

From the Executive Director

The Henderson Settlement Leadership Team would like to sincerely thank all of you for the many ways you have encouraged and supported us in 2019! We have finished up the year in better financial shape, with support via donations having mostly made up for an uncharacteristically light 2019 Work Camp participation. As we've spoken with many of you, we know that you are making plans to bring work teams to Frakes in 2020. We are expecting a large crowd this year, and it's going to be a blast. We can't wait to welcome you back home!

We have a ton of exciting plans under way. A generous donor has provided $20K to help us kick off the **project to convert the vacant Clinic facility to our new Administration Building.** We've already begun to clear the facility, prepare for interior demolition, and have a volunteer who has graciously offered their skill as an architect to develop a design. We will share that plan with you soon.

We also plan to initiate an **update and improvement of the Community Park** located near our main campus. This facility plays an important role in many events celebrated by our community families, but it probably has the largest impact in the lives of our community children. Most childhood memories shared with me include some mention of the park. The park also plays a huge role in our Youth Development programming. We won't be able to bring the old pool back to life, but we hope to be able to include a much requested water feature in the new design. These plans are in their infancy, but this has been selected as one of our 3, On-Campus Priority Projects for 2020. (See Priority Projects article for more info.)

Please give us a call when you have a few minutes to talk. We'd love to share more about our hopes and dreams for our community in 2020, and we would also like to hear yours.

Jim Knight