



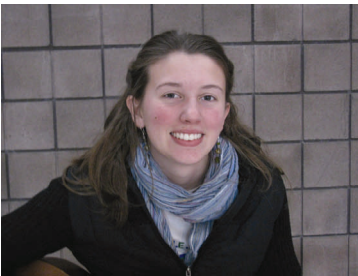
PORTLAND PROMISE CENTER

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Shining Stars From 2009

The Portland Promise Center has invested in the lives of children and teenagers for more than twenty years. The investment is beginning to pay off! Last year two students from Portland graduated from Berea College: Brittany Simmons and Chris Gallagher. These two students are shining stars for our neighborhood. We are proud of both of them and look forward to the great number of students who will follow their example.

MEET BRITTANY



Brittany Simmons grew up in Portland, attended the Portland Avenue Church of Christ and graduated from Shawnee High School. During High School her church sponsored her to go on three summer mission trips. Brittany states that her overseas mission experiences influenced her dreams about the future.

Brittany graduated from Berea College in 2009 with a B.A. in Biology. She is making plans now to attend graduate school to be trained as a Physician Assistant, with a dream to work in a health clinic in a third world country. In the meantime, Brittany volunteers as a mentor at the Portland Promise Center and helps lead worship on Sunday mornings.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATION

You can help send Portland Youth to college by donating to one of our college scholarship endowments. To discover more information about these funds visit our website at <http://portlandpromise.org/ways2.htm>

Now is a great time to make a donation to the Community Foundation of Louisville - Portland Promise Scholarship Fund. One of our donors has given a match/challenge to help build this endowment -- every dollar up to \$5,000 will be matched. You can make your donation on line by clicking "donate now" and then click the dedication line and write *CFL scholarship* or call PPC for more information. (776-2635)

MEET CHRIS



Chris Gallagher started coming to the Center in 1998 and participated in every youth program the Center offered. This past December Chris graduated from Berea with a B.A. in Religious Thought and Ethics. Chris is now working for Eckerd Youth Alternatives, an at-risk youth Outdoor Therapeutic camp in North Carolina. Chris said he wants to offer other youth the same encouragement and support he received from the adults at the Promise Center.

"Without the Portland Promise Center I'm not sure where I would be. It helped me see that the world is a big place and that I can achieve anything if I work towards it and have faith in God. The Center is a second home; a place to feel loved. To be able to graduate from high school and college -- the first one to do so in my family -- is an achievement I am very proud of. Without the Portland Promise Center, I can't say that I would have been able to achieve this goal so easily." —Chris Gallagher



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The Portland Promise Center
Board of Directors
cordially invite you to their
Second Annual Side by Side Banquet
Saturday, May 15, 2010

Reception and Silent Auction
5:30 p.m.

Dinner
6:30 p.m.

Joshua and Caleb Awards
Mrs. June Roberts and Mr. Andy Sears

Dawne Gee
Banquet Emcee

The Event will be a Black-tie/Blue jean Barbeque
Held at the Portland Promise Center
1831 Baird Street

Please RSVP by Saturday May 1
Make your reservation with Kathie Stoess at 502-776-2635 or kstoess@portlandpromise.org
Cost \$50 per ticket

Side by Side

In 2009 Portland Promise Center hosted the first annual Side by Side banquet. The event was held in the 1800 building that was -- and still is -- under renovation. The old warehouse was transformed into a fancy ballroom for the evening.

A tradition was set at the event to honor two people who have worked "side by side" with the Promise Center. In 2009 Jim Tennill and the late John Bock were honored. 400 guests attended the event and raised over \$110,000. This year we will honor Andy Sears, a thirteen year volunteer and June Roberts, a life-long resident and employee of the Promise Center. Mark your calendar now to join us on May 15th 2010.



Top, right:
Larry Stoess presents Jim Tennill and Sandy Bock the Joshua & Caleb Awards at the 2009 Side by Side banquet.

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Bottom:
Entertainment at the Banquet



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