

## DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

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Interview with Grant Woodfield - July 22, 2008

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Grant's first experience with Friends of Youth was back in the 1960's when he was a young man volunteering for one of the YMCA's outreach programs. He would often take some of the boys from our Griffin home to the downtown Y for swimming and recreation. This is how he learned about our residential treatment program for juvenile boys serving out jail sentences. He was deeply moved by their often tragic upbringing and how they often came from abusive and dysfunctional families. This experience stayed with him and in 2003, after enjoying his retirement for a while, he remembered our organization and wanted to financially support our mission. For many years, Grant worked for the accounting firm that is now known as Deloitte. He was an auditor and was impressed with our agency's growth over the years and our service to youth, both boys and girls throughout the region.

Grant and his wife, Francis, both are big community supporters. At the time of our interview, Francis was at home due to a surgery to repair the damage of a broken leg. You see, Francis likes to crochet baby blankets which she donates to local charities. She had tripped over a blanket she was working on and broke her leg and now she has more time to crochet! Grant is listed in the Puget Sound Blood Bank's Hall of Fame for having donated blood more than 100 times! He also supports local environmental and conversation causes such as Adopt a Stream and the Cascade Land Conservancy. Just for fun, he started volunteering at the Flying Heritage Plane Collection which opened this year at Paine Field. The planes are from World War II and are owned by Paul Allen. Grant served in the Navy but never got a chance to fly. Now, he gets to learn all about these still performing relics first hand.

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