

the post

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Greetings from The Post! We've made it through another year with many changes and transitions happening. It has been an exciting time as well as scary as I step into the Executive Director role. We are getting settled and into the groove with many different activities and programs. It is a race to a child's heart, and this is a marathon race!

The Post teens are still struggling with many issues that include mental health, broken relationships, homelessness, and loneliness. With evictions on the rise, we may start seeing more homelessness among the teens. The Post is a place for the teens to gather where they know we are here for them and are the family they may not have otherwise. From our well stocked café to a meal provided at least once a week, the teens can come hang out in a safe place and have a chance to have a nutritional meal. As we approach the holidays, for many it's a wonderful time of the year. For some of the teens it's not the most wonderful time as the traditions we are all accustomed to, they don't have those to look forward to. The hope is to begin traditions at The Post that the teens will enjoy and look forward to year after year. With programs such as I am Second and Grow Ministries, we can allow time for teens to ask for prayer as well as sharing God's word with them. Romans 12:2 states: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Many times, people think they can't recover from the mistakes they have made, but God tells us otherwise and that is the message we are trying to instill into the teens. We can rise above any situation, and it can be done with the assistance of any one of the staff members at The Post. Some journeys are rougher than others, but we are all here for the long road.

The mission of The Post can only be carried out with the generous help of time, resources, and financial support! We wouldn't be able to continue 22 plus years at The Post without all of you! I ask that you continue to pray for our ministry as we continue to support the youth of this community. I also ask for you to pray about volunteering with The Post to help teach a trade. As we know, not every teen can afford college, so we can help them by learning a trade they can then support themselves with such as carpentry, car mechanics, etc. The sky is the limit and the valuable resources we have within our community can make a difference in the lives of The Post teens.

I want to thank you all for your continued support and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Nicki Kucala
Executive Director

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Important Dates:

December 23rd, 26th, 30th and
January 2nd

Closed for Christmas Holiday

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I often wrestle with the fact that at The Post we do not have a solid way to measure victories. How many lives were changed? How many kids did we end up keeping off the streets? How many kids declared Christ as their Lord and Savior? All of these are great and things I know happen, yet very hard to truly measure.

Our family lives in Clover Trails, so with two little ones we frequent the beautiful new park in front of the neighborhood often. The other day I was pushing our little girl on the swing, and I hear “Hey yo Sean, what’s up man?” I look over and it is a teen who came to The Post daily throughout his teenage years. When I say daily, I mean literally every time I was at The Post, this individual was there. He was a great kid. He played on our basketball team and was one that always listened and did what you ask. I greeted him with a smile and asked how he has been. “The Post changed my life, man. I am who I am today because of The Post. All the values and traits I learned changed me forever. My fiancé and I have a little child and we can’t wait to get married and show her how growing up with two parents should be. I am a manager of a local restaurant, and I am in the running to have a huge promotion as a regional manager.”

My mouth dropped. The couch surfing kid with a single mom who worked third shift has defeated everything thrown at him and is winning the battle. Wow. I was again reminded of why we exist. We are that place for TEENS without a place. Teenage years are tough, and we are a space where these kids can learn, grow, and become young men and women of God. If you have extra funds this year and you are looking for an organization to give to and make a difference, I hope you consider us at The Post. I can promise that stories like these happen by the bushel loads, this is just one of hundreds that recently came to light. Thanks for your continued prayers, contributions, and support of our youth center. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sean Behensky
Board President