



Falling for Barren Heights **Retreat Season Wrap Up**

Summer has quickly faded into fall, and we only have one retreat left! When all is said and done, we will have hosted 16 family retreats, our Ice Cream at the Patch event ([pg. 2](#)), launched our Fall/Winter event line up ([pg. 3](#)), and sent out the invitations for our [Annual Green & Gold Gala \(pgs. 3 & 4\)](#). Phew! Busy but impactful! We've listed all of our upcoming events [on our website](#) if you want to pop over there to learn more, including the dates for our winter specialty retreats for women, men, and married couples. As always, these community building, gospel growing, and family enriching opportunities are provided to families of children with disabilities at no cost to them! Learn more about the financial supporters who make these opportunities possible (and how you can help too!) on [page 6](#).

As you know, though, it's not the programming of Barren Heights that is our main focus but how everything we do aims to share the gospel, impact families, and glorify God. We ask that you continue to pray for our staff, board, and volunteers as we seek to honor Christ in all of our actions, in our planning, and in the way we treat those around us. It is such a blessing not only to serve this community but also to show them the love of Christ!





Something Loved with a New Twist **Ice Cream at the Patch**

In September, we put a spin on our beloved summer event, Ice Cream at the Park, and hosted a fall-filled (as fall as possible in a heat wave!) Ice Cream at the Patch. Hosted at Jericho Farmhouse in Smithfield, guests were able to grab a yummy scoop of fresh ice cream before riding the wagon out to pick pumpkins straight from the patch!



Upcoming Fall & Winter Events

Community events are back in full swing at Barren Heights! Grab your calendar and RSVP for any or all of these free events today. Not able to attend? We would love your prayers! Please pray for our staff as we plan, our volunteers as they serve, and for our guest families that feel loved, accepted, welcomed, and safe at all our events.

Women's Snack Group

October 15th • 10 a.m. • BH Community Center

Take a beat in the rush of school and fall activities to snack, pray, and breathe at Barren Heights. We'll have all the best snacks and a few relaxing activities and coloring pages to help us unwind from the busyness of everyday life. RSVP for snacky goodness!

Top Mission Men's Event

October 24th • 4 p.m. • Mission BBQ & Topgolf

Special needs dads are invited to come take a moment away from it all—plus get in some golf swing practice—at our Top Mission men's event. We'll start the evening with a hearty meal and a time of prayer, Scripture, and talking through the important things in life. Then we'll drive over to Topgolf to enjoy a high-tech golf game in climate-controlled hitting bays. RSVP: Only 3 spots left!

2026 Green & Gold Gala

November 7th • Doors at 5:00 p.m. • Dinner at 6:30 p.m. • Woodhaven Country Club

You and yours are cordially invited to a resplendent Green & Gold Gala to celebrate what the Lord has done and is doing through Barren Heights. We'll share in a delicious meal followed by a fun auction and raffle alongside all of our Barren Heights family. You can support Barren Heights by purchasing a ticket or table to attend, purchasing raffle tickets (coming soon!), making a donation, or becoming a business sponsor. Learn more here.

HoliDate Night

November 19th • 6:15–7:45 p.m. • SECC Blankenbaker

Join Growing Your Marriage leaders John & Lorie Weires for a one-night workshop and meal where couples can intentionally work on their relationships and grow closer to God. This event will be capped at 11 couples in order to provide a more intimate space for participants to open up and share. RSVP for a HoliDate!

Sensory-Friendly Christmas Party

December 5th • 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. • ecotech

Begin your family's holiday season with a visit from Santa and his elves in a sensory-friendly environment. Participants will enjoy yummy treats, holiday crafts, and, of course, time with the big guy himself. A photographer will be available to capture these special moments. Jingle all the way to our website to RSVP today!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
DOORS AT 5 PM • DINNER AT 6:30 PM
WOODHAVEN COUNTRY CLUB

Get your tickets today, and join us at Woodhaven Country Club on November 7th to see and experience the impact Barren Heights has been making on special needs families for more than 20 years—then join us in continuing our mission next year and beyond!

Our Gala is our largest annual fundraiser that sets us up to host free respite retreats and community events for special needs families all year long.

Your participation means a family who has a child with a disability can experience a free weekend getaway at our beautiful Retreat Center. Or a tired mom and dad will get a refreshing date night just before the rush of the holidays kick in. Your support means a child will be seen and celebrated for who they are, not what they can or can't do.

Your presence at our Gala means someone's story will be heard and the impact they felt shared. It's more than just a night out. It's a chance to make a real difference in someone's life!

[Purchase Tickets or Donate Here](#)



Can't make it to the Gala but still want to get in on the fun?

Green & Gold Gala Year of Date Nights Raffle

12 \$100 gift cards to dateworthy Louisville area restaurants



A Taste of What's Included:

MALONE'S

Connors
Steak & Seafood

Doc Crow's
★ SOUTHERN SMOKERHOUSE
& RAW BAR

BRASSERIE
Provence

211 Clover
Lane

Buck's
RESTAURANT

Treat yourself (and someone special!) to 12 nights out on the town with this exclusive raffle prize of 12 \$100 gift cards to some of Louisville's top-notch restaurants. You do not have to be present to win!

Purchase tickets at bh2026.givesmart.com

Year of Date Nights!

Gifts cards of \$100 to 12 different
Louisville area dining experiences:

- Malone's
- Connor's Steak & Seafood
- Brasserie Provence
- 211 Clover Lane
- Doc Crow's Restaurant
- Buck's Restaurant
- & more!

1 for \$25, 3 for \$65, or 5 for \$100



1...2...3...Go BH Grant Supporters!

All of our community building, gospel growing, and family enriching events and retreats are made possible through the generous financial support we receive from charitable organizations, foundations, and our one-time and monthly donors. We are so thankful for their investment in the lives of families who have special needs children. Their support makes a tangible impact on the families of Barren Heights! This past quarter, seven organizations gave BIG to support our mission. **Take a moment to read through this list of generous donors, and click available links to learn more about them.**

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