific weekends will focus on mothers and daughters, mothers and sons, fathers and daughters, and fathers and sons.
- Self-care programs designed for healthcare workers, counselors, ministers and other servants to focus on their well-being throughout their service.
- Training programs dealing with unique challenges, such as trauma, grief and loss, family dynamics, fatherhood, leadership, wellness, special needs, mental health issues, addiction and losses resulting from addiction.



## Water Systems

The most immediate need for the retreat center is funding for the sewer and water systems that are required for a multibuilding campus. Construction on the actual buildings cannot begin without a sewer treatment plant and water system in place. The estimated cost for the design and installation of these systems is \$1,000,000.

## Building & Furnishings

Once the sewer and water systems are installed, construction of the campus buildings can begin. The preliminary cost range to construct and furnish the five proposed campus buildings is estimated at \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000.

## Endowment & Scholarships

In addition to construction costs, it is our hope to receive ongoing endowments to help offset the costs of running the retreat center as well as provide scholarship opportunities for servants who cannot afford the experience on their own.

# NEXT STEPS

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2 COR. 9:8

...YOU WILL HAVE  
EVERYTHING YOU  
NEED. YOU WILL DO  
MORE AND MORE  
GOOD WORKS.

# NEXT STEPS

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PROV. 18:16

A GIFT OPENS THE  
DOOR AND HELPS  
THE GIVER MEET  
IMPORTANT  
PEOPLE.

We are asking God to unite us with like-minded partners who will both pray for and financially support this project (Ecclesiastes 4:9). Are you perhaps one of those people? Please consider partnering with us in one or more of the following ways:

- Send a donation to:  
Servant's Oasis  
200 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lebanon, PA 17046
- Pray regularly for our board, our staff and the servant-leaders being refueled so that they can grow and continue to positively impact those they serve.



# THANK YOU

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU STRIVE  
TO HELP THOSE YOU MEET LIVE THE  
BEST LIVES POSSIBLE.



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