



May 15, 2003

Board of Directors

Al Dahl

Mr. & Mrs. Buckaroo Bucharest  
34 Birch Bay Blvd.  
Blaine, WA 98230

Doug Dahl

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Bucharest,

Bill Elfo

Blaine is a great place to raise kids. I think everyone would agree to that. Not only do we have a beautiful setting, but our schools are outstanding. We have good facilities with teachers who work hard to do their best. Our sports programs are outstanding. What a great place for kids!

Charles Gibson

Except for one thing: there's not much for teens to do outside of school. In a survey of high school students here in Blaine, that was the number one complaint. Many of them say they have to go to Bellingham to find something to do if they aren't at school.

Shannon Gobatto

John Landis

That's why a group of concerned people started a youth center just for high school students in this area. It's a place just for them called The Blender... and it meets a real need here in Blaine. And now with school closing for the summer, it's especially important that The Blender keep operating and providing wholesome and fun things for teens. Good things are planned, like special summer day outings, Movie Night at The Blender, open hours, and much more.

Mike Leach

Tim Sauer

Rod Smith

But these things require funding. And The Blender receives no government funds. The only help we have is the gifts of concerned people like you.

Larry Sutton

Dennis Wildermuth

Last year, you gave to The Blender and it was a big help as we got things started. Expensive modifications had to be made to convert the downtown building to a teen center. But significant things were accomplished: a handicapped bathroom was added, equipment was purchased, a stage for bands was built, a new heating system was installed. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and a variety of contributions of materials, funds and labor, all this has now been completed.

But as we go into the critical summer months when The Blender youth center is MOST needed, we are critically short on funding.

So we are looking for people who care about kids right here in Blaine to help. **What we need most are people who will give on a regular basis to help cover the regular operating costs.** We have cut our expenses to the minimum, but we have all the normal costs of any business: insurance, electricity, gas, water, and so forth. We have only one paid staff member and the rest is done by volunteers.

Would you make a commitment at least through the end of 2003 of \$25 - \$50 a month to give local teens a wholesome place to gather where they have good supervision and fun activities? Anything you give will be greatly appreciated and carefully used. Helping our local kids is investing in the future of Blaine.

Thank you for caring for kids!

Ken Martin, Director

**P. S. If we all do our part, we can make a difference for local kids. Please do whatever you can to help.**