

2006 Finance Update

As we finished up last year we were well on our way to reaching our community support goal of \$300,000. The summary results below show total contributions by year-end at \$165,603! Thank you for your support.

	2006	Cumulative
Gifts Received	126,740	165,603
Other Income	973	1,047
Fundraising Exp.	9,361	10,163
Building Expense		9,049
Admin. Expense	4,895	4,895
Other Expense	2,128	2,128
Net Funds	111,329	140,416

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Tutor kids after school
- Be a career mentor
- Hang out with the kids at FUSE
- Help pick up scrap metal
- Provide healthy snacks for tutoring program

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Welcome to our first issue of “Inside The Gate”—what we hope will be an informative newsletter keeping you up-to-date on what’s going on at The Gate Youth Association. Just two years ago we incorporated as a non-profit responsible for funding and building The Gate Youth Center and operating its ministries. As you scan this quarter’s articles you’ll see some good progress toward our goal of “*winning, equipping, mentoring and empowering youth.*”

THE GATE

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Church Lunch Turns 17!

The 17 year old “Church Lunch Program”, The Gate’s first official ministry program, is still flourishing thanks to the dedication of nine “church lunch moms”. Two, Sally Peyree and Janet Piper, have been preparing lunches and serving as mentors to students every Tuesday for 17 years. Weekly 150-200 students enjoy delicious teen comfort food, visit with friends and hear an inspiring message from peers, parents, educators, alumni or community members. It is hard to find a program to equal this one anywhere!

FUSE Lights Up Thursdays

FUSE, our second official teen outreach program, commences at 3:30 on Thursday afternoons with 20-30 youth gathering to play football where The Gate will sit someday.

At the same time an additional 20-30 students gather for Bible study and recreational activities like ping pong and air hockey. From 5:00-6:30 everyone gathers together for pizza, a spiritual message and large group games.

August 18th Golf Tournament

Plans are underway for the second annual Gate Golf Tournament. It will be a 4-person scramble at Oak Knoll Golf Course with a \$60 entry fee. It’s not too early to get your team together! Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.



Spring Scrap Metal Drive

Vice President Ben Bobeda is currently heading up a spring scrap metal drive. His crew has successfully filled several dumpsters already. We are extremely thankful for the collaboration with Cherry City Metals and all the many volunteers and donors who are making this fundraiser a success. If you have larger items please call Ben at 503-551-3589 to arrange for a pick up. For smaller items, please bring them to Independence First Baptist Church on May 19th from 9:00 -2:00.

Dusty Spur Pizza Results

In February, The Dusty Spur Pizza Parlor (formerly Speleto’s) invited us to host a fundraiser at their new downtown Independence site. With the addition live music procured through the efforts of Chris Robertson, a great time was had by all and almost \$1000 dollars was raised. We are so thankful for such generous community support.

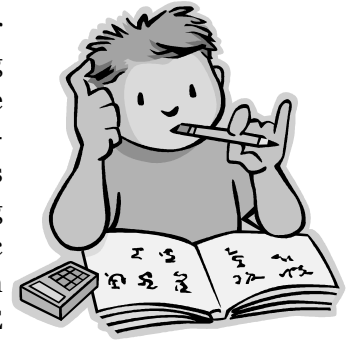


Building Update

This month we signed a contract with Carlson Veit, our architects, to produce *schematic drawings* for the building. These will allow us to begin the process of identifying a contractor to work with. We have also ask Craig Carlson to give us an idea of how we might get the building started for a minimal investment. This would allow us to be more specific in our grant requests for things like plumbing fixtures, court flooring, kitchen cabinets, etc.

After School Pilot Starts This Month

After listening to our youth and surveying the community, we are excited to announce that this spring we are going to pilot an academic tutoring program during the FUSE recreational time!



We have just submitted a Compassion Capital capacity-building grant to be able to staff and train volunteers for a future 5 day a week after school tutoring and mentoring program for high school youth. We are excited to help our youth be able to meet all the new state requirements for graduation and stay current with their studies on a daily basis.

Please Pray for:

- A successful scrap metal drive
- Acceptance of our federal grant proposal
- Presentation to the Chamber of Commerce on May 9th
- A good pilot of the “After-School” program
- A successful & safe year-end beach trip on June 9th
- A good turn-out for our Purity Night on May 18th