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Big Projects Loom in 2008

A plan is in place to prevent 2008 from becoming the year where PACS shoppers have to swim to their cars and staff members worry about clients disappearing into the abyss.

How can this be prevented? By resurfacing the parking lot. Deep puddles and potholes are already creating a challenge for people getting out of their cars.

Things could be a lot worse. And they will be a lot worse if something is not done. That is why the parking lot surface is being considered a high priority in 2008. The only thing standing in the way? The cost. The project is expected to cost approximately \$75,000.

Another big project on the table is the replacement of one of PACS two box trucks. One truck is in excellent shape. The other is in dire need of replacement. The lift gate is a hazard, and there is some question as to how much longer it will work.

Thankfully the truck will not cost as much as the parking lot. At an estimated \$55,000 dollars, it is still a big chunk of money for a



non-profit organization.

Where will the money come from? A lot of prayer is probably the best answer. Increased thrift revenue may provide some funding. But a large portion of the money will probably come from grants and individual donations.

In 2006 we fed more than 70,000 people and provided health care to 1,491 patients. While it is nice to be a part of such a large effort, it could not happen without a lot of prayer and support. And prayer and support is exactly what we need as we face these large projects in 2008.

If you are able to support PACS financially, your efforts will go a long way in keeping our facilities and services operating at full capacity. But if you are unable to support us financially, you can still make a difference by remembering PACS in your prayers. We believe that there is power in prayer and have seen evidence of it on numerous occasions. And we believe we will see it again as we tackle the challenges of 2008.



2008 Awards Dinner a Success

The 2008 PACS Awards Dinner has set another record. More than \$20,000 was raised for PACS programs. While the exact number has not yet been finalized, the amount is easily the most that the Awards Dinner has ever brought in.

Sponsorships by Generations Home Care and Trailer World helped contribute to this bottom line. A significant amount of funding also came from table sponsorships, ticket



Sobering Stats

- Children living in food insecure homes: 1 in 5.
- Children in Oregon without health insurance: 117,000.
- Oregon children living in poverty: 18.4%
- Oregon households receiving food assistance that have at least one working family member: 47%
- Households receiving food assistance that have at least one family member working FULL-TIME: 30%

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sales and auction item purchases.

Dr. Richard Gingrich, who helped found the PACS Family Health Clinic, and still donates countless hours as a volunteer provider, was presented with the Barbara Nelson Award, and retired state senator Frank Shields challenged the audience to answer Christ's call by continuing to care for the needy.

Event attendance was also a record. The Grand Ballroom of the Embassy Suites Hotel at the Portland Airport was filled with 225 people.

PACS executive director, Leonard Yost hosted the event.

The evening started off with a silent auction, where attendees were able to write in bids on the items of their choice.

The Embassy Suites Hotel served up one of the better gourmet meals the PACS Awards Dinner has featured.

The meal was followed by the presentation from Senator Shields, a champion of poverty issues. The retired senator gave a challenging, but encouraging speech, reminding supporters of PACS and other charity efforts not to grow weary, but to "keep on keeping on." PACS covered the cost of Senator Shield's plane ticketed from Missouri, but he refused any additional payment, saying he believed in keeping costs down for non-profits. He even refused the offer to be put up for the night in a hotel, choosing instead to drive to Seattle and stay with family after the event.

The presentation of the Barbara Nelson Award to Dr. Gingrich followed.

The evening concluded with the premiere of a new PACS promotional video by Brian Vistauet entitled, You Can Make a Difference.



Harpist, Candy Ringering provides background music.



Attendees browse silent auction items.



Left to Right: John Korb, Board Chairman; Dr. Richard Gingrich, Barbara Nelson Award recipient; Leonard Yost, Executive Director.



Retired State Senator Frank Shields addresses audience.

Tax Kickback a Chance to Make Up Ground?

Donations to PACS in 2007 are down compared with previous years. However, there is new hope that a lot will come in as the year ends.

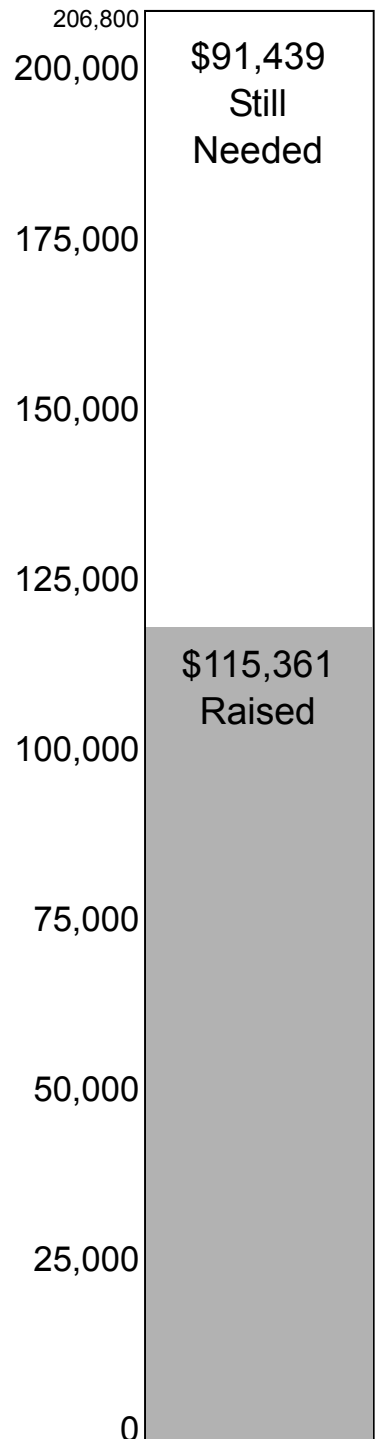
Analysts are predicting a surge in charitable donations because of kickback checks to Oregon taxpayers.

The kickback is the result of unexpected growth in tax revenue in Oregon, where state law requires that a surplus of over 2% be returned to taxpayers. The average check coming back to citizens will be \$612. The total amount being returned to taxpayers is about 1.1 billion, making it the largest kickback Oregon taxpayers have ever received. It is also the first of such returns since 2001.

Are you getting a kickback check? Would you like to use the extra money you receive to help the needy? You can **donate all or part of your kickback to PACS**, and be certain that your money is being used wisely. At PACS **93 cents out of every dollar goes directly to assistance for low-income individuals**, an efficiency that is almost unheard of elsewhere.

If you have given to PACS before, we are so thankful for what you've done. Now as we reach the end of 2007, we ask you to give as you are able. Your support is especially important as we strive to cover our budget needs for the year.

PACS 2008 Fundraising Goal



Prayer & Wish List

- Refrigerated Box Truck
- Donations
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Large Wall Mount Literature Racks
- Steps to Christ—Spanish and English
- Soap
- Lotion
- Wall Mount Planning Board
- Diapers, Size 3-4
- Volunteers
- Turkeys/Chickens for Christmas
- Shampoo and Conditioner

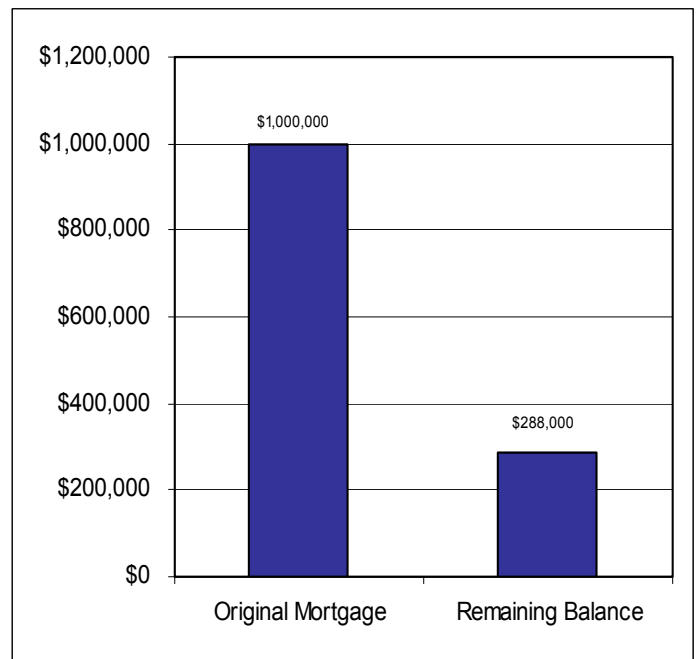
A Big Thank You to . . .

- Generations Retirement Communities, \$5,000 Awards Dinner Sponsorship.
- Samuel S. Johnson Foundation, \$5,000 Grant to the PACS Family Health Clinic.
- Trailer World, \$2,500 Awards Dinner Sponsorship.
- Stephen Crook, Range Rover donation (sold for \$11,500, some much needed revenue).



Mortgage Campaign

PACS is blessed to own two large buildings that give us the space we need to operate our food pantry, health clinic, thrift stores and gift shop. The purchase of these facilities in 1998 allowed PACS to expand its services significantly. PACS had to take out a large mortgage to purchase these buildings. As a result, there is still a large chunk of money that goes towards a mortgage payment every month. This is a chunk of money that PACS would love to put more directly towards filling the needs of struggling families. That is why PACS has launched a massive effort to erase this mortgage as quickly as possible. It's called the Temple Builder's Campaign. As you can see from the graph below, a significant amount of the balance is already gone. However, there's still a sizable amount left. If you would like to help PACS eliminate its mortgage, designate your donation "Temple Builders", and we will ensure that it is applied to our mortgage. With your help, we can eliminate this payment soon.



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