

In Brief

FREE FAMILY CARNIVAL & BBQ

Mark your calendar for our 2nd Annual Family Carnival & BBQ at Garden Valley planned for June 6, 2010. There will be games, food, tours of the Youth Ranch, stories of changed lives and just plain FUN.

PATCH PARENT WORKSHOP

The next PATCH Parent Workshop is scheduled for August 6-8, 2010, at the Garden Valley Ranch. The weekend will include mini-seminars on helpful topics, activities with the kids, good food and fellowship. Our goal is to help parents focus on life after PATCH.

The Kids Keep Coming



Project PATCH has room at the inn, but just barely. The boys' dorm has been consistently full for the last year. Once a boy or girl transitions out of the program, we have two or more applicants for each available spot. We are blessed with a community that sees kids in need and encourages parents to call Project PATCH to see if we can help. If we aren't the best choice, we refer parents to a program that may better suit the challenges of their child. Over 73% of teens in our program receive substantial financial assistance. We thank you in advance for your contributions to the scholarship fund for kids at PATCH.



Two Miracles

During the 551 days that I spent at Project PATCH, I experienced two miracles.

I watched many girls who had arrived after me leave before me, but I didn't care. I didn't like the other girls or the staff. If I had my way, I would have spent my days with the horses and dogs rather than dealing with the drama of the other girls and the nosey staff. I tried very hard to keep people away. I had been hurt and let down so many times and didn't want to add to that. I didn't trust people and thought they were just out to use me.

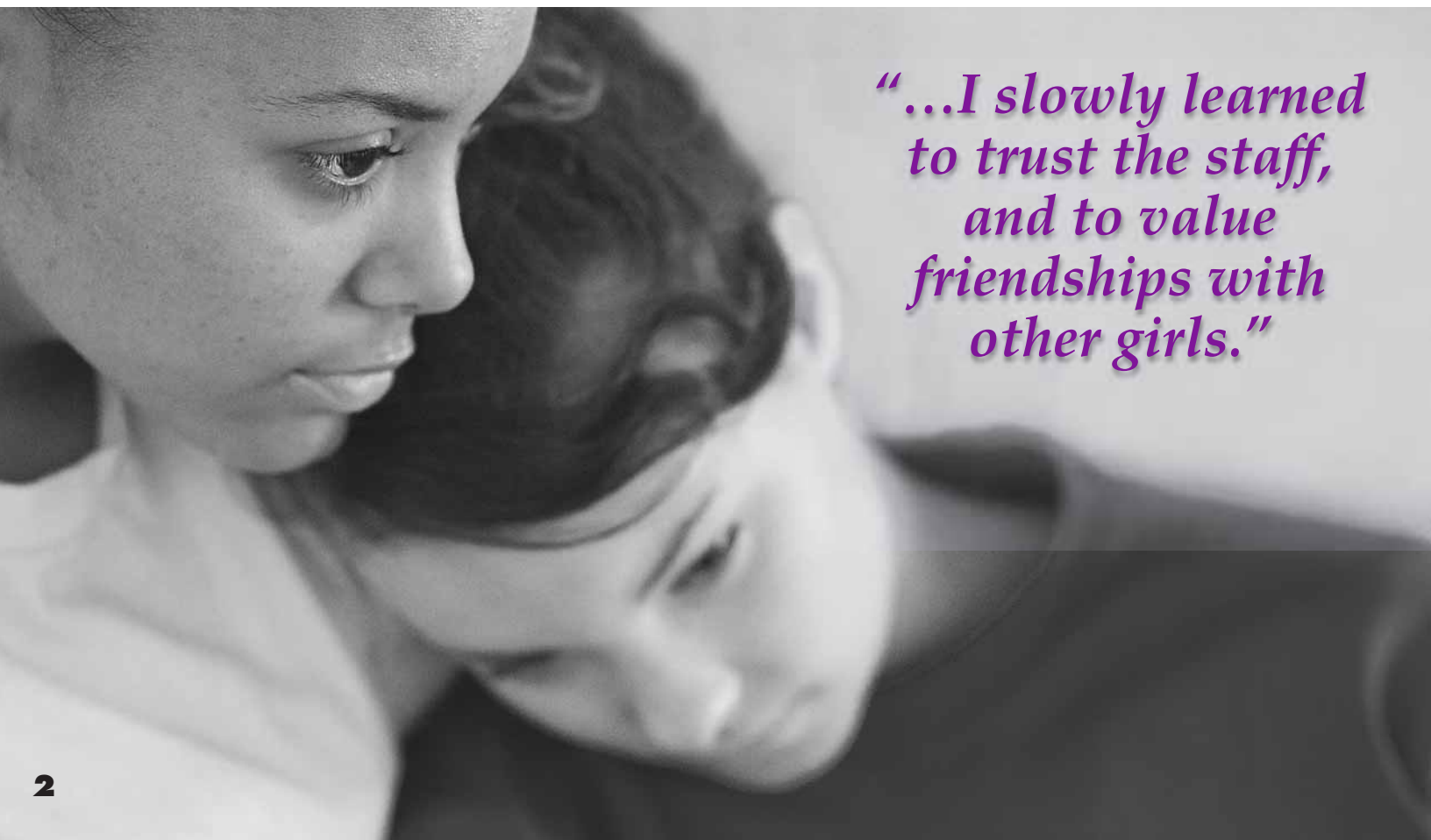
One day when I just couldn't stand things anymore I ran away. Well, walked is more accurate. I wasn't going any place in particular; I just needed to get away from these people. They came after me, quickly found me, cared for me and didn't give up on me. I had a lot to think about after that. I realized how much the staff cared about me and how, rather than using me, they were helping me.

Over the next year I slowly learned to trust the staff, and to value friendships with other girls. I still



could get easily annoyed, but I tried to connect. Over time they learned to trust me and I learned to trust them and my life felt better.

I was recently asked during Bible class at my high school to share about a miracle I had experienced. I shared two. The first was going to Project PATCH; the second was PATCH not giving up on me.



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PATCH Bouquets

You're doing a good work. Carry on! Blessings, R, Washington

I pray 2010 will be successful in the healing help for each youth who is able to attend the program (PATCH) you have for them. May God give you continued patience, faith and love to minister with Godly guidance.

G, Oregon

I pray that God will richly bless all who are working for PATCH and for the students there getting help to live productive lives.

N, North Dakota

Thank you for your (news) letter telling us of the Family Growth Center. I know God will bless, for it will bring more youth to the Lord. Bless you all for your labor of love for God's glory. We're thankful to God for giving to us so we can give to you.

D&M, California

'Tis an awesome thing God has called you to do – helping the kids to live life anew. Keep up the good work by God's grace and in His strength.

L, Oregon

Administration Extraordinaire



Gary Lynde

We are continually amazed by God's providence. A case in point is Gary Lynde, the administrator at Project PATCH Youth Ranch.

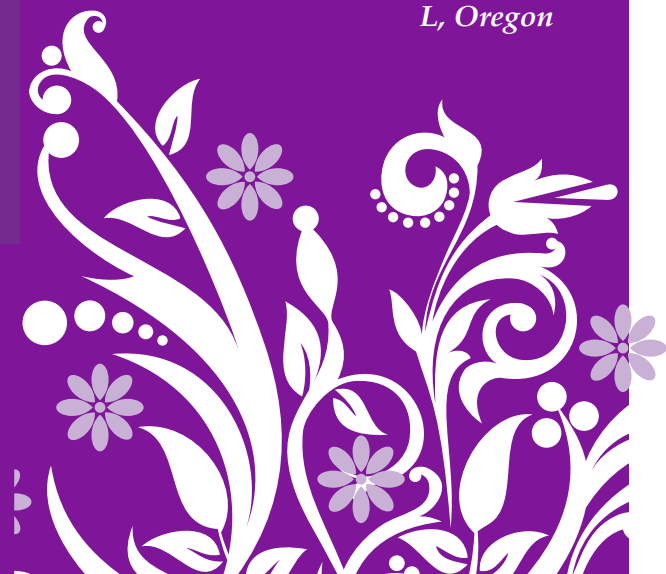
Gary has worn many hats: Lieutenant Colonel, professor, counselor, boss. He has flown helicopters, trained dogs, ridden motorcycles and worked with horses. He is a husband, a dad, a grandpa, a church leader, a friend, and a reminder to us that God provides.

As administrator, Gary works to coordinate and focus the efforts of nearly 40 staff members. Whether reviewing case plans with a counselor, menus with the cooks, safety reports with maintenance staff, progress reports with teachers or daily plans with dorm staff, he brings the same attention to detail, clear communication and confidence in his staff that result in outstanding care for the kids at PATCH.

The staff and kids see Gary as a person of conviction. One staff member stated, "He leads by example and is not afraid to get involved. He is someone who stands behind what he believes in."

One of his many responsibilities is to oversee the hiring of new staff. He combs through stacks of documents, takes the time to get to know each applicant personally, and carefully considers staff feedback. When someone is hired, he works with the team to orient and train the new person thoroughly to assure that they are prepared for the challenges of working with at-risk teens.

Gary says, *"I came to PATCH because for the last 37 years I've been climbing the military or corporate ladder. I thought it was time to give back."* We think that God used those 37 years to prepare Gary, so that Project PATCH Youth Ranch would be led with excellence. We couldn't have asked for or imagined a leader like Gary. Once again, God has provided abundantly.



Holding the Keys

Many a teenager's dream is to wake up on their birthday and discover a brand-new sports car with a huge bow and a gigantic tag saying "Happy Birthday" in the driveway. Dad tosses the keys and mom encourages a day off from school for a road trip with friends.

Here at Project PATCH one of our dreams has come true; we are about to get the keys to our brand new Family Growth and Conference Center in Goldendale, Washington. It has been our desire for years to do more for families facing the challenge of raising their kids. Now we have the tools to deliver life-changing services to these families. But it isn't just our dream; it is the culmination of the dreams of countless people, churches, companies, and groups that have given their resources, time, skills, and labor to build it. The buildings stand in witness of a God who has once again shown Himself as an abundant provider.

Primarily, the Family Growth Center will be used for family sessions. These four-day sessions will group together families who are facing a common challenge. One session will focus on the challenge of single parenting while another focuses on remarriage and blended families. Other weekends will be devoted to



families facing illness, death, or ADD/ADHD. These sessions are NOT for stuffy counseling and blame; they are fun, interactive sessions that build the skills needed to thrive as a family. Families will leave with a better understanding of one another and the roles they play. Each family will learn and practice skills like communication, problem solving, and setting boundaries.

Secondarily, the facility will be available for conferences for groups of 10 to 100. The resort-like atmosphere, with its comfortable accommodations, well-equipped meeting rooms, great meals, and recreation opportunities make it an ideal location for church, civic, and business conferences.

Just like that teenager's imagined brand-new car, it's time to start the engine on our real brand-new facility and see what this thing can do. It promises to be a great ride.

To view more details and find out how we can help your family or group, visit projectpatch.org.

Open House & Dedication, May 16, 2010



Join us at the Project PATCH Family Growth and Conference Center in Goldendale, Washington.

■ 12:00 pm – Facility tours begin and guided hikes to the waterfall will be available.

■ 2:00 pm – Dedication service followed by a reception.

Please RSVP by calling 360-690-8495 or on our website projectpatch.org. Map/directions are available on request.

Come see what all the excitement is about!

CHRISTMAS 2009



Once again Santa visited the kids who stayed at Project PATCH for Christmas! He distributed gifts provided by generous donors and dispensed holiday cheer. We wish to thank Lloyd Ingle of the Crouch Community Church for being a great Santa. The smiles on the kids' faces as they opened their gifts surely repaid his kindness. The staff also goes the extra mile to make the day special with festive decorations and holiday menus.



From the Director

Amelia Earhart once said, "Decide whether or not the goal is worth the risks involved. If it is, stop worrying."

I cannot help but think of all the ordinary people God has called to do extraordinary things.

I was reminded of God's plan in my own life when I recently had lunch with an old friend. He was a pastor at a Nazarene church in Hood River, Oregon at the same time I was a pastor in the Adventist church. Pastor Quincey has a knack for reminding me of the days when I walked away from a steady paycheck and a lovely congregation to start working with troubled teens on a full-time basis.

Quincey asked me, "*When you first started PATCH did you ever have a clue what you were getting yourself into?*" It made me remember how I worried over raising \$39,000 for the first year's operation. Every month since then I've prayed and pleaded to God, wondering how we were going to make it financially. I look back at the progress and growth of PATCH and wonder at how our expenses grew from \$39,000 to \$2.5 million all to focus solely on helping troubled teens and hurting families?"

Twenty-five years later God still reminds me that PATCH belongs to Him and that I am only responsible for what He asks of me. He will take care of the rest. Can you imagine being \$38,000 overdrawn the day payroll checks are distributed? That same day we received just enough to cover the deficit, to the penny. We witness God's timing on a regular basis and are constantly reminded that before we can even ask, He is already working in people's hearts — in advance of our needs.

But the miracle of how God funds PATCH is secondary to the miracle of how He changes lives and hearts. We could write a book filled with stories of these changes. One former resident, whose husband was stationed in Afghanistan, was so distressed by the news that her husband had nearly been killed by mortar fire, that she needed to seek counseling. After listening to the counselor for an hour, it dawned on her that everything he was saying reminded her of what she had learned at

"Patching" Tom's Heart



On February 11, 2010 Project PATCH's Executive Director, Tom Sanford, underwent open heart surgery for a double by-pass, or as we like to put it, Tom's heart was patched. Presently, Tom is doing quite

well. We are so thankful for God's guidance with Tom's surgeons and care providers. Bonnie, Tom's wife, and their children, Craig and Kelly, thank you for the prayers, cards and words of encouragement you have sent.

Tom is looking forward to resuming his public speaking and fundraising work for Project PATCH as soon as his medical team (and Bonnie) gives the okay. Please check our website, projectpatch.org, for updates on Tom's continued improvement. If you would like to contact Tom with get well wishes, please go to our website for mailing information, or contact the Vancouver office at **360.690.8495**.

PATCH. She was inspired to call PATCH to say thanks and to ask, even at 28 years old, for a refresher course on what she had learned.

Another former resident wrote that, as she raises her three children, not a day goes by that she isn't grateful for her experience at PATCH.

With your help and commitment, young peoples' lives are changed and they are passing their experiences on to the next generation.

Was taking the risk to start PATCH worth it? Yes, in every way. PATCH wasn't my idea in the first place, it was God's. In life it seems we worry far too much when God already has a plan in mind. He only asks us to do our best and leave the rest to Him.

— TOM SANFORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

New Boise Office



Project PATCH celebrated a milestone with the opening of a downtown Idaho Development Office. This location will serve as the office for Jennifer Matoske (fifth from left), PATCH's Idaho Development Director. We are deeply grateful to a very generous donor for sponsoring this office space.

You're invited!

Sixth Annual MATCH FOR PATCH Golf Tournament: May 26, 2010

We're excited to offer a new venue this year at Eagle Hills Golf Course—one of Idaho's premier courses. We are so grateful to those who have participated in the past five years and pray that more folks like you, with a desire to restore troubled youth, attend this event. You can help us surpass last year's profit of \$27,000 by signing up now at our website, **projectpatch.org** or by calling **208-375-8965** to become a sponsor, to play or just to join us for a delicious lunch.

Come enjoy a round of golf and help at-risk teens find new direction at PATCH.





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