

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- SP @ Camp Zanika Lache. If you have a youth interested in joining us you can go to the "Porchie's" page at acts512.org to download the paperwork. 5/14-5/16
- Peak 7 Rafting Trip. 6/14
- SP 101: 6/19/10 @ 10am
Join us to learn more about who we are, what we do, and how we're growing! This short, relaxed one-hour time includes a light brunch.

WISH LIST:

NEED:

- Med-Lg "Band-Aids"
- Used Ink Cartridges
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Heavy-Duty Paper Plates
- White Card-Stock Paper
- Sunblock SPF 30+ (for youth)
- Baby Wipes
- 8' Projector Screen

WANT:

- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Digital Cameras (5+mpx)
- Family-friendly DVD's
- Guitars (electric or acstc.)
- Used Cell Phones
- Rubber Stamps & New Ink Pads
- Loveseat (black or red)
- X-Large B&W Framed Art
- XBOX 360, PS2, or Wii
- New solid-white twin sheets
- New & Gently Used Camping Equipment

BUDGET:

2010 Jan-April Budget:

\$17,766

Actual Income Jan-April:

\$24,830

Aslan's Refuge Goal: \$422,000

Phase 1/Bldg Goal: \$112,000

Raised: \$61,552

Left to Raise: \$360,448

LEADERSHIP:

Executive Director:

Steven Knemeyer

Board of Directors:

Sharon Morris,

Rebecca Springer,

& Diana Wheeler

Program Director:

Desiree' Knemeyer

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

The Porch Paper

MAY 2010

Stone Table Youth Group Launches!

As the doors opened this Wednesday night, we were excited as youth began to arrive. For the first 15 minutes we just played some carefully selected music to match the theme for the night and let the youth settle in with our staff.

Following a countdown, we moved into explaining a bit of what worship is and talked about respecting other people's ways of worshipping. A fun and memorable song, "Romans 16:19" flashed

some of the staff back to a great time when SP had their own band that played weekly at the Porch and even at other local events.

Some great announcements about the free camp we have coming up, van ride permission slips and an upcoming movie night preceded the message.

Desiree', our Program Director took the mic to get youth involved in roll-playing the part of Adam and the serpent from the Bible, as well as Edmund and the White Witch from CS Lewis' "The

Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe." The message paralleled the two lives and followed the "supposal" that Lewis had laid out. The conclusion included a wonderful video available on YouTube entitled "Aslan-My Sacrifice;" which is a short synopsis of the whole message overlaid with a song by Creed.

The powerful message struck home for many of the youth and our staff were blessed to be able to see lives transforming already!

Thanks to
Applets & Cotlets
for donating our
"Turkish Delight."



Launch Night @ STYG

The Gates Great Giving Match

Thirty-three. That's the number of agencies in the Wenatchee Valley which have been chosen to participate in this amazing opportunity! We have specifically requested our match funds go to help us install a commercial kitchen. Right now, bless her heart, one of our volunteers takes our dishes home to wash them for us... we don't even have a full-size sink! But a little can go a very long ways with this matching grant.

Enclosed you found a brochure for this rare chance.

Please consider how you may be able to help. At our last update meeting, it was stated that if all giving ended that day, each participant would receive \$3 for every \$1 that was donated!!! We'd like to raise \$10,000 towards our kitchen and we know we can with your help. If you're not able to financially contribute, perhaps you could pass this brochure onto someone who can.

Just fill out the

"Donor Form" in the brochure and send it to the Community Foundation. We'll be awarded the funds July 8th!

Donations Must Be Received
No Later Than JUNE 30th



We'd LOVE to have a commercial kitchen so we could feed our youth better meals more often!



SOLOMON'S PORCH

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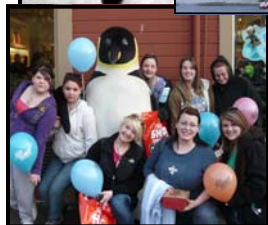
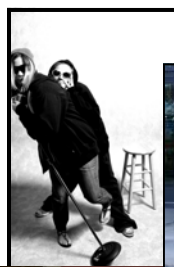
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www.acts512.org

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10 Girls in the Big City!

Some would call us crazy... I'd call us crazy. We're crazy for these amazing young ladies that we get to work with every week!

At the end of March four staff members climbed into our SP van with a bunch of teen girls and head out for Seattle. On a whirl-wind tour of the city including the zoo, aquarium, Space Needle, harbor tour, EMP, and Science



Fiction Museum, we were exhausted by the time we headed back. But during those crazy two days

something changed in those girls... they began to bond. Our staff had selected girls from differing groups, none sisters, in order to try to pull them together. A unity between these girls has positively impacted others here at SP. None of

the girls had been to the Space Needle, EMP, or Sci-Fi; two had never even been to Seattle. Most had never been to an aquarium and a few had been to a zoo of some kind before... we were so blessed to experience all of these things together with them!

The girls wished a huge thanks to the Chelan/Douglas Community Network for funding this Violence Reduction Experiment... it worked! Even now, over a month later, some of these youth are making the best decisions of their lives! If you will invest the time, heart, and prayer it takes to impact a youth's life... you'll impact a youth's world!

In the "Growth Zone"

One of many things we talk about with the youth is the "Growth Zone." It's a sweet-spot where you're stretching yourself to do something you're not quite comfortable with but you're not so uncomfortable that you enter the "Panic Zone," which would instill "fight or flight" panic.

The best way to move a youth into a growth zone is to get them outside their normal atmosphere and have some fun. They relax, knowing there is enough structure to make them safe but different enough to allow them to try something new. These growth zones are vital to the maturing individual as they seek to discover

who they are away from school and their families. In this zone a youth is well supported by people they trust, such as our SP staff.

Our next growth-zone activity is thanks to a wonderful partnership with Campfire Boys & Girls who are allowing SP to utilize their amazing property up at Camp Zanika Lache! On May 14th through 16th, we'll be able to take up to 25 youth on this amazing weekend retreat just off of Lake Wenatchee.

We are working diligently to make this trip free so that all of the high-risk and homeless youth we work with will be able to go. We're blessed to have a number of staff and friends of

Solomon's Porch who are giving up their weekend to be cabin staff, cooks, etc. If you're interested in donating towards this retreat, please contact our office.



Cabin at Camp Zanika Lache

We hope to take youth on day-trips throughout the summer as well. If you have any free trip ideas, please email them to: desiree@acts512.org. We're also looking for a nice rafting boat to borrow for a day-trip to Chelan this summer!