

Thoughts from Chris

A personnel manager rejected a job applicant because the firm was overstaffed. But the would-be employee persisted, "The little bit of work I'd do won't even be noticed!" Community organizations are notorious for having 20% of the people doing 80% of the work. Some people can live their whole life being "involved" but having no lasting impact on the direction of the ministry. What does God want from us anyway? I have been struggling with this question lately. What does it mean that God desires mercy not sacrifice? God is not interested in how much we can do but in the motivation of why we do it. God wants us in student ministry to be motivated by a passion for students. So many times well-meaning volunteers get lost in "doing". Won't you join me in purposefully doing what pleases God the most? Love the Lord, everyday remembering the joy of salvation. Love our neighbors with an abiding love that demonstrates Christ in every circumstance, forgiving and asking for forgiveness from those that let us down and those we let down. The Gate is an exciting ministry and I am proud to be a part of what God is doing for the community of Independence and Monmouth. I am delighted to be around people that are demonstrating Christ's love to the world not to be noticed by men but to please God and see peoples' lives changed by simply loving enough to do something. Thank you for loving Lord!

Chris

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Tutor kids after school
- Hang out with the kids at FUSE
- Help plan our spring Gala

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In this 3rd edition of "Inside The Gate" you'll find a great overview of activities around The Gate Community Youth Center. The Gate Youth Association is responsible for funding and building the 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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Building Plans



We know you have yet to see any concrete poured but progress is still being made on the building! Our architects have completed the schematic designs which prepare us for interviews with potential contractors. We will be

talking with three prospective contractors this month and will choose one to work with Carlson Veit on the next phase of the design. We also have an estimate of \$900,000+ to erect the building shell—phase one! We have begun contacting our “in-kind” contributors now that the design is firmed up to get commitments for excavation, concrete and construction material. Our hope is to add those to the \$200,000 we now have and raise the balance necessary before next spring. If our prayers are answered, we could be digging by next summer!

Thursday Afternoon FUSE

25-30 students have gathered at The Gate throughout the hours of 3:15-6:00 each Thursday afternoon since the beginning of the school year. They find it a safe place to come and hangout with friends after school. Many just simply relax and enjoy snacks with friends while others play video, cards and board games or engage in more vigorous activities such as ping pong, basketball or football. Everyone gathers together for a meal at 5:00 which is often followed by a large group game and conversation. We are thankful for FUSE volunteers Jeremy West, Dave Pape and Thomas Hall who come and engage the students in a multiplicity of activities and conversation topics.

Gate Programming at a Glance

Tuesday	Church Lunch Cooking Class Tutoring at Central High School
Wednesday	Tutoring at CHS
Thursday	Tutoring at CHS FUSE after school programming

Looking forward to in the new year:

- A second cooking class
- College and Career Mentoring for CHS students

After School Tutoring

Through a collaborative effort with Central High School, The Gate Community Youth Center is currently providing tutoring to CHS students in school library on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:15 until 4:30. The tutors have been busy each day helping a wide range of students with a variety of classes. We are thankful to be assisted by three bi-lingual tutors from Western Oregon University.



Golf Tournament Results

With 66 players and 20 sponsors over \$3,000 was raised this year! The winning team was Glen Conaway, Greg Conaway, Jeff Odle, and Bob Frazer. The \$100 KP winners: Greg Conaway, Mark Hinthorn, and Lee Gamaney (who donated \$40 back to "The Gate"). Thanks to Mark Rothert (Ron Rothert Insurance) and Wanda Kenyon for their sponsoring the KP's. Next year we will be looking for a corporate sponsor in January when we reserve the course!

Save This Date!

As soon as you get your 2008 calendar, mark this date:

April 11th

The Second Gate Gala

Kenti Dance Hall at Green Villa Farms.

Plans for the event are taking shape and invitations will be arriving early in the new year.

New Cooking Class Starts

An eight-week cooking, nutrition and fitness class is being hosted by The Gate in collaboration with Polk County 4-H. Students are being taught food



preparation skills, as well as discovering different fitness activities. Diane Silberstein is teaching the class and is working with 2 Central High School students who are developing ideas and assisting with the class as their senior project.

Another Year of Church Lunch

Church Lunch has begun the new school year with an average attendance of 165. A crew of ten “lunch ladies” are discussing new menu ideas and anticipating what God will continue to do through this ministry to the students and staff of Central High School. Please pray as a special invitation with a free lunch coupon will be given to all CHS faculty in November.