

Portland Adventist Community Services

Awards Dinner Just Months Away



The Third Annual PACS Awards Dinner is fast approaching. This year's event will be held on October 14 at 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel near the Portland Airport.

The dinner features a gourmet meal, a silent auction, and an awards presentation. Former Oregon State Senator Frank Shields, will be the featured speaker this year. Senator Shields was an advocate for helping underprivileged individuals. He also founded an assistance program in 1985 through the Sunnyside United Methodist Church, which he pastored at the time. The program still provides meals for homeless individuals today.



Senator Frank Shields

This year's auction features many exciting items, including a vacation/golf package to the Eagle Crest Resort. The highlight of the Awards Dinner will be the presentation of the Barbara Nelson Award, which is given to an individual or group that goes beyond the call of duty in assisting PACS' ministry.

PACS hopes to build on the success of last year's event, which was attended by 225 people and raised over \$20,000 for the organization. This year's goal is to raise \$25,000 toward the PACS Health Clinic.

You can help us make our goal:

- Be an **event sponsor**. There are several sponsorship options that include tickets and various levels of advertising.
- Be a **table sponsor** and invite people to learn more about the vision of PACS.
- Donate an **auction item**: if you have a business with something that would be a great auction item, contact us to learn how you can be involved. Home businesses like Avon, Pampered Chef, etc. have products that can be very popular at the auction and really give PACS a boost.
- Buy an individual ticket to attend.

Contact PACS at 503-252-8500. We'll send you more information and gladly answer any of your questions.

Sobering Stats

- *Percentage Oregonians with no health insurance in 2006: 15.6*
- *Number of free or affordable health clinics for low-income, uninsured individuals in East Multnomah County: 3*
- *Uninsured patient visits at the PACS Health Clinic in 2006: 1491*
- *Paid staff in the PACS Health Clinic in 2006: 1 (part-time)*
- *Visits to the PACS Food Pantry in 2006: 70,264*

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PACS Needs YOU!

PACS could not exist without the support of individuals who have the same vision. We need more “vision-sharers” to help us grow and serve more needy individuals.

The Vision: it is not enough to simply give handouts. We strive to provide education and dignity through our services. Through the years our leaders have studied the ministry of Jesus—not only what he did, but how people reacted to his acts of compassion. So many of them were overjoyed and left with a renewed sense of dignity. That is why *dignity* has become a key word at PACS. An example is our Client Choice food distribution system, which allows struggling families to have a say in the food they receive, instead of having to accept whatever comes in a pre-packaged food box, regardless of food allergies or cooking ability. This opportunity not only restores dignity, but promotes responsibility and positive decision making.

How you can help: PACS takes people. People like you. With your help, we can begin to make a bigger impact.

Here are a few things you can do to make a difference:

- **Volunteer:** by giving your time and talents, you give the biggest gift anyone could ask for. Even just a few hours a week is worth a lot.
- **Donate:** a very large portion of our revenue and all of our thrift merchandise comes from donors. These donations are vital to our services. PACS can grow as new people come to support the ministry through their generous gifts.
- **Tell a Friend:** word of mouth makes a huge difference.
- **Participate** in the Awards Dinner (see front cover).
- **Support your local Adventist Community Services:** if you live away from the Portland area in a place that has a local ACS branch, make a difference by supporting them.
- **Pray for PACS:** your prayers are extremely important and always appreciated.

New People at PACS

PACS is fully staffed, thanks to three new faces.

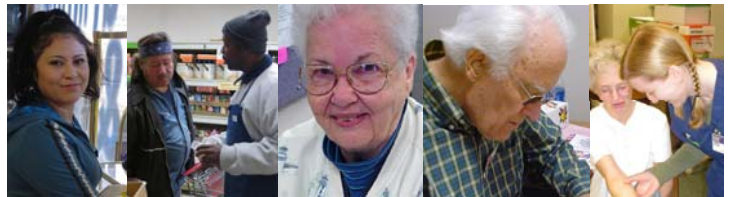


Donna Keeler is the new Assistant Thrift Ministry Manager at PACS. She will oversee thrift operation on Sunday and assist Thrift Ministry Manager Tim Zollbrecht on weekday afternoons. She is also working mornings in the clinic as a receptionist.

Traci White is the new Social Services Coordinator. She will manage client intake and supervise the volunteers in the social services department.



Jack Farr worked in the food warehouse years ago, and has remained with the organization as a volunteer for several years. He returns to the PACS team of staff as Assistant Food Distribution Manager, overseeing food warehouse operations part-time.



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Refrigerator Expanded

There is less walking room in the PACS warehouse this summer. That is a good thing.

The PACS refrigerator and freezer units have been expanded.

“It’s nearly double the size it was,” said Ron Meisner, Food Distribution Manager.

The added space gives the PACS Food Pantry the opportunity to keep more perishable food on hand. The majority of the expansion was paid for by the Oregon Food Bank, which is working on a plan that would use PACS as an outlet through which more perishable foods could be provided to needy families.



PACS Receives Truckload of Food

The Oregon Food Bank delivered a large tractor trailer full of food to PACS on May 15th.



The PACS Food Pantry received 34,026 pounds of food thanks to Northwest News-channel 8's Great Food Drive. The station brought in more than 1 million pounds for the Oregon Food Bank.

The food has gone a long way in keeping PACS sustained through the summer months. About half of the non-perishable food supply has already been distributed to low-income families in the Portland area.

PACS is recognized by the OFB as the largest distributor of emergency food in terms of numbers served (70,264 in 2006).

A Big Thank-you to . . .

- The Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the generous grant of \$3,100 to purchase a defibrillator for the PACS Health Clinic.
- Joyce and Leland Friend as well as Jack and Edna Harris who spent days volunteering to sort the tractor trailer load of food we received in May. We also want to thank each person who helped them.
- Every cash donor, goods donor and volunteer. Each of you makes a world of difference for PACS.

To our readers: if we have spelled your name incorrectly or if there are any other changes you want made to your address, feel free to contact us. We will be happy to make the adjustment for you.

- **Email:** info@portlandacs.org
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Volunteer Truck Drivers, Riders Needed

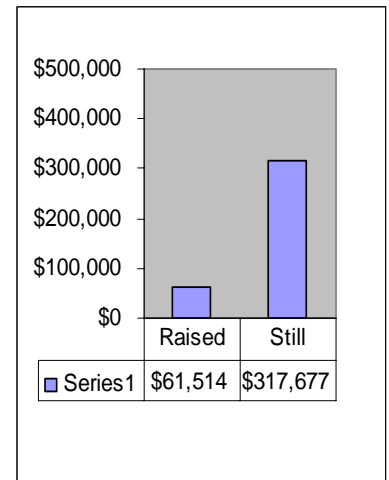
PACS is always thrilled to have more volunteers on board, but today the food pantry has a real need for volunteer truck drivers.

A volunteer in this position would only need to provide three to four hours of morning driving. Even if a person is willing to do one day a week, that would make a difference. **NO CDL IS NEEDED.** The PACS trucks are not large enough to require a commercial drivers license. Only a good driving record and the ability to handle a larger vehicle is needed.

Please call PACS at (503) 252-8500 to find out how you can get involved, or you can fill out an application at portlandacs.org.

Temple Builders

Excellent progress has been made in the effort to pay off the PACS mortgage. You can help by designating your donation to the "Temple Builders" fund. No mortgage means more money to services for needy families.



Prayer & Wish List

- Toothpaste
- Toilet paper
- Tri-met tickets (non-validated)
- Volunteer truck drivers, riders (no CDL necessary)
- Fresh vegetables, fruits
- Fresh dairy products
- Adult diapers

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