

THE COFFEE OASIS

HOPE IN CHRIST
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"The Blessings and the Battles"

Dave Frederick, Executive Director

Wow!! What an amazing blessing to attend the Poulsbo-North Kitsap Rotary's Work Party at the future Coffee Oasis-Poulsbo location this past Saturday! What an encouragement to witness 20+ eager volunteers, Rotary members, spouses, and children, give up their morning hours on a beautiful sunny day to bring the Coffee Oasis-Poulsbo closer to realization! It was very exciting to see how much they accomplished in a few hours...demolition, framing, foundation work, digging fence posts, and painting to give you a small glimpse...

Another huge blessing this past week was the opportunity for some of our "kids" to go to camp. Due to the amazing generosity, flexibility and support of Island Lake Camp staff and a few fundraisers, eight youth were able to have an unforgettable camp experience! We are hoping to double or triple that figure next year.



Other encouraging **blessings** (just to list a few)...

- Natalie Fell raised approximately \$3,000 for The Coffee Oasis through her participation in an Ironman Triathlon!
- Bainbridge Island Rotary gave \$5,000 towards Coffee Oasis-Poulsbo.
- Grace Church has committed \$10,000/year over the next two years to the Coffee Oasis-Poulsbo
- Poulsbo Kiwanis is giving a percentage of proceeds from their auction in September to Coffee Oasis-Poulsbo.
- Poulsbo Americana Music Festival and Poulsbo Palooza will also be supporting Coffee Oasis-Poulsbo

And...Wow!! What a doozy the **challenges** we have been facing at the same time!

- Yesterday, while walking to work, Angelica, manager of Coffee Oasis #2, was hit by a car! Thankfully, nothing was broken and there is no evidence of internal damage.
- Oasis Teen Shelter-Coffee Oasis Bremerton Remodel. Who would have thought that we would have to close Bremerton Coffee Oasis for over three months during the construction process? Please pray for \$25,000 still needed.
- COA (Coffee Oasis Administration Building) purchase. Who would have thought that we would still be waiting on the final closing? And the seller is getting antsy! (STOP PRESS: papers are signed, closes on Monday, July 16, 2012)
- Summer Youth Vanishings. This is a common challenge during the summer...that the youth who are so engaged in case management and job training disappear when the weather turns nice.
- The Battle for Broken Youth. Sometimes it can be almost overwhelming walking with these young people through the hurt and pain they have suffered. And yet how exciting to witness the change, healing and transformation that happens.

Thank you so much again for partnering with us in impacting these beautiful young people who have experienced so much brokenness. You are appreciated very much! -Dave

What's new?



... an Administration Building... affectionately called the COA (Coffee Oasis Administration)! If you have ever driven around behind the CO1 (Bremerton Coffee Oasis), you have noticed, or even parked, in a large parking lot behind the building. At the far end of that lot is this nicely renovated historical building of Bremerton. It was originally built as the first telephone exchange building in Bremerton. Later the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce had it's home there. Then recently it was owned by an architectural firm.

The basement houses storage, a kitchen, a prayer room, and rooms we will use as Sunday School rooms for The Refuge. The main floor is a maze of cubicles at which you find many of our amazing staff. There is a half upper floor that serves as our conference room. Drop by sometime for a visit.

Since this is our new headquarters; please begin addressing correspondence and gifts to this new address:

837 - 4th Street, Bremerton, WA 98337

What's going to be new?



Do you recognize this place? Hard to believe! Yes, it is the dining area of CO1. The dream of an underage youth shelter expanded to an overall coffee house renovation once the complications of electrical wiring became part of the construction picture.

So where is the Oasis Center on Monday thru Friday afternoons and Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings? We are grateful for the generosity of Seaside Church, located adjacent to Evergreen Park about 1 mile from The Coffee Oasis, as they have allowed us to use their building for the Oasis Center, Band Shows and our weekly meeting of The Refuge, the Coffee Oasis church gathering.

And what's happening to the business? Good question! Hopefully many are getting coffee from The Coffee Oasis Drive Thru at 6th & Veneta or The Coffee Oasis Cart in the government building instead. Oasis Catering is working out of The Coffee Oasis in Port Orchard and our Coffee Roasting Company is happening in the midst of the construction behind dust barriers. Flexibility has definitely been the name of the game!

More new construction ...



Renovation has begun on The Coffee Oasis - Poulsbo. It has been absolutely amazing how the community has embraced this project and has come together to make it happen. We are looking forward to the opportunities ahead in the north end of Kitsap County.



What's happening in HOPE INC?

It's not an easy task moving a youth from a life of very little guidance and structure to a place where they are ready to enter into the world of the workforce. The ideas of showing up on time, calling if you are sick, not walking out when you are frustrated, talking respectfully to your boss, being a learner and so on are somewhat foreign to many of our youth. When they want to enter into our job training program, suddenly there is too much structure too fast and the follow through becomes overwhelming...

Introducing... TAAG

The **T**een **A**rt **A**ction **G**roup at The Coffee Oasis was one of four Teen Action Groups in our county this past year. The Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth, an advisory board to the county commissioners, spearheaded the formation of these groups for the purpose of empowering youth with higher risk of "falling between the cracks" to become productive members of our community. Through building relationships, educating and working on a project together, the students were challenged and provided opportunity to embrace increased structure in their lives, move beyond the obstacles in their lives and move beyond selfishness to serving their community. As represented by the name of The Coffee Oasis group, art was the medium chosen to draw our group together. Renaissance Alternative High School welcomed this project and Jovena Barry-Moeller and Steve Priest, teachers from Renaissance and Bremerton High School, partnered with Sheila, director of HOPE INC, to make it happen. As a final project, the group chose to create a mural by constructing clay tiles in a mosaic format to depict the

difference the hearts of youth can have in turning obstacles into fruits of productivity. The culmination of this project has

been half realized. The TAAG students gave a presentation of their experiences and project to the Commission on Children and Youth the second week of June. The remaining task is to find a place for their mural to be mounted for public enjoyment. The expertise and materials are available for professional mounting. If you know of a possible place...let us know. You may enjoy a wonderful video sequencing this project at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26Rsw5gdKFs>



More on HOPE INC ...

Job internships are still going strong. At this current time, there are 3 youth in Internship Pre-Requisite classes, 5 youth in the interview process and 6 youth onsite in internships. The Build-a-Bike program pictured to the right is one of 12 internships available with 12 different partnering businesses. Goodwill has also partnered with us in the Pre-Requisite training classes as they are teaching 3 out of the 7 classes. Their focus is on interviewing and job searching.

If you know youth, 16-25, who could benefit from this training...send them our way.



The Oasis Block Party

Wow! What a day! The goal for the volunteers: To love our neighbors. The goal for our neighbors: To feel loved as they saw and experienced a multi-cultured event. We did not want the event to look or feel like any one “pocket” of people. Instead we wanted anyone who attended to be comfortable and leave feeling like they were blessed. It happened!

What did it look like?



What did it sound like?



What did it taste like?

Thanks to our partners:



Boys and Girls Clubs + Seaside Church + Martita May and Spanish Dancers, Immigration Assistance + Jagz Drumline and Step-Team + God's Remnant Silent Praise, Sinclair Missionary Baptist Church + Kristen Morga, Principle of Renaissance Alternative High School + Irish Dancers + Noah's Ark Restaurant + Crossroad's Neighborhood Church + Olympic Cinema + Pepsi + Kitsap Credit Union + The Kitsap Sun + Our Lady Star of the Sea and Larry + Shaylynn Houston, Partnering Youth for Achievement + Darrell Thomas + Jeremy Bell + Upward Basketball + Rick Walker, Sports Beyond + Juvenile Detention Center Work Crew + Zach and Jonathan, Graffiti Art

Did you Know?

There were 2,000+ hits on the Oasis Block Party Facebook page the week after the event!

Opportunities:

1. Pray with us this summer as we look towards the fall for **70** new volunteers:
 - 40** mentors, **20** drop-in center workers, **10** street and school outreach workers
2. Consider volunteering with our youth
3. Help with Coffee Oasis-Poulsbo remodel
4. Help with sheet rocking in Bremerton
5. Things are beginning to stir in Port Orchard and potentially there will be a remodel project starting there soon. We will be needing skilled and unskilled help. If you are interested...please contact us. (360-377-5560)
6. Contribute: Bremerton-Oasis Teen Shelter/Coffee Oasis Remodel Project is still short \$25,000
7. Enjoy coffee, tea and food with a friend at any of our locations
8. Buy freshly roasted coffee (whole bean or ground) to enjoy at home or give as a gift. Order online at www.thecoffeeoasis.com

Monthly Budget Needs:

Donation Income: \$20,000

Business Income: \$40,000

Grant Income: \$20,000

Current locations where you can visit us:

Administration (COA): 837 - 4th Street, Bremerton 360-377-5560

Bremerton (CO1): 822 Burwell Street

Bremerton Drive Thru (CO2): Corner of 6th St. and Veneta

Port Orchard (CO3): 1140 Bethel Rd.

Government Building Espresso Cart (CO4): 345 - 6th St., Bremerton