

The Tools to Choose

There are two sides to every story. This is the story of Jerika's experience at Patch from her own perspective. To read her mom's view, go to page 8.

I was 16 when my mom and stepdad tricked me into getting into the car. They told me we were dropping off my stepdad at the airport and I agreed to tag along, but two hours later I asked what was going on. When they told me we were headed to Project Patch I punched the windows, kicked the back of the seats, screamed, and cried.

The reason my mom had decided to take me to Patch was because I needed help. I was depressed and unhappy, got mad easily and lashed out at others, and started sneaking out of the house at night. I even got into drugs and alcohol, including on school nights and in the middle of the day.

When we got to the ranch that summer, I was angry. I cried a lot and refused to talk to anyone. The Project Patch ranch is up in the mountains and I was a city girl, so I wasn't used to so much "outdoors" and I hated it.

But over time I began to learn a lot about myself; about my personality, how to control my anger, and how to be friendly. The first time I sat in the "hot seat" having to share about my experiences and feelings with my group, I was terrified. I tried to get up and leave, but that of course didn't work. I learned that running away or stuffing your issues away just leads to depression and loneliness. But most of all, I learned that getting help is not a bad thing. Everyone needs someone to talk to; we're all human and we all fall down.



▲ Life no longer looks dark and futureless for Jerika, who completed the Patch program two years ago.

When I completed my 14 months at Patch, getting that certificate of completion and getting back in the car to go home for good felt almost unreal. I kept asking myself, "Is this really happening?" It felt amazing to have come so far and accomplished so much. I had skills to manage my anger appropriately, I'd achieved my GED, and I was a happier person.

Being back in my home environment was hard. A lot of people in my town are so involved with drugs I found it incredibly challenging to stay clean when I had no job and nothing to do. It's been two years, and I'm still clean; I live with my sister in our own apartment and I'm enjoying the journey of life. I felt like I'd never get to this point in life, but I'm here— independent and happy.

I'm still not sure what I want long-term for my future; right now I'm just focused on working and learning how to budget so I can travel and enjoy life to the fullest. What I do know is that I'm forever grateful to Patch for giving me the tools I needed to be able to choose a better future for myself.

Cares & Prayers

Thank you for providing a perfect weekend and a beautiful setting during our time in Goldendale. Thank you for all you do for so many; you are a gift from God. – M.M.

We wish you God's blessings as you continue to help these children find their way in life and to know how much God loves them. – T.B.

You people and the Lord make such wonderful changes in the lives of those who come (or may be brought) to you. May He continue to bless in both Idaho & Goldendale. – L.C.

Thank you for giving our son a chance to lead a normal life. – L.R.

The serenity of the Family Center is phenomenal. I will definitely be back. The food – oh, the food! Words cannot express how awesome it was. Thank you! I know God has a plan for this facility. – D.S.

It was a wonderful weekend at the family center, and it was so nice to meet everyone there. Keep doing God's work; you are wonderful at it. – L.W.

It is exciting to hear about the young lives that are changed by all the love and concern shown them at the youth ranch. May God continue to bless you all as you minister for Him. – G.W.

My Everything

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about the Patch program on their website, I knew Patch was exactly what Jerika needed.

Taking her to the ranch was extremely difficult emotionally. We packed her bags without her knowledge because she had expressly stated she did not want to participate in a residential treatment program, that she was perfectly happy living her current lifestyle, and had no intention of changing it.

When it was time to leave the ranch—without my daughter—I cried. I had never been away from Jerika for more than a week, and here I was leaving her for a year in the hands of people I had only met hours before. But I knew at home I was losing her to the world of drugs and gangs and she needed help I could not provide. I knew Patch could offer that help.

I visited Jerika about once every three months, and she had several homeleaves to visit me. We always had a lot of fun and heartfelt conversations as she shared what she was learning at Patch. I could see her carefully guarded walls coming down, and saw her turning into a bright, happy person

again. She was excitedly looking for more positive outlets in her life, setting goals, and was working toward them; she even achieved her GED while she was at Patch. I was so proud of her!

After completing the program, Jerika told me she was grateful for her time at Patch, and the things she had learned there. She's been home for two years now, and not only does she still utilize every day the skills she learned at the ranch, she also continues to talk about her time there, hoping to help others who are going through a hard time.

Patch gave Jerika a feeling of self-worth. The program showed her that she could make goals and plans for her own future – and be in control of them. When she came home, she no longer acted as though she was at the mercy of the circumstances around her.

I was and continue to be amazed at the changes in Jerika's life. Project Patch accomplished all that I expected and more. She's positive, happy, upbeat, and loves life, and is now working. She has long-term goals to get married and build a future for herself. She looks forward to every day. And more than

▼ After completing the Patch program, Jerika went from angry and depressed to joyful and optimistic.



anything, she loves spending time with her family.

I'm so glad I sent Jerika to Project Patch, and am so thankful there was a program out there for her. My daughter means everything to me, and Patch gave her back to me.

Supporting Patch is Easy!

We are excited to introduce a new system for online donations and payments, making it even easier for you to support Project Patch. New features include saving your credit/debit card information for easy subsequent contributions, updating your contact information in our database, access to your receipt and past payment information, ability to easily and clearly choose where your contribution goes, ease of setting up recurring gifts or

payments, and more. You can even sign up for any of our e-newsletters when you register (and edit your settings later if you wish). Additionally, making donations or payments online saves both us and you postage!

This system is safe and secure, as it is password protected and only the last four digits of your credit card number will be visible. Your information is stored in a world class data center monitored 24 hours a day, every day of the year,

and our system is compliant with PCI, DSS, and SOC standards, as well as others.

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From the Board Chair

By Rick Claridge



According to Acts 20:35, Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive. And while you and I would both probably affirm that we agree with that principle, it's amazing how often I find myself (and perhaps you do, too) dreaming what I would do if only I had more. Probably most often my thoughts are not about helping others, but about helping myself. That's bothersome!

Naturally, most of the world thinks the same way. I'm always intrigued by the news media whenever the Powerball lottery jackpot gets above \$300 million or so. The interviews, the hype, the dreaming. And while I've often heard, "think of the good I could do with \$300 million," I don't ever recall reading a story of where that has happened. I have read several articles of how winning even just a few million dollars has ruined people's lives. I recall reading an article several years ago that noted about 30-40% of multi-million dollar winners are bankrupt within just a few years. Wow! And why? My guess it's because lottery winners are generally not good money managers. But possibly more importantly, lives are ruined because winners think only of

themselves. They truly believe that money equals happiness but soon discover it is not true. As long as they have funds, they may have many friends and think they are happy. But as soon as the money is gone, they find they are lonely, discouraged, broke, and helpless.

So why am I writing about this? I'm writing it as a reminder to myself (and yes, you) that my most joyful and memorable experiences in life have come from giving to others. Giving my time, emotions, advice, resources, experience, trust, or sharing my God. Whenever I've given any of these, I am the one who has been blessed, gladdened, elated, and deeply satisfied.

Patch has many needs and God has many resources. My hope and prayer is that all who share, regardless of the method or manner, will be blessed with great joy and enduring satisfaction.

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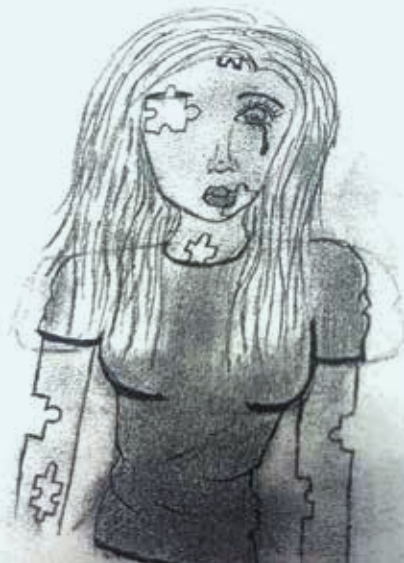
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This is what I've Become.



*I can't do anything right –
I've been knocked down so
many times I can't even
fight – What do I know
about life – only that there's
marks on my arm from my
knife – What do they all see in
me – Dear God, please let it
be ability.*

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above was written and drawn by a current Patch resident at the youth ranch.

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*Part-time employee

From the Director

by Chuck Hagele



I was 15, thought I knew everything there was to know about driving, and I found myself sitting in a hot high school classroom taking drivers ed. The only thing I liked about the class was the few hours of driving and those few moments of terror as a classmate put us all in danger. The teacher would pump wildly at the extra break conveniently placed in the passenger compartment trying to hide his terror.

A key thing I learned in that class was that it is hard to look forward and look back at the same time. You can't drive safely while looking in the mirrors but you may get in danger if you don't look back occasionally. I learned that I should be checking my mirrors every 8-15 seconds.

Keeping safe means looking forward and knowing what is behind. At PATCH we spend a lot of time helping kids prepare for their future. We do a lot of looking forward and skill building. We also do quite a bit of looking back, specifically looking at things that shape and continue to impact us.

I played basketball with a great young man recently who is in the midst of his program at PATCH. He was bubbling over

with plans for his future. As we talked, he shared why he ended up at PATCH and how he had hurt himself, friends and family. He was learning from his past and excited to move forward and make amends.

As I look back at this past year at PATCH, it has been very challenging. Resources have been stretched, key team members have transitioned, and the needs of families and teens have been heartbreaking. The future appears scary and uncertain and the past painful.

I feel a bit like Moses standing before the burning bush making excuses to God about why I don't feel qualified to do what he is asking. I am hearing the same question that God asked Moses, "What is in your hand?" (Exodus 4:2)

What is in my hand? An amazing team of staff, donors, and families that are willing to work together to change lives. Two amazing properties that God has given us to use in that transforming process. Proven programs that bring hope. God will take these things and perform the miracles.

I hope that as you read these stories and hear the challenge in this newsletter that you will also hear the call and look into your hands to see what God is calling you to use for His glory.

The Numbers

Revenue	2012	2011
Client Fees:	\$616,481	\$670,470
Contributions:	\$1,654,413	\$1,675,386
Gifts in Kind:	\$26,840	\$71,701
Other:	\$92,285	\$99,479
Total Unrestricted Revenues:	\$2,390,019	\$1,844,421
Expenses	2012	2011
Program Services:	\$2,041,318	\$2,123,986
Management & General:	\$352,802	\$383,530
Fundraising:	\$210,125	\$182,552
Total Expenses:	\$2,604,245	\$2,690,068

Income

Families continue to struggle to afford care for their kids. On faith we continue to help kids despite their family resources. We have witnessed miracles both in the kids' lives and in how God has faithfully sustained Project Patch for 29 years. We thank our monthly donors for the generosity and consistency in providing for the kids and families we serve. Our number of donors increased in 2012 and people are giving more. However, we have a continued pattern of reduction in estate giving as well as one time large gifts due events like selling a home, business, or stock.

Expenses

A key focus of 2012 was to reduce expenses without impacting the effectiveness of our services to teens and families. Cuts came in many forms and our staff made personal and professional sacrifices. The 2012 operating loss of \$214,226 includes non-cash expenses of \$168,452 (depreciation) as well as an impairment of \$30,925 recorded on donated timeshares

Annual Giving

Annual giving touches every area of life at Project Patch. Without this vital resource, we would not be able to continue changing lives. Over 60 percent of our operating budget comes from individual donations; thank you from the bottom of our hearts to those who gave. We realize many of our supporters' gifts are made at great sacrifice. This annual report gratefully acknowledges your generosity. Your gifts and prayers continue to sustain and encourage us.

Memorials 2012

Alex Theodore
by Sharon Emery

Bob Allen
by David Allen

Don Bartholomew
by June Bartholomew

James Bergman
by Jack Bergman

Beth Betz
by Robert Mitchell

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James Reiswig

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Leona Bignall
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Bob Buffington
by Judy Bollinger

Elvin Carter
by Mary Mann

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by LaDonna Chaffin

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by Dennis Battle

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by Patrick Clary

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by Lillian Coppernoll

Jerry Dill
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by Gary George

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Janet Greer
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Robert Hoffer
by Jane Hoffer

Erma Huffaker
by Rhonda Bolton

Dad & Mom Husak
by Craig Earley

LuLu Ivy
by Cornell Sabo Jr

Robert James
by L Clair Spaulding

Gordon Klein
by Ed Klein

Debbie & Elmer Liebelt
by Judy Bollinger

Charlotte Liske
by Don Bohlman

Arthur & Lurena McKenzie
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Betty Jo Meehan
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Jake & Mae Mehling
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Helmut Stutz

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Cynthia Murnion
by Judy Bollinger

Loriene Murnion
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Mardee Myers
by Raylene Eilers

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Lucinda Nevis
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by Laura Nowlin

Eleanor Parker
by Donna Donahue

Caleb Payne
by Dori Ahlers

Olivia Marie Payne
by Dori Ahlers

Su Su Petit
by Judith Monaghan

Kerry Monaghan

Susan Monaghan

Tim Powell
by Theo Powell

Jim Rathgeb
by Evelyn Klotz

Lela Sanborn
by Angie Austin

Troy Saylor
by Judy Bollinger

Lucille Schultz
by Howard Schultz

Leland Seibert
by Loretta Seibert

Kyle Stevens
by Karen Franke

Jerry Stoehr
by LLOYD Binder

Doris Summers
by Ted Caviness

Clarence Trotter
by Helen Trotter

Fred & Ella May Trotter
by Helen Trotter

Chad Verlo
by Vivian Robertson

Dale Wagner
by Ruth Edwards

William White
by Gladys White

Sue Woods
by Helen Trotter

Fred & Dorothy Wortman
by Helen Trotter

To Honor

Shannon Brandt
by John Thompson

Jack Briggs
by Robert Wunderle

Vyca Cowan - 100th Birthday
by Diana Cowan

Monica Dalgleish Granddaughte - Birthday
by Milton Dalgleish

Gary Garvin - Father's Day
by Elizabeth Garvin

Joshua George
by Gary George

Darrel Hall
by John Mehling

Nicole Heathcock-her kindness
by Ruth Stickney

Randy Killen - Birthday

Nita Vining

Hazel Mehrer
by Janet Diehm

June & Allen Morris - Wedding

Arvid Albanese

Patricia Bush

Claudia Edwards

Danny Levi

Charles Papy

Andrew Nelson - Christmas
by Milton Dalgleish

Caitlyn Peterson
by Ken Peterson

Erik Peterson
by Ken Peterson

Joshua Peterson
by Ken Peterson

Tom & Bonnie Sanford - Celebrating a Legacy

by Fred Beavon
Gordon Bristlin
Kenneth Carr
Patrick Clary
Lillian Coppernoll
Eleanor Hetke
Jack Hilde
Pattie Hopper
Gordon Johnson
Paul Johnson
Esther Luce
Donald Maddy
Alice Marsh
Curt Mathisen
Rose Ann Morris
Chuck Null
Manuel Paredez
Mary Paulson-Lauda
Gil Plubell
Robert Rowe
James Trepanier
Roger Van Santen

Craig Sanford
by Robert DeLao

Doug Stanley - Birthday
by Nita Vining

Bonnie & Gene Wesslen
by Geraldine Woods

Thankfulness

Virginia Santos - New Baby
by Gary George

Steve & Anita Trotter
by Helen Trotter

Organizations

Advantage Medical, Inc

Alan James Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation

All My Sons Moving & Storage

Alpha Ecological

Bandana Running

Desert Schools Federal Credit Union

Dixon Container Inc

Dufur Christian Church

Eleanor Lytle Trust

Excel Drilling

Express Storage

Gila Mountain SDA Church

Goldendale SDA Elementary School

Harvest Foursquare Church

Home Depot

Jaclin C. Smith Foundation

KV Communications

Laurus Wealth Management

Loma Linda University - Office of Accounting

Microsoft Matching Gifts Program

Middle Fork Trading Post

National Christian Foundation South Florida

Oregon Conference of SDA

Oregon School Employees Assoc

Palm Desert Oasis SDA Church

Polly's Outreach Ministries

Powers Tolman, PLLC

Provonsha Trust

Pulse Running

Shu's Idaho Running Co

Spokane Teachers Credit Union

Springstone Ranch

Trailer World

Washington Combined Fund Drive

Washington Conference of SDA

Wells Fargo Community Support/United Way Campaign

Wells Fargo Foundation Educational Matching Gift Program

White Salmon SDA Church

We made every effort to provide complete and accurate information in the 2012 Annual Report. We appreciate you alerting us if you discover errors. For corrections, please contact us at 360-690-8495 or info@projectpatch.org. Thank you for demonstrating your faith in Project Patch and giving us the pleasure of saying, "Thank you!"

Wish List

Below is the current wish list for Project Patch. If you are interested in helping us fulfill these needs, please call us at 360-690-8495, or email info@projectpatch.org.

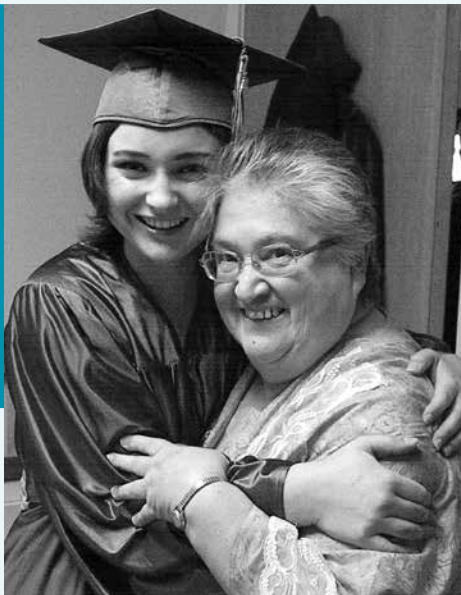
Youth Ranch

- Hose splitters \$20
- Metal measuring cups for kitchen \$40
- Wasp spray (10) \$50
- Drill Doctor (1) \$60
- Commercial pots/pans \$100
- Work gloves (20) \$140
- Comm Radios for Dorms (6) \$180
- Hoses (4) \$200
- Counseling resources (books, etc.) \$200
- Push mowers (4) \$640
- New carpet for office \$2,500

Family Center

- Rock polishing supplies \$50
- Folding tables \$240
- Frisbee golf sets (10) \$250
- BBQ (propane) \$600
- Folding chairs \$750
- Slide for playground \$1,000
- Deck furniture (tables w/chairs) \$1,200
- Greenhouse (used) \$2,000
- Wi-Fi enabled commercial copy machine/printer (1) \$2,500
- Gravel for roads \$3,500

▶ Alla, featured in the spring issue of PatchWorks, completed the Patch program as expected, and is excited to be moving forward into a positive future. Here she thanks teacher Sharon Fry for her part in Alla's success.



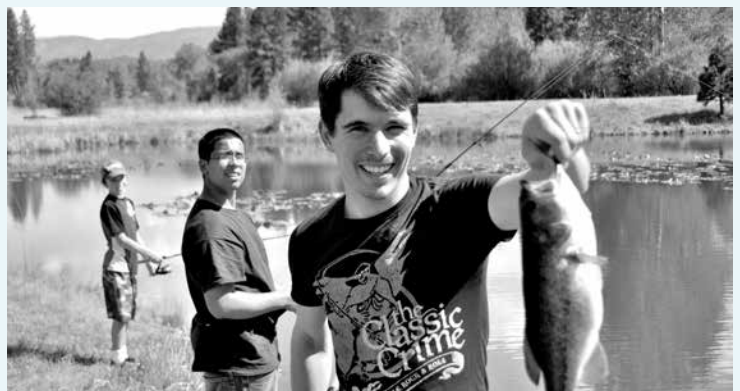
PATCH Snaps



▲ A church group works together on the low ropes course at the family center.



▲ There's no bad time to enjoy the peace and quiet at the ranch.



▲ With warmer weather comes more outdoor recreation at the ranch. During family weekend, a boy shows off his catch..



▲ After a rousing game of Frisbee on the lawn, the girls demonstrate that you're never too old to enjoy being silly.

Progress Report: Levi

Levi is a 15-year-old resident at the Patch youth ranch who, at the time this was written, is approaching his one-year mark in the program. He has made significant progress and was happy to share his experience with us.

Tell us about your life before Patch.

It was very rough. I learned some things about my family that I didn't know and it created a lot of anger and resentment toward my family. I frequently blew up, yelling and cussing at my mom, and communication with my dad was nonexistent. I continually refused to do things and disrespected a lot of people, especially my mom. I wasn't happy, and, in fact, I was quite depressed.

What's one thing you've really worked on here?

Isolation. I had a huge problem with that back home, and even when I first got here, I would go into some dark corner, hoping no one would see me. I just wanted to be alone. Over the year I've been here, it's gotten a lot better, and I actually enjoy socializing now.

Have you seen any change in yourself since arriving here?

Before Patch I didn't take orders well at

all. I constantly questioned everything I was asked to do, and I utilized semantics to my advantage frequently. Someone would say, "Do the dishes," and I'd do it...but in two hours, because they hadn't specified a time frame for that particular chore. After working on that here at Patch, I have gotten pretty good at following instructions. I do what I'm asked right away, and follow one of the basic rules at Patch: Simple compliance.

What has been the hardest part of being at Patch?

Definitely being away from my family. I'm a very family-oriented guy; being able to constantly hear my family member's voices—especially my mom's—is a huge comfort for me. To be away from that specific comfort is very hard.

Tell us about the best part of being in the Patch program.

Oh, the staff! When you go through something as hard as going to Patch and being away from family and society for so long, you need something to make it a little easier. Patch has rules you may not like, but the staff always explain why the rules are there. They bring light to the depression we all kind of fall into when



we first get here. They make it both fun and funny, while at the same time making sure we know we're cared for and loved.

What are some of your current goals?

Besides graduation, I have a few emotional goals. Those involve working on curbing my anger and forgiving family members who have hurt me in the past. Even though I've been here for almost a year I still struggle with the forgiveness piece. My other goals involve trying to get all of my paper assignments done so I can complete the program.

Share with us your plans and dreams for the future.

When I finish the Patch program I'll have three months of summer vacation, so I hope to get a job pretty quick and start saving money to buy a car. I'll return to school in the fall. My long-term goal is to get a doctorate in psychology so I can work in the behavioral analysis unit of the FBI. I love psychology, especially things like studying body language and behavior.

Right On Target

by Jim Smith, family center director

Following every Family Experience weekend at the family center we ask for feedback from the families. We want to make sure we're giving them what they need and helping them as best we can. One recent family told us we hit all of their needs as a family and helped them pull together. They were a great family just looking to become even greater, and the environment and program at the Family Experience worked together to produce an outcome that allowed this family to communicate and work together in a

more harmonious way. At the close of the weekend, they all felt good about what they had accomplished.

Rather than do the low ropes course in the rain that weekend, we decided to use our indoor Spider Web built for just such occasions. As they worked together to solve the element, there were snags along the way. When that happened, we stopped and talked about what was going on, using new skills. Family members learned new things about each other, and they

solved the element in a grand way with Mom and Dad showing the way.

"Everything about the experience was right on target for us," shared the parents. The oldest daughter made a video for us about how much the weekend meant to her, and I wish I could share that with you here. It was inspirational to me.

Thank you all for praying for us and giving when you can so we can continue to help kids at the ranch and families here at the Family Life & Conference Center.

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Mexico/Hawai'i Time Shares

Thanks to generous donations, Patch owns two time shares; one with three locations in Mexico, and another in Lahaina, Hawai'i. Though we had previously used these properties to generate income for Patch, we are now unable to do so and are looking to sell these properties and are asking only \$300 for each. If you are interested in the details of either of these properties, please call us at 360-690-8495 or visit projectpatch.org/timeshares.

Patch Blog

It's easy to stay connected with Patch through our blog, written regularly by Executive Director Chuck Hagele. Twice weekly he'll share a thoughtful post focused on parenting, family issues, and more. Subscribe to receive posts via email or through your RSS reader. Check it out today at blog.projectpatch.org.

My Everything

EDITOR'S NOTE: There are two sides to every story. This is the story of Jerika's experience at Patch from her mom's perspective. To read the story in Jerika's words, go to page 1.

My daughter snuck out of the house at night, sometimes disappearing for days. She began dating a young man who sold drugs instead of going to school, and after three months, Jerika was skipping classes, too. She was rapidly spiraling in the direction of juvenile detention, and I knew I had to do something.

I asked friends for suggestions on how to intervene, but no one really had any answers for me. I was about to give up when my mom told me about Project Patch. After reading

▼ Jerika (left) spends most of her free time with family; a dramatic shift in priorities from her pre-Patch life in drugs and detention.



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