

# 4R 2019 UPDATE

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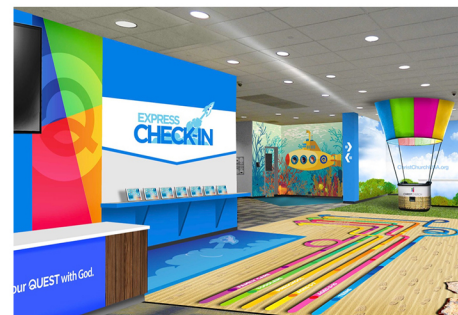
## Dear Friend,

Rebrand  
Reach  
Renovate  
Recruit

THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



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▲ At both campuses, East (left) and West, our renovated student spaces have garnered a lot of attention. One child, who happened to be a first-time guest exclaimed, "I love it here. Your church is awesome!"

## What a 'Tripp'! Mascots Revealed

Quest Kids Ministry

As you may have noticed, it's been a very exciting time in and around the world of Quest Kids. In addition to being surrounded by new, dynamic renovations, there is also the addition of two friendly faces. Our brand-new Quest Kids mascots, Tripp and Journey, debuted in February during a worship service at the West Campus. The kids were energized by their appearance, as they danced and took pictures with our new pals!

Tripp and Journey (below) are representations of our adventurous theme for our Quest Kids: "Your Adventure with God starts here!" While our exciting new friends are large in size, they are actually just kids who carry this same message and are eager to walk side by side with your kids on their new journey together.

Our mascots will also be supporting the ministry of Christ Church at all major events such as the Tri-County Fair, and of course, our very own VBS program.

We want to thank you for your generous gifts and donations in helping bring Tripp and Journey to life, and for playing a role in the joy that our Quest Kids will receive from having Tripp and Journey as members of the Christ Church family.

In addition to our new mascots, we also saw our Quest Kids energized by two recent special events. This year, in an effort to continue the energy and momentum that our worship experience at Easter provides, Quest Kids hosted two special attractions—*Rizzo's Wildlife World* and *Mad Science of*



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### 4RS Financial Summary

Total Committed	\$1,417,260
Total Collected	\$1,440,408
<b>Breakdown of Total Collected</b>	
Total Collected from Committed Donors	\$1,038,989
Total Collected from Non-Committed Donors	\$401,419
Total Remaining from Committed Donors	\$378,271

As of May 13, 2019

QUEST KIDS CONTINUED ON BACK

# Quest Kids: New Faces, Spaces, and Even an Alligator *CONTINUED*

*New Jersey!* At both campuses, students met snakes both small and very large, a baby alligator, a chinchilla, tarantula, and many more amazing creatures while connecting them to a personal, creative God. Likewise, during our Mad Science experience, our students gained an appreciation for science through some crazy experiments including dry ice, fire, and even wind—but they also learned that God is the creator of the science we learn about and see every day in our lives!



▲ Quest Young Adults gather outside the new Q Lounge at the East Campus during an evening of fun, fellowship, and real-talk discussions on how they can effectively lead and serve within their own generation.

## Revitalized Young Adults, Rebrand, Recruit, and Relaunch

*Quest Young Adults Ministry*

Earlier this month, young adults gathered in the Q Lounge at our East Campus for the relaunch meet-up for Quest Young Adults. The purpose of this gathering was to hear how young adults will serve and lead in the ministry, including opportunities to lead Small Groups, organize events, serve at Christ Church and in our region, and build authentic community. After the meet-up, Student Ministries Pastor Ryan Faison shared how the “best is yet to come” regarding young adults taking ownership of their ministry and serving their generation! Check out all the happenings for Quest Young Adults on the new updated website at [www.ChristChurchUSA.org/questyam!](http://www.ChristChurchUSA.org/questyam!)

We'd love to hear your feedback. Email [4RStudents@ChristChurchUSA.org](mailto:4RStudents@ChristChurchUSA.org) or call 973-783-1010 (ext. 270). And stay tuned for the upcoming Quest Quarterly!



## Pausing to Pray with Purpose

*Quest Teens Ministry*

Quest Teens took a “pause” in February to spend time with God and each other at the Pause Weekend Retreat at the East Campus. This winter retreat hosted by the Quest Teens ministry was designed for students to foster their spiritual and relational growth by pausing from the busyness of life.

More than 50 students enjoyed a time of community with overnight fun activities while also weaving in four sessions that focused on prayer, bible reading, and their mission in the world.

The retreat was a huge success! Our hope and prayer is that these teens will have a renewed and improved focus on their spiritual habits, so they can return to their circle of influences re-energized and equipped to impact their world.

## Defending Your Faith Expands

*Quest College Ministry*

The Defending Your Faith apologetics course was not only an impactful class at both Christ Church campuses this winter, it was also taught to college students on *their* campus. Quest Student Ministries saw great value in helping students learn how to answer tough questions about their faith, so the initiative began. The idea came to fruition through partnerships with our college campus missionaries: Sophia Brooks, the college campus missionary staff worker at William Paterson University; and Joanna Soroka, the staff worker for the Brick City chapter of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, which is made up of Essex County College, NJIT, Pillar, and Rutgers University-Newark.



▲ Students at William Paterson University, above, are learning about apologetics at a critical time in their lives.

The number of college students with no religious affiliation has tripled from 10 percent in 1986 to 31 percent in 2016, according to data from the CIRP Freshman Survey. Over the same period, the number who attended religious services dropped from 85 percent to 69 percent. This means there is a high probability that the college student in your life will likely be in a position to defend their faith on campus, as they engage in conversation with classmates, roommates, and even professors. We have seized the opportunity and accepted the invitation from God to partner and pioneer!

*Sincerely,*  
**Christ Church  
Communications Team**