

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SP 101: Brunch and Informational session at SP. 1/8/11 10am-Noon
 - Girl's Spa Day: 2/12/11 from 2-6pm
- For more information go to:
<http://acts512.org/Calendar.html>

SP HOURS:

- Office Hours: By Appointment Only
- Regular Open Hours: Tues., Thurs., Fri. 6-9pm
- Stone Table Youth Group: Wed. 6-7:30pm
- Through the Noise Tutoring & Study Time: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 4-6pm (snack included)

WISH LIST:

NEED:

- Used Ink Cartridges
- College Rule Paper
- Individual Drink Mixes
- Sheets of 1/2" drywall
- 120 - 2"x4"x8's
- 25 - 2"x4"x14's

WANT:

- Commercial Size Baking Pans and trays
- Individual Cocoa Packets

See our **FULL LIST** at acts512.org/Wishlist.html

BUDGET:

2010 Budget: \$133,000
2010 Actual: \$129,500

Aslan's Refuge Goal: \$700,000
Raised: \$351,000
Left to Raise: \$349,000

LEADERSHIP:

Executive Director:

Steven Knemeyer

Board of Directors:

Sharon Morris
Dianna Wheeler
Teresa Craig
Tamara Dezellem

Program Director:

Desiree' Knemeyer

IN REMEMBRANCE:

Pat Borden, our original "Porch Granny," went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 6th. We will always remember her years of love and service to our youth and her great love for raw Truth.

SOLOMON'S PORCH: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE STREET

The Porch Paper

JANUARY 2011



Adopt-A-Youth for a Night

If you were cold and wet, stranded in the bitter Wenatchee winter weather, what would you pay for a nice warm meal and bed to cuddle down into? In the Wenatchee area, a warm hotel room can cost you about \$120. That cost doesn't include your meals though.



As we continue to move closer to being able to house the homeless youth we serve, our leadership has been looking at more detailed costs of sheltering a youth for a night. The more youth we house the more lower some of the costs

per youth will be. What we have found in breaking the costs down is a nightly average. The average cost for a youth to spend a night at Aslan's Refuge will be just about \$133. This includes the state required meals, staff, laundry, electricity, internet, paper-work processing, and the other various items that make up a good night's sleep. We're also counting on a number of partnerships to keep the counseling, transportation, and recreational requirements at reasonable prices.

Our eight bedrooms will be filled as the youth come to us and they will be able to stay up to 21 nights in a row.

Some young pregnant ladies, such as the girl to the left, will be able to stay in our ADA/Nursery room when they have their child. This larger room will allow her the privacy she needs while caring for her child and considering her next steps.

Consider adopting-a-youth for a night. Only \$133 will care for them their first night, the most expensive night of their stay.



Two youth in Wenatchee allies



Tutoring Takes a Turn

Almost every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, at 4:00, Collin walks through the front doors at Solomon's Porch, drops off his jacket in our cubbies, and pulls out his homework. He is handed a ticket, and Collin puts his name on it, rubbing it for luck so he can win the prize at the end of the month. Soon, he's hard at work, finishing the last bits of his math work that he didn't finish at school. A snack is set before him, and he scarfs it down, happy with something to

fill his stomach. Now, Collin's finished with his homework, and asks, "Can I use the computer?" The Staff nods, the boy crams his papers back in his bag, rushes over to the computer, and remains at the Porch until it's closed, at 6:00 or 9:00, depending on the day. If he has a question, he asks for help, from either the present staff or the peer tutors who are available Tuesdays and Thursdays. We love to see Collin come in, and would love even more to see more students like him join us!

Stock Gifts

We are pleased to be able to partner with the Community Foundation of North Central Washington to offer our donors another way to give!

If you, or someone you know, is interested in donating stock to Solomon's Porch, please contact Beth Stipe to learn more at beth@cfncw.org or call her office at 663-7716.



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Honored at Christmas

Our first ever Family Christmas

 Dinner for the youth and their families joined with the SP family was three days before the holiday! More than 40 people were blessed to eat together, share SP  memories, and receive wonderful gifts packages. Some of the attendees have been "Porchies" since they were seven, before there was an age limit! Some were the older siblings who came with their families

who were once "Porchies" themselves. Our  volunteers were so blessed to see us have the chance to really interact with the whole family... to **be** the whole family! This Christmas was wonderful and your gifts of time, finances, items to give away, and love made it happen. Thank you for honoring these families and  honoring us in the service we love to give... May you be just as blessed in this new year! 

Groups that made a significant impact this Christmas Season were:

- Calvary Crossroads Baptist Church
 - WHS's Leadership Class 
- Light in the Valley Community Church
 - Wenatchee Valley Clinic
 - St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- Wenatchee Free Methodist Church
 - Target
 - And *Multiple Families!* 

AmeriCorps in Action

On Make A Difference Day, October 23, Intermountain AmeriCorps members went up to Camp Zanika to winterize and repair the facility. As it turns out, this is also where the Spring Incentive Retreat for the Through the Noise Program will be located. So that gave Alex Lewis, Solomon's Porch's AmeriCorps member and tutoring coordinator, an idea of what to expect and prepare for. AmeriCorps also took Alex to Yakima for a week to help train him for his work. This has provided him with far more resources than he ever expected for his service. And he isn't the only AmeriCorps member who has supported Solomon's Porch. Many other

IMAC members have shown support, even in small ways. You can find IMAC members all over the Intermountain area of Washington; from your local school district, to the Women's Resource Center, all the way out to the Fish Hatchery in Leavenworth. These people help support the community in hundreds of ways every day, volunteering their time and effort for you, the people. So, next time you see an AmeriCorps member, give them a pat on the back, or a thank you. They want to see the best for you, and have set aside a year from their life to do that.

