



Moving Forward . . . Step by Step

Thank you Garden Party table sponsors, Garden Party table hosts, Garden Party guests and loyal Gate supporters.

Because of you, we continue to move forward step by step. Because of your generosity, our 2016-17 youth programming goal has been met. That means that M-I youth will have up to 7 additional opportunities each week to interact with positive adult role models in environments where they are known for who they are and encouraged to learn and grow while experiencing Christ's unconditional love.

Because of you, our matching grant challenge has been met and we can now look forward to welcoming a new Development Director who will lead the board in a capital campaign to build The Gate Community Youth Center.



GRADUATING TO THE FUTURE



June has arrived and high school graduation season is upon us. It is a true milestone when moving forward step by step. We, at The Gate, work diligently with CHS staff and parents to encourage each student to graduate and have a plan of action for their next steps. Following is just a sampling of a few of the seniors who have participated in Gate programming throughout their high school journey and how they are moving forward

step by step. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Reba Hoffman is a Tuesday Church Lunch fan. She has eaten there every Tuesday for four years. This year she served as CHS student body president, place-kicker on the football team, had leading roles in drama productions, went on a mission trip to China and spoke at Tuesday Lunch. She has been accepted to Moody Bible Institute and will go there tuition free and become a kindergarten teacher.

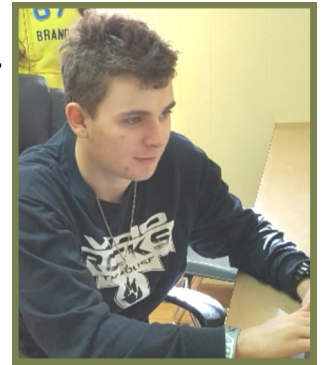
Madison Stepp has graciously volunteered (along with his brothers) to set up 200 chairs and a bunch of tables every Tuesday at 7AM for four years in preparation for Tuesday Lunch. Additionally he played varsity football and basketball and participated in a spring rugby league. He even played chess and made Rice Krispie treats on Thursdays when he had a free moment. He has maintained over a 3.9 GPA and is off to two free years of college as a Chemeketa Scholar.

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GRADUATING TO THE FUTURE (CONTINUED)

Jonah Lutz has attended Tuesday Lunch (when not working in the school cafeteria) and Thursdays@The Gate since his freshman year. He has also been involved in The Gate leadership team, ACCESS community youth group and the post high school mentoring program. Additionally he served as a CHS web master and golf team member. He is a Chemeketa Scholar which means free schooling for 2 years with aspirations to transfer to George Fox and ultimately become a Disney Imagineer.



Shelby McCurdy has magically appeared most Thursday afternoons with a wonderful group of friends who come to relax from frantic lives and just enjoy time together cooking, playing board games and catching up with each other over a meal. Shelby excels in singing and will work after graduation, save money for future education and maybe even volunteer as the cooking instructor at Thursdays@ The Gate next year! Her ultimate goal is to graduate from Linn Benton Community College (LBCC) with a culinary arts degree.

Sam Cole is a homeschool/ CHS hybrid. Sam has earned all A's in the math and science classes he has taken at CHS. He was recently recognized as a CHS scholar/athlete and his picture was often on the sports page during football and track seasons. Sam plans to enter LBCC and will certainly miss being inspired while eating mac and cheese and French dip sandwiches at Tuesday Lunch.



Thank you all for being a significant “addition” each week to up to 300 students who choose to participate in programs or collaborations of The Gate. They leave being encouraged in so many different ways. And the good news is that they come back again and again... because The Gate is truly a place where kids are known, encouraged and experience the love of Christ.

COMING SOON

- **The Gate Golf Tournament** — Saturday, August 13
Our annual golf tournament will take place at beautiful Diamond Woods Golf Course. Registration will start at 11:30 with tee off at noon. Call Joe Johnson at 503-910-1075 to reserve a spot for yourself or your team.
- **Football TailGater** — Friday September 23
Join us for a kickoff to the Fall season of Youth Activities. Stop by before the Panther home game to get a sandwich and find out what's happening at The Gate
- **Fall Community Youth Forum** — Friday, October 21
Proposed forum topic will focus on local teen use of marijuana, edibles and vaping. All interested youth workers, parents and community members are welcome.

THE PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

I'd like you to join me in welcoming our newest staff member, Kyle Dickinson, Development Director. His goal is to turn the rendering below into a photograph of a real building! We connected with Kyle through our good friend Sam Skillern of The Salem Leadership Foundation where Kyle serves on the board of directors. Kyle has spent time with Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, served as a Small Group Director at his church in San Francisco and worked with UGM of Salem in a development role. He has also worked with the same staff at Mission Increase Foundation that we have worked with for several years. His availability, connections to the cause and fit with The Gate all clearly show God's hand in his life and the future of The Gate!

