

Portland Adventist Community Services

## PACS Welcomes New Director

The PACS Board was ready to find a new director. Leonard Yost was ready to find a new adventure. So when Board Chairman John Korb emailed Leonard, asking him if he knew anyone who might be right for the position, John had reason to be more than pleased with the response.

"I reviewed the job description and informed him that I did know somebody that might be a candidate, and that maybe I myself would have an interest," said Leonard.

Mr. Yost was the Employee Recruitment Director at Adventist Health Corporate Headquarters, and had just retired from working full-time in January.

"I discovered that I'm not really ready to retire, so when this opportunity came along and I was asked to at least come to Portland to evaluate it, I thought, why not? Maybe this would be an opportunity to make a real contribution," said Leonard.

Len, as he likes to be called, got to meet the staff and learn more about the organization during his time in Portland. After much prayer and contemplation, the Board decided to offer him the job. More prayer and contemplation followed, and Len decided to accept. He took the helm of PACS on May 1.

Former Executive Director Rhonda Whitney moved on to a position with the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in January. The organization experienced significant growth under



Leonard Yost, New Executive Director of PACS

Rhonda's leadership and maintained it's high level of service under Volunteer Coordinator Carol Paulson, who filled in admirably until Len took over.

While the search for a new director did not yield immediate results, patience paid off. God's guidance was very evident to board members, who were thrilled to find such an experienced person to fill the large shoes Rhonda left behind.

"We felt that Leonard was very qualified for the position," said John.

Len has extensive experience in administrative positions, including 28 years with Adventist Health. He is returning to the Portland Area, having worked for the

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## Thrift Hopes to Keep Sunday Hours



The PACS Thrift Ministry is facing a challenge. With the addition of Sunday hours, the Thrift Stores and Gift Shop need more volunteer help.

Since the new Sunday

hours were added, Thrift Ministry Manager Tim Zollbrecht has had to use an unusual amount of creativity to keep the stores running smoothly.

"More volunteers are definitely needed," said Tim. "Specifically we are looking for people who are willing to commit one Sunday a month."

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## Words to Ponder:

- *No one has ever become poor by giving.*  
—Anne Frank
- *We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.*  
—Winston Churchill
- *It is more blessed to give than to receive.*  
—Jesus Christ
- *We realize that what we are accomplishing is a drop in the ocean. But if this drop were not in the ocean, it would be missed.*  
—Mother Theresa

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## PACS Says Goodbye to a Very Special Couple



Rudy and Betty Glasnapp have been with PACS for eleven years. They've tried to say goodbye several times, and failed. The ministry was too important to them and they kept coming back.

Alas, the time has finally come for them to retire once and for all. Betty has been irreplaceable as Social Services Coordinator, and Rudy has faithfully and accurately kept track of all the money

that comes in to PACS. Many lives have been touched through PACS because of Betty and Rudy, and their lives have been impacted as well.

"It felt like belonging to my second family," said Rudy.

He and Betty have a tremendous heart for the mission, and hope to see PACS continue to touch lives.

"I hope that it will grow, but stay focused as to what we're all about, helping people, and being kind, so that as PACS grows it doesn't outgrow the people," said Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. Glasnapp will be missed, but the spirit of giving they brought to PACS will live on.

## Jr. High Kids Make a Big Difference

PACS was full of energetic young people on Tuesday, April 24. The kids were students in Debra Maxted's 8th grade Bible class at Hood View Jr. Academy.

"We were looking for some community service projects that we could start on campus, and then take out into the community," said Debra.

PACS turned out to be the perfect avenue for such a project. Debra and her kids organized a food drive and collected 300 pounds of food. They also put together 150 homeless kits for the Social Services Department. The kids, and some parents who were involved, brought the items directly to PACS.

"It was wonderful! I just couldn't believe it!" said Betty Glasnapp, Social Services Director.

After carrying in several carloads of food and homeless kits, they spent the rest of the morning sorting food and clothing. Debra said a few students even met a PACS client that lived close to them.

"As they stood there and talked to her, they were realizing that this kind of need exists right in their neighborhood," said Debra.

The project was a hands on lesson in giving, and the message was getting across.



*Bible teacher Debra Maxted doing her part*



*Hood View Jr. Academy students lend a helping hand*

"I have these things, and I'd like to share them with people that don't," said David Olsen, student.

If you are a part of an organization that would like to put together an outreach project, call PACS at 503.252.8500 for ideas on how you can make a difference.

## Job Openings

### Social Services Director—part time

This position oversees intake of clients needing food and other kinds of assistance; includes supervision of all volunteers in the Social Services Department; candidates must be organized, exhibit patience and compassion in high-stress situations; excellent people skills required, social work experience is a plus; must have high school education, college degree is preferable.

### Asst. Thrift Store Manager—part time

Assists Thrift Store Manager in handling day-to-day operations, supervising thrift volunteers; must have excellent people skills and be willing to work Sundays; cash register experience a plus; high school education required, college degree preferred.

### Clinic Receptionist—part time

Oversees answering phones and scheduling patients; some volunteer supervision involved; must be able to maintain a cheerful attitude in high stress situations; must sound cheerful and professional over the phone; high school education required; at least two years medical office experience preferred.

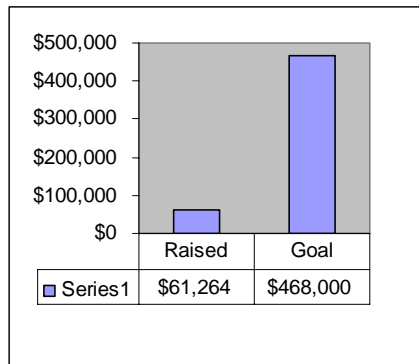
### Food Distribution Supervisor—part time

Manages food intake and distribution; supervises volunteers; generates reports for Oregon Food Bank; high school education required, college degree preferred.

*If you are interested in any of these positions please call 503.252.8500 to request an application.*

## Temple Builders

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The new hours in the stores benefit a wide range of people, including low-income families who rely on the low prices to afford clothing and household goods.

"So many people who are below the poverty line are working full time, and they aren't always able to come and buy at an affordable price when we're not open on the weekends," said Tim. "The goal is to be available to that group of people."

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Portland Adventist Medical Center from 1970-1976.

Len grew up in the Northwest where he developed an enjoyment for fishing. He also loves to travel, and is a talented singer who has performed with several male vocal groups. He founded the St. Helena Hospital Men's Chorus, which went on to perform for 25 years.

Len's wife Linda is still in California but will join him in Portland as soon as they find a permanent home. In the meantime, Len is enjoying his new role in an organization he is glad to be a part of.

"I'm loving it. Absolutely loving it." he said.

The PACS staff are already appreciating Len's presence in the building.

"He's really nice, he's friendly, I like him," said Barbara Windham, Goods Processing Assistant.

"We're very pleased that he could join us, said John.

Len plans to build on the large ministry that PACS has become. He is developing ideas to reach more people, but regularly reminds the staff that he is not the real executive director of PACS. He points to the picture he hung in his office of Jesus as a carpenter and says, "Jesus is the real executive director of PACS. He is the one who built this ministry, and He is the one who will continue to make it grow."

## Prayer & Wish List

- Volunteers in Thrift and Food Departments
- Milk & dairy products
- Ziploc bags (various sizes)
- Tri-Met passes (1 day or single trip)
- Blood-pressure cuffs (2 adult size, 2 obese size)
- Grant for new food truck
- Grant for new copy machine

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## Gift Shop Goodies



**Columbia Empire Farms** makes an abundant selection of preserves that we carry in our gift shop. Ingredients that are grown right here in Oregon make these preserves some of the best you can find. Now available in the PACS Gift Shop.

When you are shopping for gifts, consider making the PACS Gift Shop your first stop. Gift Shop income goes to help needy families through PACS ministry. If the person you are shopping for happens to have a

sweet tooth, we have the perfect gift. **Michele's Chocolate Truffles** come in several shapes and flavors. These tasty morsels are sure to be the perfect gift for someone who loves chocolate.

