

# Our History

Discovery Ministries was founded in 1974 in Westville, NJ. Since then over 30,000 youth, young adults, and family members have participated in spiritual retreats that have helped them grow, pursue their dreams, and develop their God-given talents and gifts.

During 2011-12, the Discovery Retreat House was once again renovated to expand our mission. The radically renovated house provides handicap access to retreat participants and also serves as a "home away from home" for special needs and chronically ill children and adults and their families. These respite retreats and guest days provide families with opportunities to reconnect with each other and with God, emotionally and spiritually – and enjoy themselves as well! The Discovery Retreat House was originally a hunting lodge and then a private residence. Discovery Ministries purchased the building for \$25,000 in 1978 and renovated the house during that summer to serve as a retreat house.

Located in the beautiful pinelands of South Jersey near Hammonton, the newly renovated and expanded Discovery House also hosts workshops, conferences, meetings, and training sessions sponsored by church and community service organizations.



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# DISCOVERY HOUSE

## Faith Walk & Rosary Garden







**Our Lady of Discovery**  
ROSARY GARDEN AND FAITH WALK

**Become A Proud Donor & Supporter  
of Our Beautiful Garden**

**Pavers • Rosary Garden • Meditation  
Areas • Boulders • Benches**

Inscribed Granite Benches .....\$2,500  
Boulders with gold  
inscribed name plate ..... \$1,500  
Rosary Garden Roses.....\$1,000  
Inscribed Pavers .....6 x 9 \$100  
12 x 12 \$250



**AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED**



## Mission Statement & Vision

Our mission is to provide retreats in an atmosphere of love and acceptance where participants can experience God's healing and can discover the Christ within themselves. Our vision is that these encounters will empower them to use their gifts to strengthen family bonds and to serve their local church and community.

Our mission is also to reach out to families with special needs, handicapped children, and chronically ill children and adults and their families by providing social, recreational, and spiritual experiences. We want the House to be a respite, a "home away from home" for anyone who might need it.

## Retreats

### SPIRITUAL RETREATS

#### **Discovery Retreats for Young Adults**

Discovery Ministries offers retreats for young adults ages 18-35. These retreats take place over a weekend and are designed to help participants discover – or re-discover – their God-given gifts and talents, and to be reminded that God loves us, forgives us, and is always with us.

*Information about these retreats may be obtained by calling Betty Jewell at 856-461-2767.*

#### **Discovery Retreats for Families**

Discovery Ministries is available to conduct family retreats that address the special spiritual or healing needs of your family. These retreats are designed so that all family members may participate regardless of age.

*To arrange a retreat for your family, please call Msgr. Michael Mannion at 609-501-1640.*

#### **Retreat Venue for Churches and Organizations**

Churches and organizations wishing to use Discovery House as a venue for spiritual retreats or days of recollection for their members – using their own format and staff – may apply to do so by calling Msgr. Michael Mannion at 609-501-1640.

### HOME AWAY FROM HOME RETREATS

Discovery Ministries offers a "home away from home" retreat for families with children or adults who have special needs, are handicapped, or are chronically ill so that they can reconnect with each other and God, emotionally and spiritually – and enjoy themselves as well!

*Please contact Pinky Wright: (757) 636-1960 if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.*



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ROSARY GARDEN AND FAITH WALK

Rosary Garden Entry Cross.....\$25,000  
53 Rosary Beads.....\$1,000 each  
5 Kiosks/ Four Sided.....\$5,000 each  
5 Wooden Benches.....\$1,500 each  
Pond/ Circulation .....\$30,000  
Lighting .....\$500  
Sound System .....\$7,500  
Inscribed Pavers .....\$100/\$250  
Landscaping.....\$15,000

