



## Letter from President

This past year was one of many challenges and many successes. As the economy continued at a slow pace of recovery so did our funding base and our ability to fund grant requests. However, as the year wound down we started to see significant improvement in the economy which in turn led to some VERY generous donations and we were able to fund extra requests we otherwise wouldn't have been able to!

As we head into our 20th year, there is great enthusiasm towards building our endowments and creating more smiles on the faces of the children of the YSD!

Best regards,

Robert Aycock,  
Board President



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## EVENTS



### 15TH ANNUAL TOUR DE HARVEST

Tour de Harvest 2010 was held at Cascade Gardens in West Yakima. It was a beautiful sunny day until half way through the Live Auction, and then we had a downpour of rain. It cleared up to again a sunny afternoon and beautiful evening. Donna Menard prepared a meal outside over a barbecue. Wine and a microbrew bottled water and Coke products were enjoyed by all our guests. Our Auctioneer was once again Paul Newman, our MC Spencer Hatton and our Raise the Paddle guest speaker was Brian Carter from Seattle of Northwest African American Museum who grew up right here in Yakima. He spoke of the importance of education. We extended the evening from 5 to 8PM with a live band, music by The EPICS.

### SWEETHEARTS BALL & CAKE WALK

Our 6th Annual Sweethearts Ball and Cakewalk was held on February 13th, 2010 at the Harman Center. Everyone came to have a good time dressed in sparkles and elegance. The food, beer and wines were wonderful. The band was the best ever to dance to and the dance floor was filled at all times. We took brief rests from the dancing to walk the "cake walks". Great prizes were donated by local businesses, our Board members and friends. Many of those who attended won and took home great gifts. It was a fun time for friends to get together to celebrate Valentines Day. We had a great time.



### 2010 "CELEBRATE OUR YOUTH" BREAKFAST



May 26th at the Yakima Convention Center, we held our 12th Annual Celebrate Our Youth Breakfast. Our speaker was Ryan Asdourian, the Seattle Seahawks mascot "Blitz" who spoke of his experiences as a part of the Seahawks organization and his positions with Microsoft in their Marketing Division. Students musicians performed, greeted our guests and representatives from several schools shared with the audience the educational experiences as a result of funding received from the Yakima Schools Foundation. This year we added a "Balloon Pop" activity, which was very popular and brought in additional revenue.

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