

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Yard Sale! 9/10-9/11 8am-2pm @ YoungLife House (1200 S. Miller, Wen)
- Staff Training: 9/13 4-6pm. Call for Paperwork
- SP101 Free Brunch: 9/18 10-noon @ SP. Call to reserve your seat.
- See You At The Pole Rally: 9/21 6-9pm @ U-Turn
- Youth hike to Iron Goat Trail: 9/25 9am-5pm
- Youth Conference: 10/8-10/9 in Renton
- Teen Shelter Benefit Concert: 10/16 @ EJHS. 6pm \$5. Featuring the bands Noonday Sun & The New Divide!
- Spook Nite Costume Party: 10/29 6-9pm

For more information go to:
<http://acts512.org/Calendar.html>

WISH LIST:

NEED:

- Used Ink Cartridges
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Heavy-Duty Paper Plates
- White Card-Stock Paper
- 8' Projector Screen

WANT:

- Crayola Colored Pencils
- Digital Cameras (5+mpxls)
- Family-friendly DVD's
- Guitars (electric or acstc.)
- Rubber Stamps & New Ink Pads
- New solid-white twin sheets

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

BUDGET:

2010 Jan.-Aug. Budget: \$26,899
Actual Income Jan.- Aug.: \$36,272

Aslan's Refuge Goal: \$450,000
Raised: \$165,000
Left to Raise: \$285,000

LEADERSHIP:

Executive Director:
Steven Knemeyer
Board of Directors:
Sharon Morris
Rebecca Springer
Dianna Wheeler
Program Director:
Desiree' Knemeyer

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

The Porch Paper

SEPTEMBER 2010

*Lives Subject to Change

Often an asterisk is utilized to call out a footnote. For the Aslan's Refuge Teen Crisis Shelter Project campaign, that footnote is the whole statement. Imagine a picture of a homeless young lady sitting in the alley because it's the only place that she could find some cardboard to sleep under. That is a picture that Solomon's Porch would slap an asterisk over, her life is subject to change... but only with the introduction of hope.



We believe that each youth should have a warm, safe place to sleep at night. We believe that young women who have made a mistake should not have to sleep in a dangerous place because they have become pregnant. We believe that these youth are worth loving and caring for.

This Autumn, there are many chances to help us make a difference. November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. Our staff, volunteers, youth, and supporters are encouraged to purchase a button for \$1 and wear it everyday of November to raise awareness. We will also have donation cans available around the valley. If you'd like to have a donation can where you work, at your faith community or at your organizational meeting please contact Desiree' at info@acts512.org. We would also be honored to present the need addressed by the Aslan's Refuge project to your organization, company, or group.



In Mid-September, a brochure will go out



in the mail to everyone in the our Valley explaining more about the project. Please talk with others about it!

On Saturday, October 16th there will be a benefit concert at EJHS at 6pm with the bands The New Divide and Noon Day Sun. The cost is a \$5+ donation.

In November, supporters will also be gathering public notice and support on the streets of Wenatchee. To participate, contact our office.

We Believe...

Five Nights, Countless Lives

Open Monday through Friday... that's the goal. One that we think is very realistic and achievable if everyone will work together. Solomon's Porch needs at least six more volunteers to make this a reality. Specifically, we're looking for Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening staff. Hours are from 5:45-9:15pm. It's a commitment to

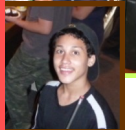
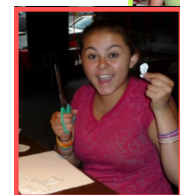


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change the lives of countless youth in our area, a commitment to make our valley a safer place to live, a commitment to show love to the least "loved" youth around. And love you will, if you join with us. It's impossible to build relationships with these amazing teens and not fall in love with them. They are some of the brightest, gentle, and broken youth you'll ever encounter.

Once a week, you'd come down to play pool, cards, do crafts, play video games, and to just "hang out" with them. Soon, they will begin to trust you as they do very few, if any,

other adults. They'll share their story; their life with you. Be sure, we give you training on what to do in certain situations that may arise, but much of your training you'll find, you've been learning your whole life. If you've been considering volunteering, now is the time to say "Yes." Contact us today.





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Solomon's Porch Superheros!

Starting the night out with Skillet's song, Hero, a few youth made their way in for youth group. Things are different each week to keep the teens on their toes and interest levels high and this particular night was one they likely won't be forgetting.

Desiree had red capes for each of them to tie around their necks as she spoke about heroes and ultimately that Jesus Christ, Himself needs to be our Hero. He will never let us down, saves us from ourselves and loves us very much. They listened attentively, but were anxious as to what these red capes were for.

Next, our youth were given an instruction

to go on a mission to "The Door of Knowledge," where one of our staff members would be meeting them. The teens set out, agreeing this meant the library. They were also given an envelope, which they were instructed not to open until their first quest was accomplished.

At the library, they met the staff member, who handed them addresses of two places in town to hang up flyers for Solomon's Porch. After asking random people in the park how to get to these places and getting lost a bit, they reached their

destinations. All along there were four staff members following them around from a distance, laughing, and taking pictures. There was also another teen whom we came across at the library and is now currently attending youth group on a regular basis.

By the end of the night, these superheroes hung up flyers, handed out fifty cent pieces, picked up trash, made many people in cars do a double-take and smile and all in all, they built a bond together and worked great as a team!

by: Amber



AmeriCorps Partnership Provides Free Tutoring

When Alex Lewis began showing interest in the outreach at Solomon's Porch, none of us knew where it would lead. He attended a number of events, such as our retreat shown to the right, over a year ago. He's also climbed Granite Peak with our guys, rafted down the mighty Wenatchee River, and built trusting relationships.

Alex graduated from Eastmont High School this last spring and chose to serve his country through a term in AmeriCorps. We were happy to work with Toby Haberlock of Intermountain AmeriCorps to select Alex to work with us at Solomon's

Porch. He will launch a free tutoring program for our students here at our outreach center in downtown Wenatchee. Alex, an Advance Placement student at Eastmont, has a laid-back and caring personality. During his 10.5 months with us, he will be attending school lunches to build new relationships, recruiting teachers and other adults to assist with the tutoring program, and make the Porch available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6pm for a quiet place for teens to study and/or receive assistance with homework.

Having another staff member working 40 hours each week will significantly increase our ability to reach out to the youth we serve, to be

visible to our community, and to partner with other organizations and groups to provide all that we can for these teens.



If there is a way you can help, whether it's tutoring youth twice a month, providing

healthy snacks one day a week or donating some of the school supplies we need, your help is very much appreciated.

Welcome Alex! We're excited you're here!