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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I think the best term for 2024 was "Roller Coaster." The year was a pure roller coaster, and I am happy the ride is over. We started 2024 by losing one of our favorite youth. He was a young man with misdirection but a good heart. He attended The Post regularly from 2020 to 2022 and then moved to Elkhart. Unfortunately, his involvement in negative peer groups lead to the loss of his life by gun violence. The loss of a youth causes strain on their families, peers and the community. In my 8 years of involvement with The Post, his loss has affected me the most. To know him, watch his growth in The Post and understand his potential is heart breaking, as his young life stops.

Next on the ride, we hired an amazing Executive Director! The process was long, exhausting, but God was faithful. He gave us exactly who we needed. Christy Matthews is amazing. If you have not had the chance to meet Christy, I highly suggest you reach out and do so. She is full of energy and great ideas. I am certain she has what it takes to take The Post to the next level.

Now comes board members. We have had some amazing board members step down for various reasons. Jon Morningstar, Sue Neeb and Don Wade all served our mission for a combined 50+ years!! With that said, our board could use some help. We meet every other month – roughly 6 times a year. If you have a heart for youth and want to give back to the community, please reach out to myself or one of the other members. We would love to have you!

The final part of the roller coaster – giving. Our giving over the past several years has been phenomenal. The generosity has truly blown me away. We were able to purchase the building, take the teens on trips, host events, etc. This year, giving has been down. There are several events / tasks that we would love to do. Our gym floor, for example, needs a complete make-over. If giving is not in the cards, maybe you or your small group could help us put the floor in?

What I am trying to say is, as much as I hope we are part of your year-end giving, we would be equally as appreciative to receive your time and expertise on projects as well. If this is something you would like to help with, please reach out! There are several projects that Christy and our board would appreciate both funds and expertise on in the very near future.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, Thanks so much for all you do for our youth at The Post. I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Sean Behensky
Board President

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FESTIVAL OF TRESS

This fundraiser event is new to our program. We will be asking local businesses for pre-decorated Christmas Trees. These will be auctioned off the weekend before Thanksgiving to our community friends and families. This event allows our community to come into The Post and enjoy the holiday spirit. When you purchase a tree, the proceeds with help with classes for our youth.

We would like to Thank
MCC,CrisStyleClean and Lowes for donating tress to our 1st annual Festival of Trees Fundraiser

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the progress we've made together in enriching the lives of the youth we serve. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, volunteers, and partners, our after-school program has had a profound impact on the young people in our community. We are grateful for your trust and involvement in helping us provide valuable opportunities for growth, learning, and personal development.

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