

## ***Turning “Youth at Risk” to “Youth of Promise”***

*“PCAA’s mission is to provide assistance, advocacy and support for “at risk” youth in Orange County Probation and low income/high crime areas of the community, by implementing intervention and gang prevention programs”. Our challenge is to turn “youth at risk” to “youth of promise”. PCAA collaborates with the Orange County Probation Department to change young lives, turning them in a positive, life changing direction.*

### **County Island Storytimes Prevention Program**

Storytimes are held monthly to approximately 260 children in low income/high crime areas of Orange County. Each month a guest reader attends and signs a new book for each child to take home and share with siblings.

Statistics show that most gang members fall behind in reading in the second grade and this program encourages young children to learn to read and enjoy books. They learn life-long learning skills, thus keeping them from the gang lifestyle.

New books are purchased by donations, grants and fundraisers. You are welcome to be a guest reader!



*Storytime, winner of NACO award for “Youth Literary Mentoring”*

### **Performing Arts Program**

The Probation Institution “Youth Guidance Center” provides youth the opportunity to learn singing, dancing and performing. This program builds self esteem and teaches teamwork. Come join us and share your talent or resources and be a positive influence to these youth.

### **“FACES OF HOPE” Mask Project**

#### **“Painting From the Heart”**

Local Artists, community members and Probation youth paint porcelain masks to help raise funds for our programs. These masks are works of art! View them on our website: [pcaaoc.org](http://pcaaoc.org)

### **8% Youth & Family Resource Centers**

PCAA assists with the basic needs of youth at two centers located in Orange County. Previous studies prove that approximately 8% of Probation youth become chronic offenders and have a myriad of problems. The 8% Youth and Family Resource Center (YFRC) was created to address the critical needs of these youth and their families. These services include a fully accredited high school, counseling and treatment services, life skills classes, employment preparation, and parenting classes. These youth also participate in community service projects. Intervention is important in these young lives.

### **Family Assistance Fund**

#### **“Helping From The Heart”**

Assisting Probation youth and their families is a special project of PCAA where we show the “Heart” of Probation to at-risk and victim families. Often youth are brought into the Probation system without proper clothing or shoes. Eyeglasses, clothing, etc. are purchased so these youth can at a minimum, have basic clothing and needs met. These purchases take away the stigma of poverty and neglect. The PCAA board believes that by assisting these youth, it provides hope and change in their life. Approximately 60% of Probation youth come from homes with family violence. Thank you for your support of this project.

### **PCAA “Fore the Kids” Scholarship Youth Development Fund**

#### **“Golfing From The Heart”**

This yearly golf tournament raises funds for high school and GED graduates. This fund provides for both college and trade school needs. This fund also provides cap and gown rental, and clothing for graduation and mock trials.

## PCAA "Fresh Food Fund"

Often families go without fresh food for weeks at a time. Food banks usually do not provide fresh foods such as milk, eggs, cheese, meats, vegetables, fruit etc. The PCAA Fresh Food Fund provides qualified families with these important, and much needed nutritional items.

## Adopt-A-Family

### "Giving From the Heart"

Sharing is a holiday tradition and this exciting program provides families with toys, clothing, and gift certificates. You or your corporation can "adopt" a family purchasing the requested items yourself or make a general donation in which we provide the needed items. New toys, sleeping bags, and monetary donations are greatly appreciated! Your help in past years, has given a wonderful Christmas to families who thought Christmas would not be celebrated at their home. This act of caring and sharing truly makes lasting positive memories for our youth and their families... thank you.

## Tattoo Removal Program

"A New Beginning" - visible tattoos are removed from Probation youth by laser treatments so they can obtain employment or rid themselves of gang affiliation.

## "Running From the Heart"

Watch out for our early race/walk in early 2008!

## "Hard Floor - No More"

Families do not have room for beds, so the youth sleep on the floor. This PCAA project will provide new sleeping bags for probation youth & families.

### Now you can contribute to PCAA via escrip!

Each time you use your credit, ATM, gas or grocery card, without any cost to you, PCAA benefits! Just go on line to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) Our ID# is 150239973

**We welcome you to join the PCAA, a non-profit organization with a Board of Directors comprised of Orange County Community professionals.**

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