

## A Huge Answer to Prayer

It was an old faithful machine. But after 11 years of service to PACS, it was becoming clear that the Xerox 5343 copy machine was on it's last leg.

"It was breaking down on the average of once every week or two," said Leonard Yost, executive director.

Without sufficient funds for a new machine, Leonard decided to put the topic on the PACS prayer list to be reviewed every day at morning worship.

The answer to the prayer was bigger, better, and more timely than anyone expected.

Dr. Donald Bohlman, who volunteers in the PACS Family Health Clinic, stopped by Leonard's office one day to see if PACS would be interested in a new copy machine. Leonard informed him of the need, and told him it would be an answer to prayer if PACS was to receive one. Dr. Bohlman and his colleague, Gene Settlemeir, were tied to a payment plan and service contract on a Konica-Minolta Bizhub 600 that they had chosen to

part with. They decided to donate it to PACS.

Only two weeks before the new machine arrived

in the office, PACS was informed that the old machine was at "end of life" and that Xerox was cancelling the service contract.

"These things don't just happen," said Leonard. "I firmly believe it was an answer to prayer."

The multifunction machine copies, prints and scans. It runs at 60 pages per minute, an improvement over the already speedy 43 ppm the old machine operated at. The donation of the machine and service contract is valued at \$61,344.



The new machine.

## Gift Shop Showing Growth

The PACS Gift Shop was created to give shoppers an opportunity to help needy families while gift shopping.

In 2007, strategic adjustments were recommended by the Gift Shop Committee. Their adjustments, combined with stepped up marketing efforts, seem to have worked, sparking an increase in sales.

"It was an outstanding improvement in terms of income for PACS," said Leonard Yost, executive director.



## Director's Corner

Executive Director, Leonard Yost, will share a thought in each issue of the PACS Facts. This is his first entry:

At the end of time as described in Matthew 25, Jesus says that the King will say to the righteous, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat".

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit with a young couple who came to PACS for help. During our conversation I asked them why they came. After a long pause the man looked up at me and with tears in his eyes said, "We're hungry!" I assured them they had come to the right place and that they



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## Think About It . . .

- A good exercise for the heart is to bend down and help another up.

—Unknown

- Money is like manure. It's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow.

—Thornton Wilder

- What you keep for yourself, you lose. What you give away, you keep forever.

—Axel Munthe

- Here in America, we are richer than we realize. Visit [globalrichlist.com](http://globalrichlist.com) to find out how you stack up compared to the rest of the world.

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## Jack is Back!

The last issue of PACS Facts reported on the terrible accident that Jack Farr, assistant food distribution manager, experienced on his way home from work in December.

Today we are proud to report that Jack Farr has returned to work at PACS.

It has been rough going for Jack over the last few months, but despite not feeling 100%, he summoned up his courage and returned to work in mid February.

"I make it through the day pretty good," said Jack. "I'm just not as agile as I used to be."

Jack believes it was a miracle that his life was spared after his truck left the road and tumbled down a 60 foot embankment in December. He believes he either blacked out or fell asleep at the wheel. He suffered a concussion, three broken ribs, a broken collarbone, and two large cuts on his head.

After spending time in the hospital and then at home to recover, Jack finally got clearance from his doctor to go back to work. He has accepted the fact that he might never feel as good as he did before the accident, but he's glad he can still contribute.

"I tell people that I don't have pain anymore because I gave it all to the Lord," he said with a smile.



## Thousands Helped in '07

The PACS Food Pantry served 65,403 clients in 2007, and the PACS Family Health Clinic saw 1,213 patients. Ninety-eight people received vouchers for clothing and household goods assistance through the thrift stores, and 159,733 customers benefited from the low-cost system in the stores.

Demand for services is expected to go up in 2008 due to the potential of another economic recession.. Would you like to help PACS meet this demand? Please consider a donation today. It will make a huge difference for someone in need.

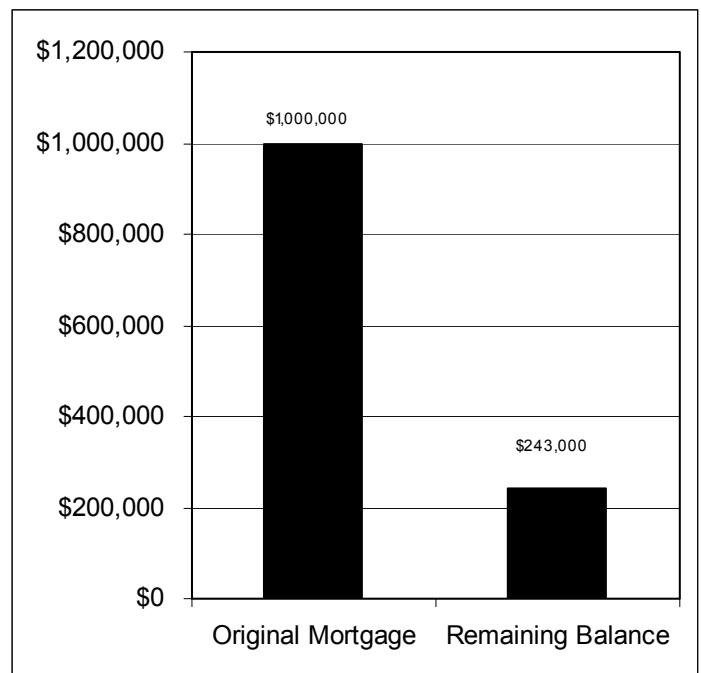
## Progress on Temple Builders Project

The mortgage elimination campaign is continuing and the latest numbers are in. The balance has been reduced by \$24,000 since the last report in the January/February PACS Facts.

While there is still a lot to be paid off, \$243,000 doesn't seem like much when compared with the original balance of \$1 million. Generous donors have helped reduce the balance to this point.

Executive Director Leonard Yost has set the goal of eliminating the mortgage payment as quickly as possible, freeing up thousands of dollars that can be used to bolster services.

You can help us reach this important milestone by designating your donation to the Temple Builders Fund.



## Prayer & Wish List

- Canned fruit
- Refrigerated box truck
- Volunteer nurses
- Essentials for the homeless
- Car donations
- Cold & hot cereal
- Thrift donations, especially clothes
- Bread
- Parking lot resurface

## Retiring Volunteers

**Roland Stoddard:** Roland is 91 years old and has been volunteering at PACS for nearly 10 years. He spent most of his time on the PACS trucks, picking up food and furniture.

Despite his age and small size, he was known for his strength. "He used to pick up furniture by himself that two of us couldn't normally carry," said Jack Farr, assistant food distribution manager. Roland was a great man who made a big difference for needy families through his volunteer work. He will be missed.



**Ruth Bond:** Ruth finally decided it was time to retire just short of her 93rd birthday. She has been volunteering with PACS so long that nobody, including herself, can remember exactly when she started. Former executive director, Rhonda Whitney, estimates that she may have been with PACS since the '60's or '70's.

Ruth spent most of her time interviewing clients who came to PACS seeking assistance with food and other needs. She was known for her compassion, her reliability, and her skills on the piano. She will be missed.



## Volunteer Nurses Needed

Several doctors volunteer to help uninsured patients at the PACS Family Health Clinic. But where there are doctors, there must also be nurses, and the PACS Family Health Clinic is shorthanded. If you or someone you know would be interested, please call PACS at 503.252.8500 and ask for Barbara at extension 105.

## A Big Thank You to . . .

- Dr. Donald Bohlman and Gene Settlemeir for the donation of a brand new copy machine and 4 year service contract, valued at \$61,344.

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would leave with a cart full of groceries. I also assured them that they were welcome to return in the future for more food.

In response to the statement "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat," Jesus said the righteous will ask the King, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?" In response the King says, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Here at PACS we need your help in our efforts to feed the hungry. You can do so by becoming a partner with us. We need prayer partners, financial partners, goods donation partners, volunteer partners, and shopping partners. Every prayer that's prayed, every dollar or thrift item donated, every purchase made in the thrift stores or gift shop, and every hour of time that's volunteered makes a difference for "the least of these". Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

### Car Donations . . .



. . . another way you can help the needy.

Call 503.252.8500 to learn more.

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## Gift Shop Gardening

April is upon us, and with it comes the irresistible urge to snuggle up by the fire with a good book. If you live in Australia, that is.

For those of us living in North America, the good books are going to have to wait, because we want to get outside! That's why the PACS Gift Shop has a spotless and sparkling yard collection on hand, just dying to be covered with the mud of the luscious garden you've been waiting all winter to plant.



## The PACS Gift Shop

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All profits benefit the PACS Food Pantry and the PACS Family Health Clinic