

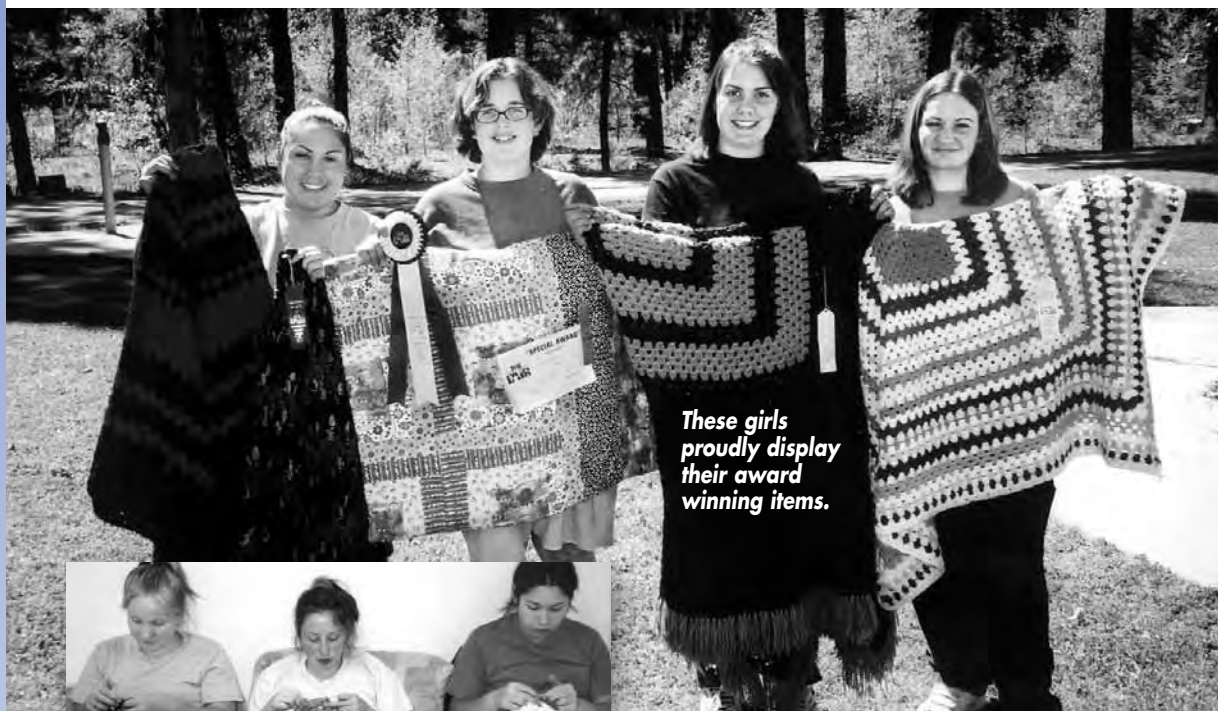
IN BRIEF

A Friendly Note from the Chief Financial Officer **PATCH Needs Your Help!**

You may not be aware that Project PATCH is currently experiencing financial setbacks. First the 9/11 event in 2001 impacted charitable giving and now the horrendous Tsunami tragedy will understandably affect giving to all charities. If you have never contributed to Project PATCH, would you consider including us in your giving this year, this month? And, if you are a faithful donor, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Whatever anyone may do is always appreciated. We feel God has led us all along this journey and will continue to supply our needs, so that kids, maybe even yours, will receive the help and direction they need. They are too valuable to go uncared for. Once again, thanks for all you do.

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Girls Excel at Fair



*These girls
proudly display
their award
winning items.*



*Crocheting blankets is a rewarding
and creative activity for the girls.*

Many of the youth at Project PATCH work on crocheting, quilting, knitting, and various other arts-and-crafts projects here at the

Ranch. Observing and sometimes helping with projects, staff members are always impressed with the excellent work done by our residents.

Every year the Western Idaho Fair in Boise has a "Youth Arts and Crafts Division," in which teenagers can enter projects. This division is open to every young person who is not involved in the local 4-H programs. Our staff saw a great opportunity for residents to participate in a creative and unique experience.

This year several of the young ladies entered projects in the Fair and achieved various special honors. One talented resident won the best-in-the-show for her multi-colored frog quilt. She received the highest honor awarded — a big, beautiful ribbon and the top premium. Other awards won were: one honorable mention, one second place and one third place. The girls also received ribbons and premiums for their beautiful crocheted blankets.



From

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Mother's Heart

This is one for the staff I met at PATCH! I was so impressed with all of you! It was great to see the program in action and to see its effectiveness.

Some things I really liked were:

The respect the men got from the boys and the camaraderie between them. I could tell that these wounded boys now had positive male role models to not only emulate, but to be great friends with. My hat's off to you men. You are exactly what Josh needs! He has not had a dad, uncle, or grandfather who was emotionally healthy enough to be a role model for him!

Brian, you especially have my respect and thanks. Josh seems closest to you, and told me that you are 'like a dad' to him. These words were the best news I could have heard! He needs a man like you in his life, so thank you for being there for him!

Another thing I liked was the family session with Corry. You are doing a great job with Josh, Corry. I appreciate your gentleness with him, your ability to get him to open up about things, and that you don't accept "I don't know" as an answer!

I really liked the boys' group therapy session. It was great to see how effective it was. The boys are learning to speak honestly without being offensive, to express their opinions in a positive way, to work as a team, and to think of others' needs.

Friday evening worship nearly had me in tears! To see the attention the boys paid, and their meaningful singing (teenage boys singing?!) was a treat. Also their heartfelt expressions of thanks and praise to God and their prayer requests showed me that their hearts are in the right place. They are good kids, just wounded kids. *continued* ➡

A Passionate Ambassador

One thing that amazed me the most was that, for the most part, the boys, seemed to enjoy living at PATCH (I know Josh really does) in spite of the somewhat rigidity of the program. They all seemed to know the rules, follow them willingly, and be content. I had expected to see some acting out from them, or at least some sour faces, but I didn't.

And also, thank you for the well prepared, tasty, and nutritious meals. They were delicious and satisfying.

The whole atmosphere of the area around the campus was very pleasant with the green grass, big pine trees, river flowing by, and all the birds singing. It is the perfect place for a "retreat" ranch for kids who need to get away from the stresses and wounds of their lives and find healing.

I think the PATCH program is exactly what Josh needed. The whole package of spiritual, mental, social, emotional, physical training and education is perfectly suited to him. In talking with my counselor about all the good things I saw there, she was immensely pleased and praised God with me for the Project PATCH program and the healing it will bring to Josh. Thank you so much!

a Mother

Laura Craig received an email from Hewlett-Packard, the company she works for asking if staff would like to participate in the: "2004 Hewlett-Packard Charitable Giving Campaign — Hewlett-Packard and the Community: Making a Difference." She readily agreed. Who do you think she had in mind? Project PATCH of course.

Corvallis Hewlett-Packard employees were invited to participate in the Charitable Giving Agency Fair/Kick-Off Events by hosting a table for their favorite charity or non-profit organization. Laura was asked to create a poster about her particular non-profit organization and to bring other display materials. The date she chose was November 1.

Laura put together a beautiful display using Project PATCH brochures, newsletters, posters and photos. As fellow colleagues came by, their interest was sparked and they stopped to learn more about PATCH. Any Hewlett-Packard employee who donates to PATCH (or any other charity) can choose to have their donations matched by the company (up to \$1000.00).

Laura also makes and sells "Quilts of Hope" for cancer survivors and sends a portion of the proceeds to Project PATCH.

We thank Laura for her hard work and generous spirit.

Laura Craig stands next to her booth at the Charitable Giving Agency Fair.



More than Tea for Two

Tea for Two? Or, how about 62! That's how many guests attended our first annual Holiday English Tea fundraiser. It took place at the Historic Alexander house in Boise, Idaho this past December 5th. Board-member Phyllis Bohlman and staff-person Jennifer Matoske hosted the tea, and Sysco Food Services of Idaho donated the food.

Idaho's first lady, Patricia Kempthorne, shared the history of the Victorian mansion as well as her feelings about the PATCH program. Guests enjoyed delicious finger sandwiches, scones and other fare prepared by our talented ranch chef, Dori Ahlers, while viewing a DVD about Project PATCH and a gift-wrapping demonstration by Jennifer Matoske. Door prizes included Tom Sanford's book *"If Parenting is a Three-ring Circus, How Come I'm not the Ringmaster?"* and a gift certificate to the exquisite Cottonwood Grille.

Local businesses generously gave a variety of items and services for the silent auction which included: massage & facial packages, a season pass to Bogus Basin Resort, a portrait session, dinner for four at the Melting Pot, a painting by local artist, Fred Choate, and numerous gourmet gift baskets. Everyone claimed to have had a wonderful afternoon, and we raised \$4,200 for our children. We look forward to seeing those of you who are in the Treasure Valley area at our tea next year!



2004 Receipts

If you would like a cumulative receipt for donations made in 2004 please call Nancy Rader at 503-653-8086 or email her at nrader@projectpatch.org

No, these are not sleeping spaces. The girls are trying out the cupboards they helped construct with Ranch volunteer Dale Frey.



All Roads Lead to Goldendale

Progress on the road to our property is gradual but productive, thanks to all the volunteers who have dedicated long, grueling hours to roughing in the road. Most of the culverts needed for the two mile stretch are in place. The two steep ravines have been crossed and filled in.

According to a bid, it would cost us \$70,000.00 for the base rock for the road. Providentially, in our excavation we discovered two areas where we can get all the base rock we need to complete the project.

Our thanks, also, to Rowand Machinery in Pasco for loaning us an excavator to cut in the road. We will make an announcement when it is completed so that you can come and see it for yourself.

Returning to Her First Love



After two years of working for PATCH as Development Director, Shirley Allen has accepted the appointment of Assistant Children's Ministry Director for the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Prior to Shirley and husband, Dave's coming to America from South Africa she held the position of Church Ministries Director, which included Children's Ministry.

She has been a big help to PATCH with her tremendous organizational skills and talents with public relations. However her first love has been working with and for children in ministry. Since PATCH is all about helping young people catch a dream of who they could become in a positive environment, we wish to extend that to Shirley as well. Indeed, she will be following her dream.

We wish her well and God's greatest blessings.



Some areas of the new road had to be built up due to the large boulders cresting the surface.

Darrel Hall looks on as Goral LaPorte loads the dump truck.

From Our Heart to Your Heart

To restore a young person's childhood is the greatest gift we can give them. So many have lost all sense of what safety and security is all about. In the back of their minds they have a flicker of a dream of what might have been or still could be.

Straight from the heart of a young lady who is so grateful to be at PATCH comes the following poem. You might have to read it twice to sense the pain and agony and then, finally, the hope.

Little Girl

*Tears streak down her face
As she cries
Alone in this world of darkness
Reality and fantasy collide*

*Her self-esteem is non-existent
As she's regularly with different men
But her heart isn't with any of them
What she needs is a true friend*

*Her tears cry out what she can't voice
That she is weak and alone
But she keeps her chin up
'Cuz she doesn't want it to be known*

*Night after night
In tears of agony and defeat
As she's lying, cold
On the side of the street*

*"If onlys" racing across her mind
They're stuck in her head
If only she'd listened to her mom
But she listened to her friends instead*

*But where are they now?
When she needs them the most
They're somewhere warm
While she's asleep under a stop post*

*Little did she know
That this is what life would be
Dreams of a little girl
Dissolve into reality
She blames God
But mostly herself
If she hadn't been so stupid
She wouldn't be stuck in this filth*

*Dirty and ashamed
She screams out why?
Why did she do this to herself?
Why can't she just die?*

*A little girl
Yearning to be pure again
A little girl
Just looking for a friend*

*This little girl
Who's so precious in God's eyes
This little girl
Who's so popular with the guys*

*This little girl
Who could be so much more
This little girl
Knocking on God's door.*

Thank you for helping PATCH give her hope.

IN BRIEF

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JCAHO ACCREDITATION

PATCH has completed the final recommendations for JCAHO and has been accredited for the following three years. One of the benefits this offers us is we are able to receive adoption subsidies from some states.

Getting the word out –

The greater Portland area is becoming more aware of our PATCH organization due to Tom Sanford addressing 27 Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs in 2004.

Also, four Oregon community cable channels have televised PATCH programs.

Bouquets

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It is with real pleasure that I send this to you. May God continue sending His blessings your way. I really enjoyed your book. I can use some of your ideas with my little great granddaughter who, along with her mother, lives with me. – Napa, CA

We appreciate the work you are doing. May God bless all the young people you care for. We pray many people will be able to help you in your gracious work. – Elder & Mrs. Emil Knauft, Dayton, MT



The Last Word

Let me introduce to you a grateful father whose runaway and rebellious teen was finally brought to PATCH. He was grateful for two reasons: First, after the child spent a year at PATCH, he and his wife had their child back again. Secondly, had it not been for so many generous donors, the family could not have afforded to send their child to PATCH.

Even in the midst of his own traumatic experiences with his child who seemed to be bent on self destruction, this father kept apologizing for his limited income and expressed gratitude for all those who were helping make the transformation in his child possible. In his excitement and apologies he would say, "PATCH does not need to be rich – it just needs rich friends."

To us a "rich friend" is anyone who believes enough in the restoration of troubled young people to share their resources – large or small. People like to share what they are passionate about. This year we ask that you share your passion about PATCH with at least one other person and encourage them to become a monthly donor. Our goal is to add 1,000 new monthly donors in 2005.

Friend to friend and heart to heart, together we can make this happen.

Sincerely, Tom Sanford, Executive Director



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PATCH **works!** BOUQUETS

Hi, I'm a former client of Project PATCH and am amazed at what they did for me! They turned my whole life around and helped me realize that I wasn't really the person I thought I was. Now, thanks to them, I can live a normal productive life with lots of great friends and a positive outlook on life. – a former resident, Washington

I love the thought that this "little" bit will help in some "big" way. Please don't ever stop helping these gifts from God. You are in our thoughts and prayers. – a family from Maple Valley, WA

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PROJECT PATCH WISH LIST

- RAKES (EACH)\$10
- SHOVELS (EACH)\$13
- 3 HEAVY DUTY VACUUM CLEANERS (EACH)\$400
- 1 LARGE WALK BEHIND SNOWBLOWER\$2,200
- 1 INDUSTRIAL DRYER\$2,900
- 1 INDUSTRIAL WASHING MACHINE FOR SLEEPING BAGS\$3,100
- 1 FIRE PUMPER FOR PICKUP (LIKE FOREST SERVICE USES)\$3,500
- 1 BACKHOE (USED)\$20,000 - \$30,000

GIFTS IN KIND

PATCH received the largest number of gifts in kind this year than in any previous year since its beginning in 1984. They ranged from school supplies, boots, and gloves to a 12 yard dump truck. Eighteen gifts exceeded \$500.00 to as much as \$30,000.00. Many items have been very useful at both Garden Valley and Goldendale. Others were sold to help provide scholarships for young people. Some gifts were gifts of labor. **Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who gave.**