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Bowling Fundraiser



From left to right: Bowlers Jason Reid of S.O.S, and Dan Garrison of Instant Imprints at the line awaiting their results.

Summer Newsletter

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DBCC Earns Meyer Memorial Grant of \$8,500

After six years from its inception, the hard work has paid off. Dream Big earns their first grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust for \$8,500 for one year. The grant will cover operational expenses, as we continue to work towards our feasibility study. This study will help us with the needs and design of building the community center and implementing our programs within the community.

Bowling Fundraiser Huge Success - Raises \$500

On a beautiful Saturday evening of 80 degree weather, our bowling night fundraiser co-hosted with Young Professionals of Vancouver (YPOV) filled the bowling alley for a huge success. Teams ranged from elected officials, businesses, families, and friends. PBA member, Rob Edwards, from Team Edwards (of Western Construction) bowled a 289, which means he was two strikes away from a perfect game. Not to be outdone, YPOV's President, Joseph Ridinger bowled a 279.

At the end of the night, Team Edwards walked away earning the accolades for high game, team high game, and team high series. Both organizations raised doubled of expectations, reeling in \$1,000. With lots of rewards and prizes for everyone, all left with smiles.

Special thanks to our supporting sponsors: Hazel Dell Lanes, McDonald's, and Mike's Pro Shop.

Board Promotes VP to President

On June 7th, the board unanimously promoted Washington State University Vancouver Associate Professor, Dr. Mark Stephan to Board President. Dr. Stephan is one of the founding board members and has



From left to right: Bowlers Gentry Humphrey of Brand Jordan, and Joe Ridinger of Ameriprise and YPOV's President at the line watching their pin action.



Team Edwards
From left to right:
Ryan Edwards, Dick Edwards, Ron Edwards, and Rob Edwards.



Dream Big Volunteer:
Sarah Wright-Sutherland

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served in the role of Vice President. He is a researcher in the area of public policy and has been teaching at WSUV since 2001. He looks forward to leading the Board of Directors in the year ahead and is excited by the work taking place within Dream Big.

New Sponsors: Comcast and McDonald's

We welcome our newest sponsors: Comcast and McDonald's. Comcast donates \$1,000 to expand our former flagship program, Dream Big 101, which is under construction to become a certified Career and Technical Education class in local high schools. McDonald's donates food vouchers and incentives for program participants. In addition, both groups are working on a future fundraiser in Clark County.

Dream Big Volunteer Testimonial

On July 2006, was the beginning of a 22 month period of my life that would be riddled with bad decisions, because I had been introduced to meth. My life was changed forever. Prior to that day, I owned my own home, just graduated from school with highest honors, and had a career in the medical field. I had a wonderful relationship with my two sons, and had the joy of sharing my life with my grandchildren. During the next 22 months that followed, I lost all of those things.

The core of Dream Big is that if you can dream it, you can be it, in which empowers kids to control their destiny. I can tell you today that it not only works for kids, but it also works for adults. I used to say the things I've lost and missed were: self respect, self confidence, and dignity (the most). DBCC and Nathan helped me find those things. I'm not proud of that time in my life, but I'm no longer humiliated by it either. I can look people in the eye and say I'm a recovering addict. I like to compare that time in my life to a forest fire, devastating at first; but out of the devastation comes new and stronger growth. I am growing and will continue to do so, and through DBCC I can help others grow as well.

Working with Nathan and learning about Dream Big has made such a large impact on my life. I had buried my red rubber ball in the deepest corner of the closet. It needed air and a good cleaning; Dream Big supplied the air and the cleaning supplies. I supplied the labor. Today my ball sparkles and it goes everywhere with me. I will forever be grateful and will be a champion of second chances and a champion of DBCC.

Sarah Wright-Sutherland

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Tickets fore Charity - LPGA Safeway Golf Classic

If you buy tickets to attend the August 16-22 LPGA Safeway Golf Classic at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, you can support Dream Big Community Center.

Follow these simple directions to buy tickets online:

1. Go to <https://tgfigolf.com/tickets.php>.
2. Under "Designated charity" select **Dream Big Community Center**.

Save the Date - Saturday, November 13th

We'll be hosting our evening gala fundraiser. The event is the "Evening of Dreams." We'll have a reception of student displays, silent auction, program, and entertainment.

If you're interested in helping at any level, email info@dreambigcc.org or call at (360) 448-7439.

Volunteer Your Time & Ameriprise Donates \$50

We have a great opportunity to everyone that wants to help our organization. Ameriprise Financial Services has partnered with us to help you invest in your future. If you meet with Financial Advisor Joseph Ridinger, to discuss your retirement goals, he'll make a \$50 donation to our organization.

To schedule an appointment, contact his office at (360) 713-5504 or email him directly at joseph.d.ridinger@ampf.com. For any questions, email info@dreambigcc.org or call (360) 448-7439.

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