Christian Record Today
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Dear Center for,

Thirty years ago, country singer Lee Greenwood debuted "God Bless the USA." I get goosebumps even now when I hear that song, especially when I think about the family and friends who have served our country.

Memorial Day weekend is about remembering those who gave their lives to protect the freedoms we enjoy today in the United States.

I, for one, am grateful.

Blessings!

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CRSB Annual Day of Giving Survey

We need your help! Christian Record is conducting a short survey about the Annual Day of Giving, which was April 12. The survey is anonymous and should take about 10 minutes to complete. Access to the...
Help "Spruce Up" the Christian Record Campus through Give to Lincoln Day

How does a person who is blind or visually impaired tour a garden? The best experiences come when guests can touch and smell (and sometimes taste) the garden plants.

Christian Record has such a space at its headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska. This garden, installed in 2011 through a local area contest, gives all visitors the opportunity to touch and smell a variety of plants.

You can help enhance these "touch tours" and also beautify the Christian Record campus. The best part? It's easy and you don't have to live in Lincoln, Nebraska to help.

More . . .

Help Us Find Campers!

Do you know someone who is blind or visually impaired who would like to attend a National Camps for Blind Children (NCBC) camp this summer?

12 NCBC camps are being offered this year in areas across the United States. Donor support covers the expenses of these camps. What these camps need are more people to attend.

What happens at NCBC camp? These camps are very much like standard summer camps. Campers enjoy being out in nature, riding horses, water skiing, climbing, and more (may vary by location).

If you know of someone, age 9-65, who is blind
or visually impaired and would like to attend an NCBC camp, here's what you can do:

- Talk with them about camp.
- Assist them with completing and mailing the application.
- Offer to sponsor their travel to camp (all expenses are covered when they arrive).
- Send letters and postcards while they're at camp.
- Ask your camper to share his or her camp experience at your church or service club.

For more information about NCBC camps, click here.

**What is Christian Record?**

Christian Record Services for the Blind (CRSB) offers materials, programs, and friendship to children and adults who are blind or visually impaired.

The following services are provided free to all qualified individuals:

- Magazines and resources in braille, large print, and audio
- Audio lending library
- Bible school
- National Camps for Blind Children (NCBC)
- inSight4Vets digital players

To learn more about Christian Record and to request information about enrolling in services, click here.

All services and programs offered by Christian Record Services for the Blind are funded by generous financial gifts. Would you consider giving a gift today to help a person who is blind see Jesus?
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2014 Christian Record Annual Day of Giving Survey

1. Did your church use the offering DVD, Give the Blind a Chance?

   Yes, we used the DVD.
   
   Yes, we used a downloaded copy.
   
   No

2. If you showed the DVD from Christian Record at your church, WHAT was shown WHEN did you show it?

   Viewed Privately Church Intro Church Offering Church Sermon Sabbath School Intro Sabbath School Afternoon Vespers Prayer Mission Program Program Meeting Offering

   Welcome by Dick Stenbakken
   Give the Blind a Chance (English)
   Give the Blind a Chance (Spanish)
   The Blind Man (Sermon)

   Other (please specify)

3. Please give your personal impression of the offering video, Give the Blind a Chance. (1 = poor; 10 = excellent)

   10  9  8  7  6  5  4  3  2  1  I didn't see it.  I can't remember it.

   Video Theme
   Call to Action
   Video Quality
Audio Level

Graphics/Animation

Music

Placement of CRSB

Branding

4. Which of the printed pieces were used at your church?

Poster
Children’s Story
Braille Card
Offering Appeal Bulletin Announcement
Praying Hands Promotion
We didn’t use the printed materials.

5. Did your church distribute the offering envelopes provided by CRSB?

Yes
No

6. On what date were the offering materials used at your church?

Prior to April 12, 2014
On April 12, 2014
After April 12, 2014
Our church plans to use it later this year.
Our church did not/will not use the offering materials.

7. Was the supply of envelopes adequate?

Yes, there were enough for our church.
Yes, and we had too many for our church.
No, we did not receive enough.

8. Where do you recall seeing advertising for the Christian Record Annual Day of Giving?
CRSB Annual Day of Giving website: www.CRSBday.org
NCBC News
Facebook
Twitter
Vimeo
YouTube
Adventist World
Adventist Review
Adventist News Network (ANN)
Called (SDA pastors app)
Called website (via NAD Ministerial)
Union conference magazine
Union conference website
I don't remember seeing any advertising for the CRSB Annual Day of Giving.

Other (please specify)

9. Did you visit the CRSB Annual Day of Giving website, www.CRSBday.org?

Yes
No
I'm not sure.

10. If you visited the Day of Giving website, www.CRSBday.org, what content did you use and when did you use it?

Viewed Privately
Church Intro
Church Offering
Church Sermon
Sabbath School Intro
Sabbath School Mission Offering
Sabbath Afternoon Vespers Program
Sabbath Program Meeting
Prayer

Welcome by Dick Stenbakken
Give the Blind a Chance (English)
Give the Blind a Chance (Spanish)
Tips

Didn't view/didn't show website content.
11. I feel the Christian Record Annual Day of Giving is a good project for my church.

Yes. We have blind or partially blind attendees at our church regularly and we know they appreciate the audio, braille, or large print materials from Christian Record.

No. We don't have any blind or partially blind attendees, so we have no interest.

No. Even though we have blind or partially blind attendees, we think they can take care of themselves.

Uncertain. We don't know enough about how Christian Record makes a difference for eternity in the lives of blind adults and children.

12. Share your comments and/or suggestions regarding the Christian Record Annual Day of Giving.

13. Please complete the demographic information below.

Church: 
City/Town: 
State: -- select state --

Done
Christian Record Services, Inc.

Christian Record Services for the Blind improves the quality of life for children, teens, and adults with visual impairments.

For more than 115 years, Christian Record Services for the Blind (CRSB), based in Lincoln, Nebraska, has worked to improve the quality of life for children, teens, and adults with visual impairments. This is accomplished by providing free programs and services focused on their needs. CRSB serves approximately 80 people in Lincoln and Lancaster County and about 20,000 individuals in 71 countries worldwide. Christian Record has been a proud member of the Lincoln community since 1904.

Few know that when the current Christian Record headquarters was built in the late 1960s it was not surrounded on all sides by residential homes as it is now. Being located in a residential area enables CRSB to offer a peaceful, park-like campus that welcomes neighbors and visitors alike.

In 2011 Christian Record was the recipient of a sensory garden installation on the west side of the campus, courtesy of a contest sponsored by *L Magazine*. The garden includes a walking path, landscaped with beautiful flowering plants and shrubs. Visitors and neighbors frequent the garden, especially during the spring and summer.

Since the time of the garden installation, there has been a need to give the rest of the Christian Record campus a facelift. Currently, tree stumps dot the east side of the property. Five trees in total were removed because of disease. These stumps now need to be removed so that new trees and shrubs can be planted. Descriptive plaques need to be placed in the west sensory garden and alongside donated trees and shrubs to further enhance guests’ visits to the Christian Record campus.

Your gift today can help CRSB plant beautiful trees and shrubs such as pink dogwood, Norway spruce, white oak, tulip trees, red maples, lilacs, and more. The amount and variety of trees and shrubs will vary based on the number of general and tribute donations made for Give to Lincoln Day. Additionally, your gift may also fund the placement of plaques in print and braille that give descriptions of the plants, trees, and shrubs on the CRSB campus.

GOOD NEWS! You can donate starting May 1 and designate your gift to be deducted from your account on May 29, Give to Lincoln Day.

Thank you in advance for your part in “sprucing up” the Christian Record campus. Your gift will add more beautiful trees to Lincoln and will provide additional multisensory opportunities to our sighted and visually impaired friends and neighbors.

Would you like to visit Christian Record? The CRSB headquarters is located one block south of Pioneers Avenue and 52nd Street in Lincoln. Stop by and tour the grounds at your leisure. Headquarters tours are available Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Call ahead to arrange your tour at 402-488-0981 X222.

PLEASE NOTE: Trees and shrubs described are representative of the final selections, based on availability, time of planting, and other unforeseeable factors.
National Camps for Blind Children

National Camps for the Blind® and National Camps for Blind Children® are affiliated with Christian Record Services, Inc. This project began in 1967 with a single camp at Kulaqua in High Springs, Florida. Camps are held at various locations across the United States and Canada. Since its organization, over 50,000 campers have attended these specialty camps.

Each camp is scheduled at a well-equipped site, chosen especially for the standard of excellence and geographical location. Committed staff and counselors are trained to meet the needs of blind and legally blind campers. Medical personnel are on duty 24 hours a day. Emergency care is available when needed.

The camps are FREE to blind and legally blind persons, except for a nonrefundable processing fee of $35, thanks to gifts from generous donors. These camps are for blind and legally blind persons who are between the ages of 9 and 65 and whose corrected vision is no better than 20/200.

Objectives

NCBC/NCB helps blind campers to

- discover undeveloped potential
- increase self-confidence
- improve physical vigor
- develop an appreciation for God's love and care

Summer Camps

Depending on the summer camp, campers enjoy a variety of activities, including horseback riding, water-skiing, swimming, hiking, rappelling, canoeing, backpacking, archery, go-carts, beeper baseball, and talent night.

Winter Camps

Winter camps are designed to give visually impaired youth (ages 14-65) the opportunity to participate in winter activities, including skiing, sleighing, snowmobiling, and tubing.