

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SP 101: Brunch and Info Session at SP. 3/19 10am-Noon. RSVP by 3/17
- Java Station Fundraiser. Buy any drink on a WEDNESDAY in April at the Java Station on Miller and Cherry and a portion of the proceeds will come to SP
- Camp Zanika Lache Tutoring Incentive Trip! 4/1-4/3
- Touch-A-Truck Fundraiser: Come see all your favorite big trucks! Town Toyota Center 4/16 , 10am - 2pm
- WHS French Club Talent Show Fundraiser: 4/21 at 7pm in the WHS Auditorium
- Starbuck's Food Drive for SP: 4/23 at any local store.

SP HOURS:

- Office Hours: By Appointment
- 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:

- Used Ink Cartridges (always!)
- Individual Drink Mixes
- Metal measuring spoons/cups
- Sheets of 1/2" drywall
- 120 - 2"x4"x8's
- Flashlights
- Commercial Size Baking Pans and trays
- Orange Peelers
- Good Quality Backpacks
- White Kitchen towels/aprons

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

(NOTE: We are not currently accepting clothing items)

BUDGET:

2011 Budget: \$60,000
2011 Raised: \$20,380

Aslan's Refuge Goal: \$700,000
Raised: \$353,600
Left to Raise: \$346,400

LEADERSHIP:

Executive Director:
Steven Knemeyer
Board of Directors:
Sharon Morris
Dianna Wheeler
Teresa Craig
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Program Director:
Desiree' Knemeyer

SOLOMON'S PORCH:

REACHING TEENS BY MEETING NEEDS

The Porch Paper

MARCH 2011



Waiting Alone

Right now I'm sitting in Family Planning waiting to find out if one of our girls is pregnant. Only the "patient" is allowed in the back. So, even though Sarah asked me to come with her because she's scared, she is sitting alone in another room praying that she is not with child.

Sarah's had a difficult time finding "someone" who will love her without using her. This last guy cheated on her and then left her to follow the other young lady home one night. He has been calling her every day since he was dumped by the other girl. Then when he found out she hadn't had her cycle for



over two months he began to try to manipulate her by telling her what she "would" and "would not" be doing. I hope that she learns soon that if they are abusive now it only gets worse the longer she's with him, and she chooses a safe life.

I've been surprised to see how many girls I know that have come in while we've been waiting. It's "Teen Walk-in Wednesday" here. There are currently eight girls waiting. One other social worker is here with a young lady but the others are just here with their friends... No parents. A total of eleven girls have been through the waiting room now.

I can barely fathom that it is this same way each Wednesday. Just in overhearing the conversa-

tions, I know that six of the girls are here to find out if they're pregnant. How many of their parents don't even know that their children are *sexually active*?

If you are the parent of a teen *please* meet their friends, talk to them openly about their sexual decisions, and be involved in their lives.

Thankfully, Sarah isn't pregnant. But it opened a big conversation about consequences. I love her and now she knows that so much more because I was willing to stand by her side in a time where she felt totally alone. I pray that someday soon she'll meet the man that gave me the strength to love her that much...

Tutoring Helps A-nother

Marsha has recently begun coming to the Through the Noise Tutoring Program on a regular basis. She came to us with a specific project she needed help with. She understood what she was doing, but Marsha needed some tools, and a quiet place to work. She knew she wouldn't have these at home, so for about a week, she came in every day we offered for tutoring, working away on her project. It started with some studying and collecting information on our computers. Then, we were able to supply Marsha

with a poster board and markers, to create the project. Our printer was used to print off pictures, and our staff were called on whenever she needed some help, or advise. Soon the project was complete, two days before it was due! Later that week, she brought it back, having earned an A- on the project. Marsha asked if we would hang it up in the Porch, and so for a week her poster hung proudly over the computer station. Good job Marsha! Keep up the great work!

Total 45 /50

Wenatchee

Throughout December many of you gave to the Wenatchee World's "Neighbor's Care Fund" to help with the issue of homelessness in our area.

Your contributions added up to over \$13,000!

Thank You
For giving, for helping, for loving these teenagers!



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Plastic Faith

When we opened up five zip-top bags brimming with mixed coins, we didn't realize how much would be there... we couldn't believe the faith that the children and families at Misseo Dei Church had in the ministry that was being done at Solomon's Porch.



As we separated the coins into like kinds, one of our staff member pulled out two plastic dimes. He laid

them on the counter with joy dancing in his eyes. "Someone really likes Solomon's Porch, they gave their all... they even gave what they thought *might* be currency." It dawned on us then that some child had the faith of a mustard seed that could put the rest of us to shame... We are so thankful to everyone who gives, but especially the kids with big hearts and the faith to give *everything* they have!

~Thanks~

Our biggest thanks for recent volunteerism on our kitchen remodel project go out to:

Salcido Connection,
Jeff Ballard, Jim Chilson,
Don Wheeler, Mike Norton,
Damon Newberry, Doug Barry & Steve Johnson

Up 'N Comin'

April is our next big "push" month to help raise awareness for the Aslan's Refuge Teen Crisis Shelter Project. Turn this page over to see our "Up Coming Events" section with more information about great ways to have some fun and make a difference too!

Some events include coffee and espressos, some fire trucks, helicopters, and ambulances, and yet others include singing, guitars, skits, and a silent auction.

Also keep an eye out at the Apple Blossom Craft Fair! We've applied to have a booth this year to sell buttons that the youth have helped us make!



Expanding Food Services

Starting this month, Solomon's Porch will be able to significantly expand our food services to the teenagers that we serve. We will start out feeding youth consistently on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings later this month. This means that we will be looking for more groups of 3-7 people who would be interested in "adopting a night" to come cook for and serve dinner to the youth. If you are interested please contact our office.

We will also be expanding our food specific wish list on our website: acts512.org. Gift cards to purchase produce are also greatly appreciated!

