

Francis Speaks

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Ashley's Story

Ashley, a single mom of a young boy, found herself in an abusive relationship a few years ago. Her decision to finally leave the relationship left Ashley homeless and on the streets with her son. Most nights, she managed to stay in hotel rooms, but not always.

This went on for a month or so until she found herself in Puyallup and in Sister Pat's office. After a long conversation with Sister Pat, Ashley had devised a plan to get herself off the streets and took some advice on how to search for employment. Ashley also became a Clothing Bank client that day and was able to shop for clothes and food for herself and her son.

"Sister Pat helped me through some of the darkest times of my life," said Ashley. "I will forever be grateful for St. Francis House."

Today, Ashley is no longer a client of St. Francis House, but she stops in often to say hello. "If it weren't for the donors and the caring individuals in the community who helped me along the way, my son and I wouldn't be here today," Ashley tearfully shared with staff. ♥

Ashley and her son reside in Puyallup and she currently owns and operates a commercial cleaning company.

Fun and Fashion

On May 18, we hosted our 7th annual *Fashionable Giving Auction* with over 260 people at All Saints Parish Center. It was a wonderful evening full of fun and fashion. Together, we raised just over \$160,000 in support of our programs!

A HUGE thanks to our corporate sponsors, to all the individuals and businesses who donated so many wonderful items to our silent and live auction, to the volunteers and auction committee that spent countless hours making it all happen... *and to our generous guests who raised their paddle in support of helping families in need in our community. We are honored to serve alongside each of you!*



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Riebli House Updates

After seven months of undergoing renovations, Riebli House is almost complete! We just passed our final inspection and received clearance to move in and begin operations.

We still have a few things that need to be completed before it's done. Projects include: finishing touches on the new ramp, landscaping, assembling and moving in all of the furniture and equipment, laying carpets and installing window treatments.

We will have an informal open house on **Thursday, August 16 from 5-7pm**. This will be a drop-in event with appetizers and beverages provided. Our board members will be giving tours of our newly renovated space. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP Janel at janel@puyallupfranchishouse.org or call (253) 770-6991.



An Improved Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is getting reorganized and restocked! We've changed the way we provide food to families by making sure all of our food is accessible and available to families during their clothing bank shopping time.

If you'd like to help provide food to families in need, here is a list of items we could use:

- Bulk rice
- Bulk beans
- Ready to eat meats (tuna, spam, Vienna sausages)
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Peanut butter and jelly

Thanks to the Puyallup Windermere Real Estate volunteers for helping us clean and organize the Food Pantry.



MEMORIAL GIFTS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

In memory of Don Fankhauser, Heather, Ramona Kaur, Charlene Keller, Ray Ozanich and Allene Rodenberg.
In honor of Pat Michalek, Bill Morris and Merry Pantaleo.

GRANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ben B. Cheney Foundation, Korum for Kids Foundation, Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation, South Hill Rotary Foundation and Target.

The Nook's Newest Volunteer

The Nook welcomes Carol Robinson, the newest volunteer to their team! Carol's work history includes working at Nordstrom in the jewelry department where she loved working with customers and merchandising the products. It's no wonder Carol was asked and encouraged to help with the jewelry area at The Nook.

"She will be helping us bring the best possible jewelry donations to the customers," said Sherrie, The Nook Manager. "Carol also excels in staging and fits right in with our Wednesday staging team."

*Carol's decorating motto:
"It's all about layering,
the mix and texture."*

When asked how she likes being a volunteer she replied, "It's fun to get to know all the volunteers and to be a part of something special for charity."

When not at The Nook, Carol enjoys thrift shopping, antiquing, needle crafts, gardening, walking her dogs, bike riding and hiking.



Stop by and say hello to Carol, and if she's not there, come take a peek at the TLC she's given to our jewelry department!

The Nook is open Thursday - Saturday, 11am - 5:00pm
1206 E Main Ave, Puyallup 98371

Annual Fundraising Breakfast

15th Annual
Miracle Makers' Breakfast

Wednesday, October 3 | 7:30 - 9:00am
Bethany Baptist Church

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St. FRANCIS HOUSE
Compassion • Giving • Hope

We invite you to join us for our annual fundraising event, **Miracle Makers' Breakfast!** This event is truly special and very important to the sustainability of our programs.

Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, October 3 from 7:30am - 9:00am.** *Formal invitations to follow.*

We also invite you to consider hosting a table at this event. There is no cost to host. Simply invite 7 of your friends or colleagues for breakfast to learn more about what's happening with families in our community.

Visit our website for more information.

Sponsorship and Volunteer Opportunities Available



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Puyallup, WA 98371-0016

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Mon - Fri 10:00am - 5:30pm
Saturday 10:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday Closed

MONTHLY E-NEWS

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OUR MISSION

We are a center of compassionate presence and service that offers hope and eases the hardships of those in need in East Pierce County. All services are provided free of charge.

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THE NOOK - CHARITY BOUTIQUE

1206 E Main St - Puyallup
(253) 770-6082

Thursday - Saturday:
11:00am - 5:00pm

Preparing for Back-to-School

Our Back-to-School shopping will begin the first week of August. Each of our families that have school-aged children will have the opportunity to receive school supplies and clothing (including new socks and underwear) for school. We expect to serve close to 1,000 low-income students in our community.

If you'd like to get involved, here's how you can help:

- Purchase items off our "Back-to-School Wish List" from Amazon and have the supplies shipped directly to us.
- Host a Supply Drive at your office, within your service club and/or at your church.

Call our office for more information.

A huge thanks to the following businesses for hosting a Supply Drive at their office: Columbia Bank, Olympic Landscape, RUI, Salon Ish, State Farm Insurance-Christian McClung and Timberland Bank (Tacoma).

