

PATCH *works*

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



Help us celebrate Project Patch’s 40 years of restoring hope to teens, building thriving families, and empowering supportive communities. Join us in celebrating the legacy of Tom and Bonnie Sanford. These two trailblazers took the first steps which have led to thousands of transformed lives. It is a great opportunity to pause and reflect on all that God has accomplished through our donors, staff, and volunteers over the past 40 years. We also look ahead to the challenges and opportunities that face us as we faithfully step into the future.

Please join us in celebrating God’s faithfulness and calling to serve his children at one or both of the following events:

• OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION – Garden Valley, ID •

Date: Sunday, September 8

Time: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Project Patch Campus

Address: 25 Miracle Lane, Garden Valley, ID 83622

This will be a FREE open house style celebration for the entire community, near and far. There will be activities for the whole family, including campus tours, bounce house/ slide, a program reflection on the legacy of Tom and Bonnie Sanford, and food (make sure to RSVP)!



RSVP for your food ticket at:
www.projectpatch.org/ID40

• BRUNCH CELEBRATION – Vancouver, WA •

Date: Sunday, November 3

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Royal Oaks Country Club

Address: 8917 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98662

This casual TICKETED celebration will include a breakfast buffet, a reflection on Tom and Bonnie Sanford’s legacy, and a short program by our CEO, Chuck Hagele.

Price: \$75/individual, \$150/couple, or \$600/table of 8



PURCHASE your table or tickets at:
www.projectpatch.org/WA40



THE CALL TO SERVE

In Matthew 25:35-40 we are called to care for those in need as if we were caring for Jesus himself.

Over the last 40 years, many of our staff members have answered this call and brought their diverse backgrounds to Garden Valley from different corners of the country and even other parts of the globe. They come to the beautiful mountains of Idaho, some for the first time, to make Project Patch their home, often describing it as “their family.”



The Ross Family at Blue Lake in Idaho

Some have come planning to work for a year or two but soon can’t imagine doing anything else. Ultimately staying 10, 20, or 24 years and counting - as is the case of Stephanie Ross, our Youth Program Executive Director, and her husband, Bob, our Food Services Director! Others return as staff members after having spent time at Project Patch as a struggling teen themselves. It is this special family bond between like-minded Christians that makes Project Patch a truly special place to work and call home.

Staff quotes are a true testament to the profound impact Patch has on them. Thinking of favorite things about working here is easy:

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WHAT DOES SUCCESS MEAN TO YOU?

Success is a word that means different things to different people. One person may view success as fancy vacations, a huge home, and expensive cars. Another might see success as a happy and healthy family making a positive difference in the world. Still others might simply feel success is financial stability, academic accomplishments, or professional achievements—or a combination of all the above. The bottom line is that there are many versions of success, and likewise, there are even more paths to get there.

This is what The School of Opportunity at Project Patch is all about.

We recently had two different guests share with our teens what success looks like in their individual lives and the paths that led them to that point. One of the biggest



Bill interviewing a staff member

lessons learned during these sessions is that the path to success is rarely smooth, clear, or direct. Ups and downs are normal, detours and u-turns are common, and these obstacles and challenges can actually lead to a more successful future than you had originally been heading for.

Our first School of Opportunity guest this summer was Bill Dolan, president of Spirit Media, and an Emmy-nominated creative director with over 30 years of experience. In 1999 Bill experienced one of these obstacles. As he puts it, “On January 28th, 1999, while on a flight to Nashville, I died... and it may have been the greatest thing that ever happened to me.” That fateful day on Bill’s path changed everything, “challenged his world view and approach to communication and marketing,” and as a result, his book, *The 7 Disciplines of Relationship Marketing*, was born.

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Our next School of Opportunity guest was Terry Wilt, COO and co-founder of TAG Manufacturing (co-founded with his older brother Gary – thus where TAG comes from), a leading designer and manufacturer in the construction equipment industry. Terry struggled in school with dyslexia. Many didn’t predict he would be successful because he didn’t go to college and wasn’t comfortable speaking in front of groups. Yet Terry knew how to work hard. He started a business and learned how to get large tasks done. He learned to assemble teams and, most importantly, care for his customers. Terry showed our teens that you can be successful even if you don’t excel during your school years.

Both of these stories were inspiring to our teens. They demonstrated that success for Bill looks very different than success for Terry. While their paths had ups and downs and different challenges, they ultimately led to successful lives. Now, the question is, what does success mean to you, and are you willing to take the steps to get there?

Would you like to share your path to success story at a future School of Opportunity? Contact Chuck at: chagele@projectpatch.org



Terry Wilt



YOUTH PROGRAM HAPPENINGS

Mountain Biking & Rafting with the Boys



5K Fun Run & Camping with the Girls



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MARANATHA - BUILDING PEOPLE

The mission of Maranatha Volunteers International is to “spread the gospel throughout the world as it builds people through the construction of urgently needed buildings.”

The organization is well known for building over 14,700 structures in 88 countries, including 25 trips to the Project Patch campus. Over the years, this amazing organization has contributed to the construction and renovation of nearly every building on our campus. In the past four years, they’ve been on our campus for five projects and have been instrumental in repairing, beautifying, and improving our buildings. However, Maranatha Volunteers aims to do more than construction; they want to impact lives with the Good News of Jesus.

This spring, 25 volunteers spent 17 days transforming our girls’ dorm with new flooring, painting buildings to match others on campus, and making repairs to staff housing. Yet, the most significant transformations took place in the hearts of the teens, staff, and volunteers.

When different generations such as these come together, there’s a unique bond that forms. The shared meals, especially the desserts, are always a hit with our teens when Maranatha is on campus. But it’s the conversations during these meals that our teens and volunteers cherish the most. They can be overheard talking about their lives, families, hobbies, and work. Many of our teens even come to consider the volunteers pseudo-grandparents and invite them to their graduations. This sense of community and connection is what makes these experiences truly special.



The teens discovered that the volunteers had a lot to teach them. They enjoyed learning to cook from Miss Carol and other kitchen volunteers, and playing catch with Terry. They also learned about perseverance and work ethic as they watched volunteers get up from the table day after day, stretch sore muscles, and return to work.

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By far though, the most common observation shared by teens and staff was the kindness, compassion, and acceptance of the volunteers. One teen expressed it this way: “They are very kind and sweet and they don’t judge you. They accept you for who you are.”

Teens (and floors) weren’t the only transformations during the project. Volunteers were encouraged as they witnessed God at work in the lives of His children. They recognized the impact made over time, on both teens and buildings, when volunteers share their time, skills, and resources.

As the volunteers prepared to leave campus, several things were evident—the appreciation of our teens and staff for the hard work and new floors, the volunteers’ love-filled exhaustion, and most importantly the beautiful friendships that had been made between them all.

“[Maranatha] doesn’t just improve our buildings and the looks of our campus,” shared one staff member. “They bring joy and encouragement to our lives too.”

Maranatha spread grace across campus as they worked on urgently needed projects. Mission accomplished!

If you are interested in participating in a future Maranatha event at Project Patch or around the world, you can find more details at www.maranatha.org/volunteer.



Dorm Lobby BEFORE ...



... and AFTER

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- Treatment Therapist
- Day/Night Direct Care

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WISH LIST

For those who prefer to give toward a specific project, the following list contains items that are needed, yet are not part of the operating budget.

- Floating Island** - \$300
- 2 Canoes - \$900 each
- 6 Camping Sleep Mats** - \$35 each
- 2 Kick Scooters** - \$70 each
- 4 Disc Golf Starter Sets** - \$60 each
- 9 Disc Golf Baskets** - \$150 each
- 3 Kites** - \$35 each
- Art Supplies** - \$200
- Educational Games** - \$75
- Microscope** - \$80
- Chainsaw** - \$250
- Flower Drip System - \$250
- 3 Watering Timers** - \$30 each

** Also available from Amazon at www.projectpatch.org/AmazonWishList

Please note on your gift if you would like it designated for a *specific* Wish List item or the *highest need* Wish List item. If the item has already been purchased, we will contact you for further instructions.

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PIECING IT TOGETHER

 by Chuck Hagele

Project Patch is celebrating 40 years of ministry this year. Tom Sanford, our Founder, often said, “I had no clue what God had in mind.” Tom felt called to help kids but was reluctant to leave the predictable life he’d lived as a successful pastor and step into the unknown and often messy life of helping struggling teens. Bonnie, his wife, reminded him that neither God - nor she - would let him rest until he followed the call to help teens.

In 2009, reflecting on our 25th anniversary, Tom shared, “I would never have dreamed that we would have impacted so many lives.” As we reflect on 40 years of ministry, we don’t celebrate the years; we celebrate the changed lives of the kids we serve and those of us who participate in the miracle.

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- Tom Sanford

This year feels like driving a car with a manual transmission. There is a moment of pause as you push in the clutch, shift to the new gear, and re-engage the transmission. We are momentarily pausing to celebrate 40 years of God’s faithfulness. We pause to honor the legacy of Tom and Bonnie Sanford, who obeyed God’s calling. We reflect on the many staff who devoted themselves to helping kids. We honor the many donors who responded to God’s call to give and fund this work. But mostly we celebrate the lives saved from destruction and the positive lifelong impact made on our teens.

Yet we aren’t pausing long. We know there is much more work to do. So, we shift into a faster gear to help even more teens and families. The work is by no means done. It’s easy to become overwhelmed by the challenges we face, but again, we remember how Tom did it: “My legacy would be to change the world a bit at a time. A child at a time.”

Will you join us as we step into the challenges of the next 40 years... one child at a time?

THE CALL TO SERVE ... continued

- “The schedule, the location, the people, the class size, the staff support, and their hearts.”
- “Seeing the growth in the kids – seeing them grow in their own abilities, in their self-confidence, and their love for themselves, family, staff, and God.”
- “I’ve grown as an individual as I’ve come alongside these kids to help them grow and persevere through their difficult circumstances.”
- “Very rewarding to see your impact on someone’s life changing for the better.”
- “It’s a beautiful place to work with some very amazing staff.”

As the saying goes, “God doesn’t call the equipped—He equips the called.” This has been proven many times over the past 40 years as staff have discovered God’s faithfulness in helping them as they serve teens experiencing behavioral, emotional, and relationship challenges. This faithfulness is perfectly expressed by staff who have shared that, “Project Patch is a fulfilling place to work where the days can sometimes feel long and the rewards can feel BIG” and “It’s one of the most rewarding careers there is, helping teens succeed.”

Working at Project Patch is not always easy, but it is a fulfilling and life-changing experience. If you feel called to help struggling teens and are interested in joining this amazing family, please check out www.projectpatch.org/jobs to see open positions, qualifications, duties, and benefits.



Project Patch has been partnering with parents since 1984 to help teens with behavior problems. Parents trust our licensed and accredited Youth Program in the mountains of Idaho as a therapeutic place for their teens to gain the insight, skills, and motivation to live a positive life.