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Annual Report 2013-14



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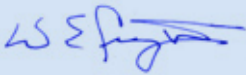
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We cannot thank all of our supporters enough for the generosity you have shown over the years. We face new challenges in the coming years with the statewide "Birth to Three" program for blind and visually impaired children and their families coming under the WSSB umbrella. We will outline these challenges and needs in the coming months as they are uncovered. I trust you will continue to support us so we can help with this new challenge and the continuing work of your foundation.

Humbly Yours,



William Craig
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MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering blind and visually impaired youth achieve success.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Pacific Foundation for Blind Children strives to create awareness about the capacity, ability and specific needs of blind and visually impaired youth by supporting and funding programs that improve the lives of BVI youth and their families.

Dear PFBC Supporters:

Thank you very much for sharing our commitment to the Pacific Foundation for Blind Children this past year. I am very proud of what we have accomplished together. From technology to recreation to orthodontics, we provided funding and assistance to numerous kids throughout the state of Washington and the Pacific Northwest. In this report, we have featured some of the ways we supported blind and visually impaired kids, as well as key volunteers that have selflessly given many hours and donated important resources to our kids and programs. We are so grateful for their dedication and commitment.

PFBC supported recreational sports and art programs to help children become confident, independent and healthy adults. These programs included goal ball teams, powerlifting competitions, tandem bicycling, skiing, summer programs, photography, sculpturing, and music.

Assistive Technology helps blind and visually impaired youth function at a high level in a sighted world. We provided funding for equipment and devices that allow graduates to communicate via email, pay bills, navigate around town, access information, complete reading assignments, write papers and fully participate in their education process.

Several students were able to begin their journey toward brighter smiles and increased confidence due to the support of the Slow & Steady Orthodontics program.

Over the last year, we held several fundraisers which helped raise much needed funds, as well as increase visibility of our organization and its mission. We are very thankful for our new supporters! We also participated in the first ever community-wide online crowd-raiser, "GiveMore 24!" This was very exciting for us. We learned a lot and will be even more prepared next year! Our social media presence is still in its infancy, but we sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

We look forward to the coming year to begin our focus on birth to three year old babies/toddlers in providing support to their families and critical early intervention services. Ensuring that families are connected with such services has proven a critical component in the little ones' ongoing success. We will continue to support initiatives that increase accessibility and usability through online learning options for blind/visually impaired children throughout the Pacific Northwest as well as assistive technology. Your kindness will enable us to move forward with essential programs that benefit blind and visually impaired babies, toddlers and youth.



I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the support that the Pacific Foundation for Blind Children has received. We appreciate your kind generosity and look forward to helping more great kids and babies in the future!

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JaReda Webb".

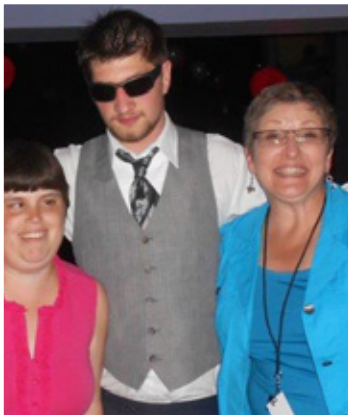
JaReda Webb, Executive Director

Dedicated Volunteers

MOLLIE HANDS started her volunteer career at Washington State School for the Blind September 16, 1973. Every September when school starts you will see Mollie driving up in her hot rod Mustang with a big smile on her face. Mollie has been a mainstay at the school for over forty years helping out with many activities such as outdoor camp, swimming, hiking, overnight cross-country ski trips, sculpting and card making classes, track meets, school carnivals, and speech club.



Taking the mission to heart, every holiday season Mollie gathers pictures of the students enjoying WSSB recreational activities to include in her personal holiday cards, encouraging family and friends to support the Pacific Foundation for Blind Children. PFBC thanks Mollie for her commitment to blind and visually impaired kids and for being a true champion for over forty years to the youth in her community.



EMILY REGIMBAL started volunteering at WSSB in 2009 proofreading in the Braille Center. She then moved on to coordinating and overseeing games with the students in the recreation center. Emily soon expanded her volunteerism to include coordinating and running the siblings program for the Baby Jamboree, helping her husband Brian establish and create our WSSB history museum, and entertaining students at the Lions' carnival as WSSB's most favorite clown.

Emily has helped with many PFBC events, such as the 3 Grands Concert and Auction, as well as supporting Jump Rope for Heart, and many other students programs. Whether

joining in on the weekly group swim, dancing with students at winter formal or helping with prom, Emily is quick to add laughter and a warm smile. The Pacific Foundation for Blind Children congratulates Emily for receiving the Portland Business Journal's 2013 Small Business CFO of the year award. Thanks, Emily!

Recreation Programs



10 Ways to Give

1

Make a gift online via credit card using our secure giving platform at www.pfbc1.org or arrange a monthly auto payroll deduction or auto credit card pledge directed to Pacific Foundation for Blind Children.

2

Make a gift of cash or check and mail to our office at 2214 E. 13th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661. Checks should be made payable to Pacific Foundation for Blind Children or PFBC.

3

Make a memorial or tribute gift which may be designated in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. The family of the deceased or person honored will be notified of your gift.

4

Register your Fred Meyer customer loyalty card so every time you shop, the Pacific Foundation for Blind Children benefits. Register PFBC as your preferred charity on Amazon Smile. No cost to you and PFBC benefits when you order stuff!

5

Sponsor an event benefiting Pacific Foundation for Blind Children. We hold two events per year, the 3 Grands Concert & Auction and Feel the Music Dinner & Concert.

6

Hold an event or fundraiser with Pacific Foundation for Blind Children as the beneficiary.

7

Make a bequest by will or revocable living trust for a specific amount or a percentage of your total estate. Bequest gifts ensure your legacy of support continue on.

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Make a gift of securities. Gifts of appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds may provide special tax advantages.

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Make a gift of life insurance by naming the Pacific Foundation for Blind Children as the beneficiary of a policy. As with planning, this gift may be tax deductible.

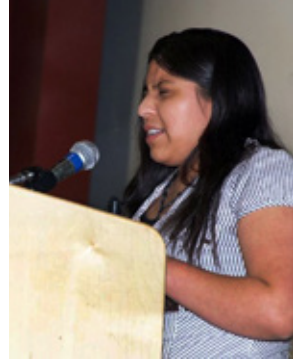
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Make a gift-in-kind, which is a gift of tangible personal property, such as artwork, special library collections, furnishings and real estate.

Success Stories

ALICIA

Alicia has been blind since birth but doesn't let her blindness hold her back or serve as an excuse for not meeting challenges head on. She has an incredible work ethic, maintaining her studies while holding a part time job during her senior year of high school at Washington School for the Blind. She got herself to and from work every day after school navigating public transportation. As she was nearing her graduation, it was apparent Alicia had the potential for higher education and she was very excited to attend college. Alicia had access to a BrailleNote device during high school and would need the expensive technology to take notes in class, complete assignments, and communicate electronically.

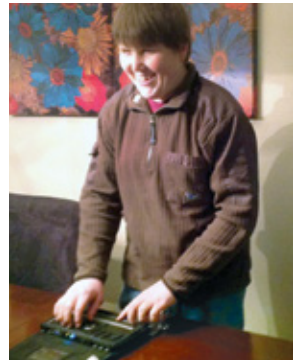


Alicia's enthusiasm was clouded by the financial challenge of affording the equipment she needed to attend college. She applied for a grant from the foundation, and because of kind donors like you, the Pacific Foundation for Blind Children had the funds to cover her request. Alicia continues to attend community college and is doing great.

DEWALD

Dewald is a totally blind young man and recent graduate of piano tuning school. He is from South Africa, and came to the U.S. specifically to attend the piano tuning school. He is a very dedicated student and graduated the program with flying colors.

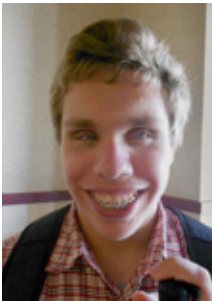
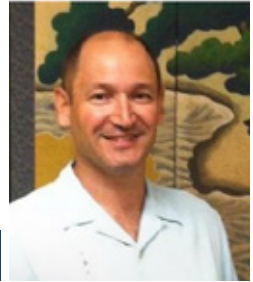
Following graduation, Dewald had dreams of starting his own piano tuning business and supporting himself. During his final year of the program, he applied for a grant for a Braille communication device to enable him to operate his future business and maintain his independence. Since Dewald is a non-citizen, he was not eligible for much outside assistance. The Pacific Foundation for Blind Children partnered with a few sponsors and happily fulfilled his request. Dewald is now launching his career as a piano tuner and we are sure he will go on to be a great success.



Larry Holzman

THE SLOW & STEADY ORTHODONTICS PROGRAM is grant program offered through the Pacific Foundation for Blind Children. This program began in 2008 with a sizeable donation from one of our volunteers, Larry Holzman, and the Holzman Foundation. Larry is a longtime volunteer captain for the tandem cycling program at WSSB. A few years ago, he noticed some of the kids could benefit from orthodontia, but due to financial circumstances, braces were out of reach for these kids. Larry decided to work with PFBC to set up a fund that would help students get braces.

So far the Slow & Steady Orthodontics Program has helped 13 kids get the orthodontic work they need to improve their smiles, increasing their self-esteem, and helping them become more confident young adults. Thank you, Larry, for your commitment to blind and visually impaired youth!



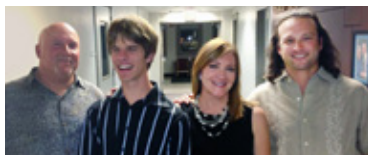
Orthodontic grant recipients, Erica and Nathaniel;
Larry Holzman in action on tandem bike.

Mark Matthias

MARK MATTHIAS and his team at **Beaches Restaurant and Bar** have been helping local schools and children's charities since 1996 when the Beaches Charity Fund was established. The Pacific Foundation for Blind Children has benefitted greatly from Mark's generosity over the years and we are so appreciative. Beaches has provided the meals and catering services for many PFBC fundraising events ensuring their success. Beaches has also supported the Washington School for the Blind by donating dinners to students for Prom and also through direct volunteer involvement.

Mark's amazing commitment to his community earned him the 2014 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals Oregon and SW Washington Chapter and also the 2008 Clark County First Citizen Award from the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington. He has been recognized for motivating others to give, selflessly committing time, energy and resources, and providing leadership for the successful solicitation of donations.

Currently, Mark is pushing his team to reach a \$2 million fundraising milestone in 2015, a year ahead of schedule. We would like to thank Mark for everything he has done for us and his wonderful, huge heart!



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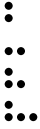
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