

Thoughts from Chris

Where to begin? The Gate? What is it? How is this all going to work? These questions along with countless others have stirred in my mind for the past four years. I know that these questions flow through the minds of many people involved in the development of this exciting ministry. As I look for the answers I always come back to one thing. I am not the one building The Gate. God is. From the beginning He has been working on this ministry. He has made His plans known throughout this process and He will build this ministry according to His will. You are such a vital part of The Gate and I know that God has a plan for you. His plan for you is to prosper you not to harm you. It is for hope and a future. (Jer.29:11) His plans for The Gate are going strong and I am excited to have you as a partner in prayer and ministry. There are many questions that we need to ask but we must all begin with the question, "Where do you want me to start Lord?"

Love ya!

Chris

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Tutor kids after school
- Be a career mentor
- Hang out with the kids at FUSE
- Help with the Golf Tournament
- Provide healthy snacks for tutoring program

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The Gate Youth Association



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Welcome to "Inside The Gate"—an inside look at what's going on at The Gate Youth Association. Our non-profit is responsible for funding and building The Gate Youth Center and operating its ministries. Each quarter we'll keep you posted on our efforts and progress toward our goal of "*winning, equipping, mentoring and empowering youth.*" We hope you enjoy the news!

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THE GATE

Winning, equipping, mentoring and empowering youth

Grillin' at The Gate July 18th

As you're receiving this newsletter the grill is being fired up, hamburgers and dogs made ready, the band is tuning up and The Gate is being plotted out on the land where it will be built. Wednesday evening at 6:00 we'll begin serving up a barbeque meal and some home-grown entertainment from The City Boys. It's a family affair so bring the kids for some games and fun. Come prepared to see and hear what's going on with The Gate Youth Association. You'll be able to "walk through" the rooms of the building and view displays of some of our activities. We look forward to seeing you there!



New Board Member

At our official "annual meeting" in June we re-elected the Leadership Team (Board of Directors) for the association. We are pleased to announce the addition of Joe Johnson to the board in place of Darrell Elliott. We want to thank Darrell for his years of service on the board and look forward to working with Joe. Discussions have also begun to expand our team. Let us know if you're interested. The current Leadership Team is:

Chris Robertson	Mike Ainsworth
Ben Bobeda	Joe Johnson
Donn Wahl	Denise Robison
Diane Silberstein	

Joyce Wahl, Executive Director
Yvonne Robertson, Administrative Assistant

First Grants Received

We have received exciting news about two grants for which we applied. The first is from the Polk County Commission for Children and Families and it will provide nutritional snacks and needed supplies for our after school homework program. The second is from the Oregon Dairy Council and is in collaboration with Polk County 4-H Extension Service. It will provide cooking classes and informative sessions on nutrition and personal fitness. The classes will be held on Tuesday afternoon and will be available to all area high school students.

We are delighted to have opportunities such as these to meet the needs of our local youth as we continue to raise funds for the construction of The Gate.

August 18th Golf Tournament

Don't forget to reserve Saturday August 18th for the second annual Gate Golf Tournament. It's a four-person scramble at Oak Knoll Golf Course with a \$60/player entry fee. Tee-off is at 8:00 AM with lunch and prizes at noon. You'll be done before it gets hot so get your team together! We already have at least one company sponsorship for each hole but we still have plenty of sponsor signs so call if you're interested. Joe Johnson is coordinating the event and can be reached at 503-838-6082. There are lots of ways to win and just participating helps The Gate win so pick up a registration form today or give Joe a call!



After School this Fall



During May and June we provided a quiet place for students to study, get academic assistance and use computers for research, project completion and word processing on Mondays and

Thursdays after school. There were always teens using the facilities and the number of students and frequency of use increased greatly as the end of the school year grew nearer.

We were encouraged by the student participation and are currently working on a collaborative effort with Central High School to offer an after school homework and tutoring session three days a week starting this Fall.

Scrap Metal Drive Results

Our first ever scrap metal drive wrapped up at the end of June. We've collected over \$6,000 and still have more than 10 cars to deliver (they seem to just show up!). We collaborated with the city-wide cleanup in May and split the proceeds from the scrap. All in all, with the money collected, the cooperation with our community and the removal of some eyesores, we would have to call the drive a success. A big "Thanks" to Ben Bobeda for his coordination of the drive and to all of you who donated!