



IN BRIEF

PATCH receives M.J. Murdock grant

PATCH is the recipient of a \$70,000 grant from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust! The Trust representative visited the Ranch last November and was impressed with the Chapel, the campus, and our overall program. This money will complete the Chapel Project, and pave the parking lot and surrounding road. Thank you Murdock Trust!

Welcome back!

In May Maranatha will return to build a new woodworking center where kids can build bookshelves, tables, birdhouses or even pinewood derby cars! The staff and the kids are excited to have Maranatha back, whose generosity is greatly appreciated.

Bike race to benefit PATCH

On August 13th, 2006, some of the country's top cyclists will be at the inaugural race of The Cycling Classic in Boise, Idaho. Event producer, Core Sports, LLC, has generously agreed to help with fund raising and publicity. To register, or for information go to www.thecyclingclassic.com.

PATCH *works!*

Pinewood Derby builds self esteem

Encouraging creativity in the kids is one of the priorities of the staff at the Ranch. Creative activities are seen as opportunities to help young men and women build self esteem. Sometimes these activities can be very hands on, and the Pinewood Derby is no exception. Kids who may have been isolating themselves from others or hanging around with destructive people are now given a safe and constructive place to socialize.

Together, the kids and staff at Project PATCH spent their fall transforming blocks of wood into pinewood racers. Most were made into sport cars, or other aerodynamic shapes. However, there were also a few fun shapes, like a hot dog or a bottle of hot sauce. Whatever the idea, construction took place in the temporary wood shop where the kids spent their time cutting, chiseling, sanding, and painting.

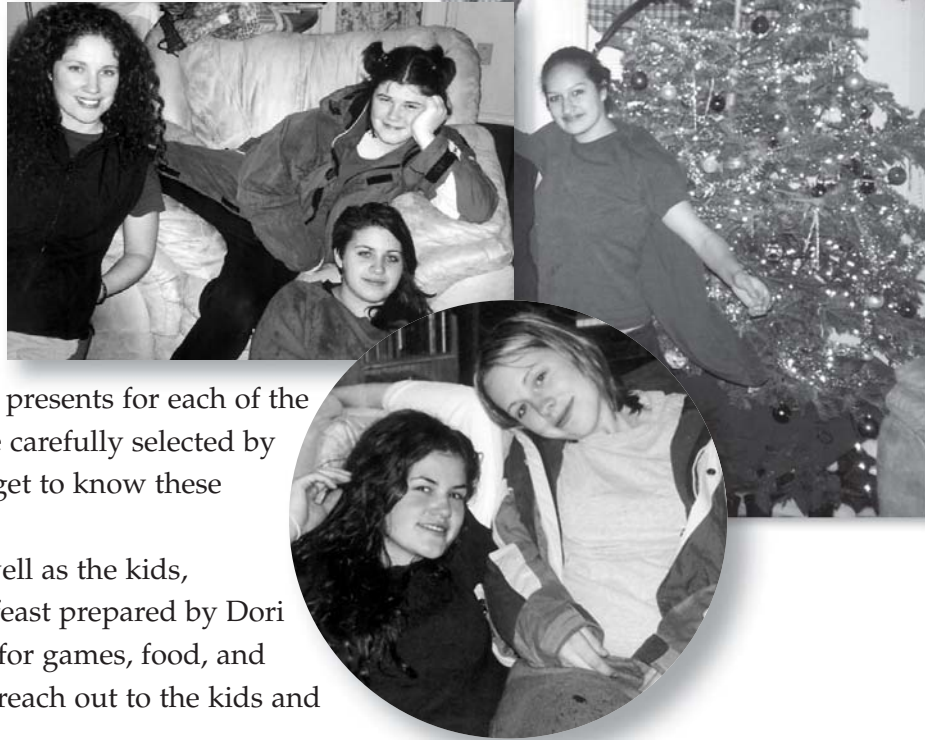
We were able to borrow a three-car racing track from a Boy Scout troop in Boise, Idaho, and spent a fun afternoon putting the derby cars to the test. The kids had a great time and congratulated each other on jobs well done! We gave out awards for fastest car, most creative car, and best paint job. Here at PATCH healing happens in many ways. We feel the confidence the kids gain from creating something of their own is special and essential.



Making Christmas special

Winter is a beautiful time at the Ranch, but Christmas can still be hard for some of our clients. For many of the kids and their parents, it is the first time they have been apart for the holidays. For others, Christmas is tied to painful memories, memories of conflict and even violence. We want to make Christmas a special and enjoyable time for the kids. Thanks to generous donations, we are able to provide presents for each of the young men and women. These presents are carefully selected by staff members who have taken the time to get to know these kids and what they like.

The staff and some of their families, as well as the kids, enjoyed a special breakfast and Christmas feast prepared by Dori Ahlers. Christmas at the Ranch was a time for games, food, and relaxation, but more importantly, a time to reach out to the kids and show them love and acceptance.



Igloo building teaches a valuable lesson

It takes teamwork, perseverance, some guidance, and a whole lot of snow to build an igloo. Several years ago our Outdoor program purchased an igloo building kit, but this year was the first time we had enough snow to use it. With some help from our staff, several of the young men at the Ranch spent nearly eight hours digging and shaping snow into an igloo that measured eight feet in diameter. The boys

learned that snow could be shaped and molded into something that could protect from the cold with the heat of a single candle. Seeing the snow transform became a lesson about their own lives. These young men began to see, through this example, that the miracle of God's love could shape and change them as well.



An Investment sharing story

A family in crisis, with an out-of-control teen, faces many different questions. Who should they turn to for advice? Who will be able to really listen and empathize? Perhaps they feel most comfortable talking to other parents, who have experienced the same bewildering ache of not knowing how to help their child or keep them safe. And if these families find their way to a place like Project PATCH, how do they know it is safe? How do they know if it is a professional and spiritually rich place? How do they know that PATCH can be a nurturing environment that still remains focused on keeping kids accountable for their actions?

Sean and Cassandra Darren* were at an impasse with their daughter, Bethany*. She was rebellious and habitually lied. But what was most disturbing was the deep anger Bethany seemed to have inside of her. Her destructive behavior was controlling the family, and they were worried about what would happen to their daughter if this behavior continued. After a lot of prayer and research, they decided to place Bethany at the Ranch though they weren't sure how to tell her. They decided to tell her that the whole family was taking a road trip to look at some investment opportunities in Idaho. When they got to the Ranch, Bethany looked around and asked, "What kind of investments do you want to make here?" Her father looked at her with a determination born of deep love and said that the investment was in her, in her future, and in her life. Sean and Cassandra wanted the best for their daughter and recognized that she needed help. And though Bethany was resistant and angry at first, she has since blossomed into a lovely young woman who is about to graduate the program.

A few weeks after Bethany arrived, Project PATCH received a phone call from some parents who were concerned about their son. He was having severe problems in school, and there was a growing rift between him and the rest of the family. The Darrens had encouraged them to call, and they decided to enroll their son in the program. A few days later, PATCH received a phone call from California, from another set of parents who had been referred by the Darrens. Their daughter was hanging around with a dangerous crowd, and they feared she would become a runaway. That young lady is now at the Ranch. Later on, a family from Canada contacted PATCH, seeking help for their adopted daughter. They too had learned about the program from the Darrens.

The Darrens shared their investment, the investment they had made in their daughter. In doing so, they were able to help other families who were lost and struggling. The letter at right is from the mother of the young woman who came to us from California. She thanks you, our supporters, for your gifts to PATCH. You may consider it your own kind of investment sharing.

PATCH is honored to use the dollars entrusted to us by faithful supporters to help out families in need.

**real names not used*

To those who give:

In November of this year my family was led to the Patch Program out of necessity.

When we expressed our concerns about our ability to pay for the initial enrollment, we were told by Patch employees that they were willing to work with us and that our priority should be to relocate our daughter and get her the help she needed as quickly as possible.

After enrolling our daughter we were faced with the reality of obtaining the financial resources to maintain her participation in the program.

After receiving the first billing from Patch in the mail I was surprised to see several "credits" reflecting monetary donations from anonymous donors.

We wanted to express our deep gratitude for this assistance during this difficult time by declaring our appreciation to all who continue to give, not grudgingly or out of necessity, but out of love, towards the scholarship fund.

Very sincerely, A grateful Mom

Doing the Right Things and... Doing Things Right

Introducing Chuck Hagele, Ranch Coordinator

Squeals of laughter, and shouts of, "Way to go! Wow, great game!" pour out of the Girl's Dorm main entrance. At the center of this controlled chaos is the Ranch Coordinator, Chuck Hagele. Minutes later Chuck may be found in a meeting with the dorm staff and counselors, praying for each child as well as providing insight and leadership for challenging situations. Later in the day Chuck is at his desk working on accreditation and licensure issues. And finally Chuck rounds out his day by filling in for an absent night staff person that evening in the Boys' Dorm. There are many days like this for PATCH's Ranch Coordinator.

Chuck has a varied background which helped prepare him for the challenge of being the lead administrator at PATCH Youth Ranch. Chuck has a BA from Walla Walla College with a major in Theology and a minor in Psychology. He has an MBA from Boise State University and was an Associate Pastor at Medford SDA Church in Oregon. He also worked at Union Bank & Trust Co in Lincoln, Nebraska in various information systems jobs.

Chuck is married to Kelly Sanford Hagele, who also has an MBA. They enjoy many activities outside of the Ranch including mountain biking, off-road triathlons, hiking and backpacking. Their varied interests and expertise make them an excellent addition to the Project PATCH Ranch team.

Just exactly who is Chuck Hagele? Is he the fun loving instigator of games in the Girl's Dorm, the administrator providing support and leadership for the staff, the computer whiz making sure everything is running smoothly, or the person who is willing to fill in wherever necessary? According to Ranch staff, Chuck is all of these things and more. The amazing fact about Chuck is that he can wear several different hats at one time and have a great time doing it.

Chuck's strategic philosophy as Ranch Coordinator is doing things right and doing the right things. Chuck states that he loves interacting with the kids and watching the staff make a difference in each kid's life. He has a head for business and a heart for young people.



Goldendale Update

Progress at Goldendale is well on its way. With the use of an excavator on loan from Rowand Machinery we were able to do more roadwork in December. However, there is still much to be done. We need volunteer help in thinning the stands of Ponderosa Pine on the ranch. We only have until February, 2007 to get 150+ acres done, if we are to qualify for remuneration from the State. Also, we need to build a maintenance and repair shop for our equipment. We know that God will provide for us, but we could use your help too!

Rick Claridge joins Project PATCH Board

“You try telling Tom Sanford ‘no,’” Rick Claridge says with a smile. He is the newest member of the Project PATCH Board of Trustees and is dedicated to helping troubled youth, as well as serving the community in general. He is the President of the Blue Mountain Credit Union, and his wife, Betsy Saunders Claridge, is a teacher at the Walla Walla Valley Academy in Washington. Together, they have lived their lives with a desire to serve others.

PATCH has always had a special place in the hearts of Rick and Betsy Claridge. In 1988, they housed a young woman through PATCH’s foster care referral program. When Tom Sanford asked Rick to serve on the PATCH board, he could not refuse. He explained, “When the disciples tried to keep the mothers with little ones from seeing Jesus, He said, ‘Allow the little children to come to me, for such is the kingdom of God.’ How can anyone say no when one of these precious souls has needs that I can help satisfy? Jesus couldn’t do it, and it is my prayer that none of us will either.”

Thanks for joining our team, Rick!



Estate planning can make a difference

There are many different ways to contribute to PATCH. We appreciate gifts-in-kind such as vehicles, heavy equipment, boats, real estate, and even airplanes. Currently all PATCH vehicles have either been donated or purchased with funds given specifically for a vehicle. Heavy equipment and a fire truck (see story on page 7) have been donated and are greatly appreciated for their practical use.

Another way to help is through bequests.

You may want to remember Project PATCH in your estate planning. These gifts can take several forms:

- Bequests in wills or living trusts
- Life income gifts to a charitable remainder trust, pooled income fund or gift annuity
- Retirement plan and IRA beneficiary designations
- Gifts of life insurance

Each gift we receive helps to change lives by providing healing for youth at risk, which also allows future generations to be blessed by your generosity.

Helpful Hints for Estate Planning

People think estate planning is only for the very rich. This simply isn't true. Whatever your circumstances, those you hold dear will benefit from a carefully designed plan.

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS:

The law will treat my family right and see they get everything. *Yes, each state can distribute property for those without wills. But they cannot anticipate the special needs of your loved ones.*

My estate is too small. *Regardless of size, why leave it to chance? With a plan, you decide who will get what by naming family members, friends, or favorite charities.*

I own everything jointly with my spouse. *Even with joint ownership, you still need to plan who inherits your estate after you're both gone. Holding assets jointly does not eliminate estate tax.*

I already have a will. *How old is it? An outdated will may not recognize current beneficiaries, your estate's growth, new tax laws, your move to another state or other critical factors.*

The MATCH for PATCH

A chance to challenge oneself and change a life

At 6 am on Monday, August 29th, 2005, headlights provided the only light for PATCH Idaho development director, Jennifer Matoske, and volunteers Rob and Stevie. The early hour was necessary to set-up the first annual golf tournament at the Banbury Golf Course in Eagle, Idaho. Auction and prize tables soon flanked the registration area and all was ready. As volunteers worked registration, several PATCH staff came to play and lend support. All players found their carts, and ten teams drove onto the green for the 8am shotgun start. The play was lively, including closest to the pin and long drive contests.

Tired and laughing, players returned in clusters to a sumptuous buffet luncheon. After prayer, PATCH resident Ben was interviewed by anchor Mark Johnson of Boise's News Channel 7. Ben described how the program has impacted his life.

"Basically before PATCH I was a brat. I couldn't control my temper or get along with my mom. Through going to wilderness, work crew and counseling assignments I've learned to manage my anger and get along with my mom. I'm doing really good right now and pretty soon I'll be on level two!" grinned Ben.

PATCH residents Preston, John, and Troy handed out information and invited guests to bid on silent auction items. They said they were happy to lend a hand to an event that helped to pay for their stay at the Ranch. Our first tournament raised over \$6,000 to help troubled teens.

"This is the most well-organized first tournament I've ever been to!" smiled Joe Malay, local golf celebrity and host of television's channel 6 show Closest to the Pin.

None of this would have been possible without the financial support of players, auction and prize donors and sponsors. A special thank you goes to the gold level sponsors – InSync Lifestyles, Home Federal Bank, Clear Water Painting, Capital City Kiwanis Club as well as the hole-in-one sponsor, Larry Miller Subaru. Thanks also go to the volunteers and promoters for their contribution, Rob Easter in particular, for the many hours he gave in addition to the donations he solicited and provided personally. It is heart-warming to see members of our community give so generously of their time and resources to help young people access the treatment that will turn their troubled lives around.



Jennifer Matoske and Mark Johnson at right. Below are volunteers at registration.



2ND ANNUAL MATCH FOR PATCH GOLF TOURNAMENT 7am Friday, July 14, 2006 Spur Wing Country Club Meridian, Idaho

Our second tournament will also include a gourmet luncheon and auction. Already we have sponsors for 9 holes and nearly 70 golfers signed up and ready to play. Some of the young women from the Ranch will be helping and sharing about what PATCH is doing in their lives. Interested players can register by calling Jennifer Matoske at 208-375-8965 or by visiting www.projectpatch.org. Not a golfer, but want to join the fun? Call to volunteer. Hope to see you there!

Sharing his story and expertise!

Tom Sanford is the author of two books. *Wounded Healer*, written with Kay Rizzo, and *If Parenting is a Three Ring Circus How Come I'm Not the Ringmaster?*

Wounded Healer is the powerful story of Tom and Bonnie Sanford's dedication to overcoming their abusive childhoods in order to found Project PATCH and help thousands of other hurting children.

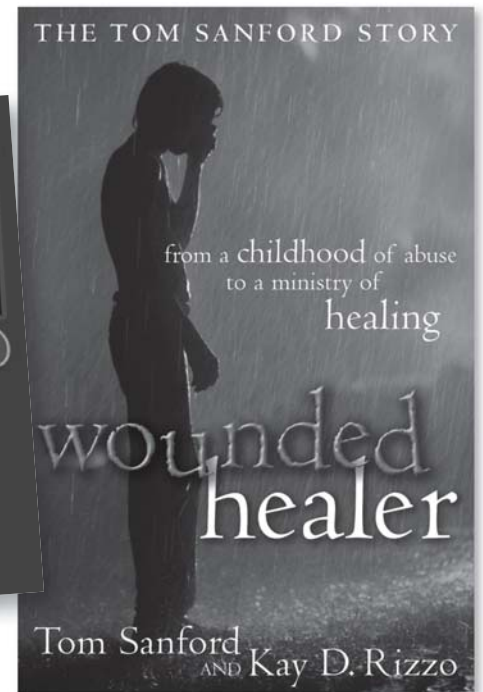
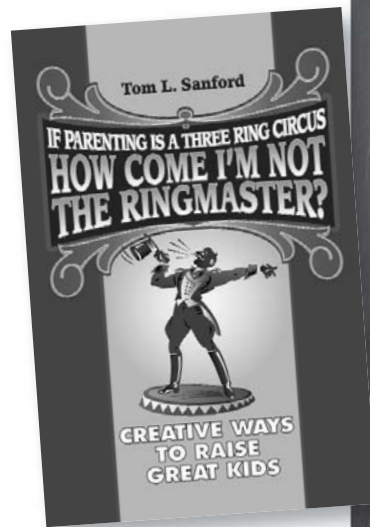
"Tom Sanford's life growing up under the abusive hand of a father who used rage to manipulate and control others was anything but idyllic. His red eyes and swollen lips from beatings at home earned him cruel nicknames at school. But the physical bruises on his body were no match for the wounds to his spirit.

How this inwardly wounded boy grew up to become a healer of thousands of like-wounded boys and girls through the ministry of Project PATCH is the stuff of miracles. And this book tells the story.

From Sanford's own troubled past to the heartbreaking stories of the children he and his wife Bonnie have rescued, Wounded Healer is an emotional journey of faith, struggle, and redemption. Long after you close the covers of this book, the stories of young lives changed on the "miracle ranch" known as PATCH will remain in your heart forever."—Synopsis by Pacific Press.

If Parenting is a Three Ring Circus..., the second edition of Tom's parenting book, includes an insightful and helpful new chapter on the challenges of adult children who return or remain at home.

Both books are now available at your local Adventist Book Centers. Copies can also be obtained by calling the PATCH Clackamas office at 503.653.8086.



Fromberg, Montana shares a piece of its history.

Heartfelt thanks go to the Fromberg Fire Department who donated this 1954 Chevrolet fire truck to Project PATCH. While only having been driven 8,000 miles in the past 52 years, it has seen its share of fires – range, forest, house, and car fires. The last major fire it fought was the “Willie Nelson” fire in Red Lodge, Montana, in the late 90s.



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"God bless your efforts for these young people. These lives mean so much."

– *Corona, CA*

"Love and prayers for all of you who keep PATCH held together. God is number One! Praise Him."

– *Rockaway Beach, OR*

"If you could see our Shelly now you would never know she was the same person. Please let the people who sponsored Shelly know that they have invested their money wisely because they have invested in eternity."*–

Academy staff of PATCH graduate

"I know PATCH is designed to help Adventist children, but would you deny another a crumb or two from your table of blessings? You see, my church couldn't help me – yours could and did."– *A mom*

"I am unable to give more, but I am so very thankful for the wonderful work you're doing for troubled youth."

– *Groton, MA*

*not her real name

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