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IN BRIEF

Several Alumni and family visited the Ranch this past summer. We are honored that they share their feelings and time with us. Here is some of the feedback:

To Colleen Donald,

Treatment Coordinator, "Hi, sorry it has taken me some time to get back to you...Sandy* was so excited to come back to her second home...She can hardly wait to return to visit next summer... Sandy misses PATCH and the wonderful staff she grew to love...Lucy (dorm staff) is one of the ladies she couldn't stand when she arrived and she now thinks she's one of the best...Sandy considers PATCH one of the most positive and peaceful places she has ever been...I know she will want to return as much as possible... Thanks for everything" Ronda* (Alumni's mother)

To Stephanie Ross,

Counselor, "I actually visited PATCH twice after I graduated...The reason why I cam back was because I honestly missed my family that was away from home...after being there 13 months...everyone felt like family. I still remember wanting to graduate so bad for a very long time but when the day actually came, it was very very hard for me to leave everyone ... " *real names not used

fall 2006 works! **Character-building raf**

Did you ever build a raft when you were a kid and try to float it on a pond? These kids do, only here there are rules. At PATCH raft building is a group builder. Without knowing what the final task will be, participants are each asked to choose one item from a pile of inner tubes, small logs, plywood and rope. From these chosen materials they must, as a team, build a raft that will hold them as they paddle around an island in the pond. This may sound easy but it isn't.

They have to work together and use every item chosen in the construction of the vessel which transports them around the island and back to the starting point. When anger, trust and abuse issues are mixed in with this task, a raft can quickly become the Titanic.

Do they succeed? Yes, after starting over because of a disintegrating raft (not a result of hitting an iceberg) they accomplish the goal and the results can be seen on their faces. They feel the self-esteem-building fulfillment of producing a serviceable, navigable craft from mostly un-sea-worthy materials. In addition they feel the satisfaction of over-coming the differences, arguments and issues that come up while getting the job done.

During the debriefing that follows, there are often many compliments passed between girls that previously were barely able to tolerate each other, let alone work together in harmony. Character is not often built by isolating oneself on an island, but using assorted materials, some willing companions and paddling around that island—that is another story!





"Part of Me" by Katy 8/5/2006

Verse 1

Sometimes life can be so hard And I feel I can't go far And these thoughts run across my mind That this is it for me this time

Bridge

But as I sit down and just think for awhile My painful tears cease and out comes a smile

Chorus

Cause' I've got you in my heart And even when things seem to fall apart You rescue me And set me free You're so faithful and true And I am glad That You are a part of me

Verse 2

I still hurt from things in the past I look at life and wonder how long it lasts

> Sometimes it feels like everything's goin' wrong

> And I don't think I have the strength to go on

Bridge 2

And with You I am learning to love And with You I am learning to breathe And with you I am learning to trust And with You I can finally succeed

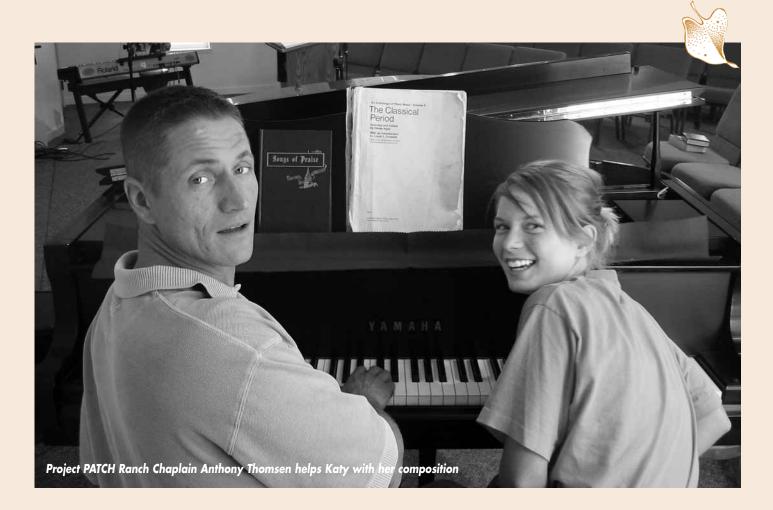
Katy sings a new song

I came to PATCH in November of 2005. For the first few months I was here I fought the program. Convinced that I didn't need to change, I was perfectly content with being the horrible person that I was. Burdened with a deep hatred for my parents and life in general, I would sink into deep, "black hole" moods and write dark, depressing poetry to describe the pain I was feeling.

Then one day during group counseling my peers and the staff started to tell me that the dark, depressed me was just nothing but a downer on myself and others. I was given a directive to turn in all the poetry that I had written and I was also not allowed to write anything for awhile.

I started to read a wonderful book and work harder on my counseling. Finally I said a prayer and gave myself and my problems to God. Almost overnight I have experienced a complete turnaround and it is amazing. I feel better, not nearly as depressed as before. This song was the first positive piece I have ever written. I wrote it because when I got dropped (she was dropped a level due to her attitude), I felt like a hopeless case but I do believe that after I prayed that prayer, God was there with me and helped me get back on my feet again.

So the song, "Part of Me," is basically about all the times I've lost hope in life and in love, and how when I let Him into my heart and in my life He changes me. I believe He will work miracles in your life, just like He's working in mine. – *Katy*



New Aftercare Program headed by new staff member, Sarah Smith

In my young adult life, I had the privilege of being a stay-at-home mom, missionary and pastor's wife, which provided for me experiences ranging from walking the floor with crying babies to being surrounded by rebels on a mission station...to learning about the joys and struggles of being a pastor's wife. Being drawn to the helping field, I returned to school in 1995 to obtain a BA in Human Services from Western Washington University. During my time at WWU I was able to begin working as a crisis line counselor and later as a guardian ad litem, increasing my awareness of the deep needs of so many. Following that, doors opened for me to work in the juvenile court system and later for an organization helping homeless families.

Then in 2000, through some unusual circumstances, God moved my husband, Jim, and I to Project PATCH, where we planned to spend a year working with troubled teens. However, God had other plans. Jim moved into the counseling



department and in 2004 I again returned to school, and recently completed an MS in Psychology from Walden University. We kept thinking God was going to move us somewhere else, but isn't God good! It's 2006 and we are happy to still be here!

The PATCH Board and Administration saw the need for a formalized Aftercare program. Recently God provided the resources to create that position, and I am excited to be the person filling it! Six months before a resident's discharge is expected, I begin working with the child's counselor considering the options for the child and family, and what happens when he/she leaves Project PATCH. An aspect of the position is to facilitate a smooth transition back home (or to an appropriate, agreed-upon, out-of-home school/academy or other living situation). This includes developing an agreement plan between the parents and child to help prevent and/or minimize conflict. Once the child is home, I will remain in contact with the family providing support and help with any issues that may arise. Home visits may occur as needed to give additional encouragement, and review the goals we have previously set. As this new program develops; there will be other dimensions added to the Aftercare program helping families adjust and remain on track when their child returns home.



Resident shares story at MATCH for PATCH

Splashes of red were everywhere at the Second Annual Match for PATCH Golf Tournament held at the SpurWing Country Club on July 14th, 2006. Charming ladies, in bright red shirts, helped at the sign-in, contests and auction. Why so much red? Red is the signature color of the Junior League Boise Volunteers who helped the event run smoothly.

Several Project PATCH residents attended the event to assist and share their stories. One sweet-faced girl named Skye spoke of living on the streets and frequent drug use.

"Basically I was making the worst choices possible. I was hurt and angry from childhood trauma. I just wanted to stop feeling all that pain.

"My Mom told me about PATCH and since I was too burnt out to fight, I ended up coming. My counselor



Jim Smith helps me work through the issues that block my success. Now I look forward to thriving, and not just living as a victim. After college I plan to join the Peace Corps. Eventually I want to be a counselor and help kids like me find a brighter future."

The passionate applause of a hundred guests assured Skye that they were proud of her. Master of Ceremonies, Jay Frank, announced the winners of the tournament after the auction hosted by Channel 7's Larry Gebert. The contest winners included: Dwayne Moore, Cindy Tankersley, Terry Day, Justin McGee and Sean Arroues. Winning team first place went to Land America Transnation, second place to Petra, Inc., and third place to Table Rock Printing.

We are deeply grateful to all volunteers, sponsors, auction donors, and golfers who participated. Your generous support raised a net profit of \$15,843.16 to sponsor treatment for hurting children. Thank-you for helping Project PATCH heal wounded hearts, one child at a time. – *Jennifer Matoske*

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The Wal-Mart in Boise, Idaho

has graciously given Project PATCH \$1,000 for the last three years. This money is used for gymnasium equipment and other health and physical education needs. The kids at Project PATCH Ranch appreciate the sporting equipment. Physical activity and teamwork is an integral part of their program. We thank Wal-Mart for helping us help the kids.

(left to right) Trudy Dewey, Wal-Mart Community Relations Manager, James Miller, Meridian Store Manager and Jennifer Matoske, Project PATCH Idaho Development Director.

Administrative office finds new home

When Project PATCH began in 1984 there was absolutely no comprehension as to how large it would grow. As a matter of fact, my employer gave me a year's leave of absence to get this "silly" notion out of my mind. My thought was, "I 'ain't quitin' until there was no more need to help troubled youth."



We had to start somewhere; we rented a one-room office in an

office suite in Hood River, Oregon. As the first year progressed, we realized one room where other people could listen in on private conversations wasn't adequate.

Providentially, the Oregon Conference of Seventhday Adventists had a fairly new office complex that exceeded their needs. So, they asked if I would like to move to Clackamas and set up office there. I was delighted and honored that they saw PATCH as a credible and enduring program. In August of 1985 we moved our office to Clackamas and took advantage of the Church leaders' graciousness. This was our home for 21 happy years.

Because this summer the Oregon Conference sold

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Our web site address remains the same: www.projectpatch.org.

the Clackamas building, we had no other option than to move our administrative offices. Thankfully the Lord helped us with the challenge of finding a new home and provided a new office, that fits our needs perfectly, in Vancouver, Washington.

Just one final note: This move applies only to our administrative offices. The Ranch is still in Garden Valley, Idaho. – *Tom Sanford*



Idaho Residents' Additional Tax Credit

The Idaho State Legislature passed a bill giving Idaho donors an additional tax credit of 50 percent of their donation or \$100, whichever is less, of what they claim on their Schedule A. This is an income tax credit applicable to the state income taxes. For further information please go to: http://tax.idaho.gov/pdf/publications/EPB00032_TaxUpdate0606.pdf

Goldendale property update

Great news! The road on the two-mile easement from the county road is now drivable from Olson Road to our property boundary. The Caterpillar F12 road grader, which was donated, has been an indispensable tool in getting us to where we are now. We have laid out plans for several miles of trail. Now all we have to do is get them built. We are currently designing the master plan for the ten guest cabins and hope to find youth groups who will sponsor one as a mission project. Right now there is a group of boys from the Ranch working at Goldendale.



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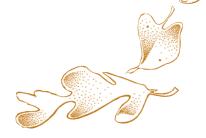
Thank you for all that you do for all the kids

- Grandmother of a former resident

Your news about your work at Project PATCH is always interesting. The message from former young people must really gladden your hearts. They surely do me. God Bless you!!!

– A Washington Donor

We are always grateful that God has angels of mercy to help our youth. God Bless you all. – CA Donor



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