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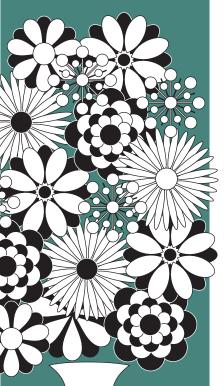
PATCH Bouquets

God bless your wonderful work! V, Montana

Happy we can make this contribution. Wish we could help more often. You are doing a marvelous work and God is blessing. May you continue until He comes and makes "all things new." M & L, California

God bless you all for taking care of God's needy kids. I know He's smiling. L, Oregon

Thanks for your work for kids! N & D, Oregon



works!

Love Restored

hen I brought my daughter to Project PATCH, she was full of anger and was directing all of her hatred at me. I was clueless to know what to do. Her behavior was rapidly spiraling downhill and things were getting worse. I wanted help for our family, but sending her away was so hard for me. My fiancé was the catalyst to make it happen. He drove 1200 miles from his



home, then all night with me and my daughter to bring her to PATCH. The day we dropped her off, I never cried so much in my life. Yet I could sense the caring, dedication, and competence of the staff, the quality of the program, and the joy and purpose of kids who were re-building new lives from past pain.

My daughter wouldn't even say goodbye when we left. In fact, her counselor had to terminate her first phone call, several weeks later, because of her bad attitude. Somehow, since then she has become a different girl. Now I cry tears of gratitude every time I get one of her letters. She tells me how much she loves me and how she can't wait to see me. Back on her first home leave. I didn't hear one word of disrespect the whole time she was here. I saw her use new skills in coping with problems and dealing with her emotions – skills she had learned at Patch.

Now she is facing and dealing with the hurts in her past – hurts no child should ever have had to go through - with a new maturity. Her anger is being replaced with purpose and direction. Best and most important of all, she has told me of her new commitment to God. How many times I had prayed for that! I am more grateful than you can ever know for all the dedicated people at PATCH: NancyAnne, Jim and Sarah Smith, Dustin, Colleen, Sharon, Maria, Sarah, Gary, Chuck and all the rest of the wonderful people there. God bless all of you.

My confidence in PATCH's program remains strong...I am forever grateful for what PATCH has done for our family. You have given me back my precious girl! With love and continued prayers A grateful mom.

Parents at PATCH

Project PATCH was bursting with more than the usual activity generated by 30+ teenagers on the weekend of March 5-7. It was the 2nd Parent Weekend at PATCH and half of our clients' parents were on campus –

the energy was contagious! Most of the parents arrived on Friday afternoon to spend a few hours visiting with their teens before beginning the twoand-one-half days of classes. Two of the workshops they attended focused on violence in the media, and spirituality and teenagers. Another was

based on a new therapy



gymnasium. It took a lot of teamwork and dexterity – and a good sense of humor – for each team to succeed in reaching their goal. There was also time to spend with

model, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, and focused on communication with their teens.

One of the highlights of the weekend was an activity to build trust between the teens and their parents in which they worked together using only blocks and rocks as stepping stones to travel half way across the their teens at meals and walking around campus, sharing one another's company.

Parents left the weekend looking forward to implementing the learned skills at home. The next Parent Weekend planned for the end of summer also promises a great time for everyone involved.

Thank you PATCH!

I was a student at PATCH for 22 months and a week. I learned a lot and changed a bunch. I fell hard after my graduation, but life is getting back to normal! When I got to PATCH I was angry, depressed, overweight, bitter, cutting myself, and had the lowest self-esteem ever, all at the age of 12. I learned to love myself, others, and even God. I owe my life to PATCH. I know if I listen and remember every lesson I learned, my life will be happy and I will have a bright future with God, PATCH, friends, and family! I'm now a better and happier person.



So thank you PATCH donors and supporters and a bigger thanks to the PATCH staff and especially to Sharon and Liz, the two best teachers in the world.

Thanks for taking time to read my story. I hope it helps. God bless and again thank you PATCH for saving my life! *A recent PATCH graduate*

Alumni Appreciation

The following comments from former PATCH alumni were posted on PATCH's Facebook Cause page:

I lived at PATCH for 19 months ending on January 27, 2006, with my graduation. I learned how to function in society and how to control my anger and aggression so not to be set off by anything. PATCH saved my life in a sense through the staff who care so much and give so much time so that young people who are having trouble in life can change for the better. Thank you so very much PATCH!

Project PATCH taught me so many good life lessons :) It was a great experience and helped me to be the very best person I could be. All of the staff are so wonderful and really care....thank you all. I LOVE YOU!

I have so many bitter-sweet memories :)) PATCH was such a wonderful gift. I feel blessed to have had this experience when I was so young, because now I get it, and all these adults around me are in awe at the tools (sic; skills learned at PATCH) I've applied; It's all thanks to Project PATCH and God's work. Shout out to Jennifer! Love you woman!

It sucked, but it was worth it!

Dedicated to the Future

There was standing room only as guests crowded into the lodge for the dedication service.

On May 16, 2010, Project PATCH dedicated our new Family Center in Goldendale, Washington. Over 165 people came and shared PATCH's vision for building stronger families, which is: *A place where families who are experiencing challenges due to divorce*,

single parenting, remarriage, illness/death of a family member, or other significant events can come for help. The fun and experience-based program teaches families to trust, communicate, problem solve, laugh together, and to create a nurturing environment appropriate for developing healthy kids.

Former resident of the Project PATCH Youth Ranch, Kristina Miller, spoke of how she learned trust and communication skills during her time at PATCH. John Freedman, Washington Conference President, talked of God's plan for families at the dedication worship. He shared that God planted the seeds for the PATCH Ranch and the Family Center long ago because God knows the needs of His children. He concluded with how we are blessed in serving kids and families in need.



Elsie & Clarence Tupper, who donated the property, with Marjorie Wentland

After the dedication service cookies and punch were served on the wrap-around deck where Mt Adams was visible in all its glory. Guests enjoyed tours of the beautiful lodge, impressive shop and cozy cabins, as well as the trails and majestic waterfalls. We are so very thankful to Project PATCH's generous donors who share our vision for helping atrisk youth and building stronger families.

n Freedman

Jim Smith and

Kristina Miller

A video of the dedication service is available at projectpatch.org

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annual report

from the chairman

People who know me well know that I am fascinated by how words and phrases develop different or even unusual connotations over time. My favorite is the word "sideburns and how it came from the way Union General Ambrose Burnside shaved his face. His men affectionately nicknamed him "old sideburns," thus immortalizing the phrase.

This issue of our annual PATCH report emphasizes the concept of "dedication" which is an interesting word. It has several meanings; e.g. when we "dedicate" a building or monument or much more superficially, like "he is a dedicated fisherman," or "she is dedicated to her cooking."

The definition, "devotion to some work or duty," Is the one I want to focus on is because it is so Biblical. It defines our faith from its very onset. The early followers of Christ who were beset with persecution and hardship were described as "...devoting



themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer." (Acts 2:42 NIV). Why? Because they had experienced the life-changing and healing effect of the Gospel, which filled them with hope.

And we see that kind of dedication now 2000 years later in the work we call Project PATCH. In the many talented staff at the Ranch who donate years of their lives to work with the kids, often with lesser income and material benefits. In the

wonderful Board members who give tirelessly of time and energy to see that Project PATCH continues to fulfill its mission of healing broken lives.

But undoubtedly the greatest examples of dedication and sacrifice we see at PATCH are in the very lives of the kids and parents, who work hard and make the tough changes that enable healing to occur. On behalf of the PATCH Board and Staff and the kids whose lives are being forever changed, we thank you for your prayers and Harlan R. Gephart, MD financial support.

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from the director

By nature most of us are curious. A case in point: have you ever tried to resist answering the door when the door bell rings? You can't keep a child from making every effort possible to see who's on the other side of the door.

Curiosity turns to anxiety as we think about the future life of a child who is heading in a very wrong direction. Some who try to guess the future "value" of a teen can make a wrong decision – with disastrous results. They say things like; "If a child is doing bad things – let them go over fool's hill and see if they succeed on the other end." The problem is, many kids don't succeed simply because no one believes in their value or ability to succeed.

What gives all of us at PATCH the greatest joy is to prove the soothsayers wrong. While not every young person succeeds after being at PATCH, a large percentage do. One parent commented, "Our daughter is still struggling with some issues, but she is using the skills she learned at PATCH to cope with life. That is good news to us."

Heather left PATCH nearly 20 years ago and finds the memories of the Ranch endearing and a reason to succeed. Beverly had a love/hate relationship with the challenging new set of rules at the Ranch. She broke doors, argued and despised the journey. Yet today, both young ladies are responsible citizens. And best of all—Christians who feel blessed by their experience of change.

If only we all could give each child the dignity of being a valued and valuable person who has potential. It's the value we as adults give them as they journey through their teens that will enhance their dignity and grace as they take our place in the adult life and working world. They will never forget.

Tom Sanford



the numbers

Expenses Increased 10%

Client needs for specialized psychiatric care has increased through the years. A significant portion of the increased expenses result from contracting a medical director to provide specialized care. We also continue to see higher expenses related to staffing and medical insurance.

Decreased Sponsorship 15%

Parents are feeling the devastating impacts of the economy. Many are finding it difficult to meet even the reduced client fee determined by our sliding scale. We reduced the base client fee to help as many kids and families as possible during this trying time. Many existing clients' parents are no longer able to meet their financial obligation to PATCH. We evaluated their circumstances and, in faith, lowered fees for these families and increased our dependence on our donors. No child has been discharged from PATCH due to parents' inability to pay the fees. You, the donor, made this act of faith possible and we rely on you for continued support.

REVENUE IN 2009

Client Fees	\$ 736,236	25%
Contributions	1,266,963	44%
Gifts in Kind	288,531	10%
Other	618,441	21%
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Total Unrestricted Revenues \$2,910,171

EXPENSES IN 2009

Program Services		\$1,757,986	71%
Management & Gener	ral	452,953	18%
Fundraising		268,405	11%
Total Expenses	\$	2,479,344	
Change in Unrestricted	Net Assets \$	430,827	
	2009	2008	
Unrestricted Revenue	2,910,171	2,383,288	22%
Expense	(2,479,344)	(2,250,095)	10%
	430,827	133,193	

Annual giving touches every area of life at Project PATCH. Without this vital resource, we would not be able to continue changing lives. Over sixty percent of our operating budget comes in individual donations. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to those that gave. We realize that many of our supporters' gifts are made at great sacrifice. This Annual Report gratefully acknowledges your generosity. Your gifts and prayers continue to sustain and encourage us.

ELEANOR PARKER

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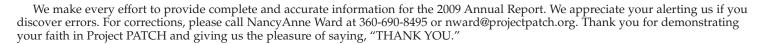
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