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Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

**THANK YOU!**

Because of your generous and helpful support, we have had the opportunity to serve almost 1800 youth throughout the Pacific NW this year! We have been able to provide youth the opportunity to experience the wilderness (many for the first time) and learn more about themselves and about God. We have walked many miles (literally!) with these youth and have heard stories filled with hurt, pain, and despair. We have experienced great adventures together, shared our stories, and hopefully had the opportunity for the hope that we have to spill over into them. According to March 2008 statistics collected by the Children's Defense Fund, every day in America:

- 4 children are killed by abuse or neglect
- 5 children or teens commit suicide
- 8 children or teens are killed by firearms
- 1,154 babies are born to teen mothers
- 2,421 children are confirmed as abused or neglected
- 2,467 high school students drop out
- 2,483 babies are born into poverty
- 3,477 children are arrested, 451 of them for violent crimes or drug abuse

Regan, Joe, Aiesha, Jeremy, Derrell, Alexian, Keith, William, Cassie, Joshua, Katia, Robert, Mark, Patrick, Javier, Derreck, Ryan, and Lisa are all youth that have lived at least one of these statistics. It is our hope that in-part because of Peak 7, they will be able to realize that there is more to this life and find hope in the One who provides hope to the hopeless. We want to be able to engage them again next year on another trip as well as others who we have never worked with. Especially in Seattle and Tacoma, there is a hunger for these type of adventure trips for those kids who are marginalized by society. We are excited about the opportunities for next year both with individuals, but also with many groups that are excited about working with us and the opportunities that will be presented for their youth. What's even more exciting, is that many of these groups do not have a faith-based background - they see the benefit of partnering with Peak 7 despite their reservations about our faith focus.

In order for this all of this to happen, we are counting on your financial partnership to enable us to continue to reach the youth of Western Washington. This year is a critical one in establishing a solid financial foundation in Seattle and Tacoma that will help us attain other funding from outside sources. Many grants want to see financial commitment to an organization before they will grant any funds. A number of people have partnered with us, but we need others to help us meet our funding goal for 2011. While we actively seek out funding through grants and foundations, we do count on individual donors to make up the bulk of our funding. Peak 7 truly is a unique organization in what we strive to accomplish, and the opportunity that we have to build relationships that work to point youth towards Christ. Please consider a monthly donation that helps us continue what we are doing in 2011!

Thank you for your support,

Ethan Petro  
Seattle Area Director



## SNOWY STREETS AND SURE STEPS

### IN HIS HEART A MAN PLANS HIS COURSE, BUT THE LORD DETERMINES HIS STEPS. PROVERBS 16:9

They say that Seattle is a sight to behold when it snows. Having just moved here earlier this year from New Jersey and the Midwest before that, I always felt like every time it snowed, it couldn't be much different than everywhere else in the country. Traffic slows and mayhem ensues. Boy was I wrong.

We got our first snow a week or so ago, and while many in the Midwest would consider 2 inches a fairly trivial event, here in Seattle that is enough to shut the city down. The news stations talked about 5 hour bus rides to get home that normally take 30 minutes, and there were loads of video clips showing cars and even busses sliding down the hills of Seattle, unable to keep control of their vehi-

cle. Whether it was overconfidence or lack of knowledge of how to drive in the snow, it reminded me of the work that we do at Peak 7 Adventures.

The youth that we target typically have a pretty rough background. Not unlike the cars on the snowy roads, they feel like they do not have control and are spinning out on the road of life; they are not sure what direction they will be headed when they stop. Our hope at Peak 7 is to give them traction. We cannot take away the challenges they face on a daily basis, but we can work to equip them with the tools to succeed and ultimately, point them to the One who ultimately directs their path.



### Peak 7 Seattle

“BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS VERY THING, THAT HE WHICH HATH BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFORM IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST.”

-PHIL 1:6

### AT A GLANCE

We finished the Ascent season in September and have been doing a lot of meetings with individuals and organizations in the Seattle area to partner with next year. There seems to be quite a bit of excitement around the Seattle launch, and many groups seem genuinely excited to have an organization like Peak 7 to utilize.

We have some winter camping trips with a few groups in Seattle starting in January, and then Spring Break will be here before we know it! If you know of anyone interested in

summer staff and leading youth in the wilderness, have them check out [www.peak7.org](http://www.peak7.org).

We have had a good number of people actively step up and support Peak 7 Seattle, but we need much more to function at a greater capacity. We are hoping to reach more youth than ever in Seattle and need the financial resources to do so. We are actively pursuing several grants, but we rely on the monthly donations to help us operate. If you have not become a monthly partner, would you prayerfully consider it? We rely upon your support to reach the youth of Seattle!

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**“THIS WAS THE BEST SUMMER I  
HAVE EVER HAD IN MY LIFE.”**

**- JOE LUCAS**

## LETTING GO AND LETTING GOD

- We are applying for several grants to help Seattle get fully funded as well as provide for Peak 7 as a whole
- Pray for the safety of every individual on the Peak 7 trips this winter
- We are working on acquiring more permits in order to have more options to take kids. Pray that God would show us favor as this can be a tough thing to work through.
- We stepped out in faith this year and added Seattle and Portland, OR as hubs for Peak 7 along with Spokane. Overnight, we went from a small ministry to a regional ministry.

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a year Peak 7 Adventures had in 2010! We have served a record number of underprivileged and ‘at-risk’ youth. We had an increase of over 500 more kids than 2009.

In addition to getting more youth outdoors and teaching them to respect it, we have been growing in other ways too! We were busting out the seams in our warehouse, a donor and mentor, told us about a property in South Spokane that seemed like a perfect fit; we agreed. We decided to rent it and moved in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Dec. We also expanded our programs into Portland.

We inherited a ministry called Discover

Outfitters that has been running trips for 18 years. With it we acquired 4 river permits along with much gear to start running trips down there! This is a huge answer to prayer since permits are something that is difficult to come by. There was also a 14,000 square foot warehouse that a donor is generously letting us use for free in Prineville, OR.

This has been a pivotal year for us and I don’t think we’re slowing down! Now is the time to hop on board! Our goal is to serve approximately 2,500 youth at risk in 2011 and we will be able to do that with your help of financial support, in-kind donations and your time.

*Ryan Kerrigan*

## SEEING GOD’S HAND

- We were asked to take over Discover Outfitters in Portland Oregon in October
- We have had a lot of interest from volunteers to get involved for 2011.
- We served almost 1800 youth this summer—WOW! Pray that kids saw Jesus in us.
- We moved to a new warehouse in Spokane that is perfect



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**-EPHESIANS 2:10**

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