

When the Puyallup Fair first opened in 1900, its emphasis included animals, agriculture, education, and youth programs. Since that time, the original purpose has remained a constant. With the creation of the Puyallup Fair Foundation in 2008, an even greater focus on this purpose offers a variety of valuable services to the community. Listed below is a sampling of ways that the Puyallup Fair & Events Center “pays it forward” . . .

- ◆ Revenue for 2009 was \$23.7 million, and expenses were \$22.4 million. Over \$2.4 million of the expenses accounted for property taxes, city taxes and insurance, as well as reimbursement to the City of Puyallup for police, public works services, and Central Pierce Fire and Rescue. Capital improvements came in at \$1.6 million. The balance of the expenses covered the costs of operating the facility on a year ‘round basis. The remaining revenue after expenses each year is put back into improvements at the Puyallup Fair & Events Center for future growth.
- ◆ The Fair is not a state fair, and receives no government subsidies.
- ◆ The Puyallup Fair Scholarship Program has donated over \$564,000 to 245 area students for continuing education since 1991.
- ◆ A total of 1,850 elementary students (kindergarten - third grade) participated in 81 Educational Tours, a free tour in September for children focusing on agriculture, animals, history and much more. The children came from 56 schools and home school co-ops in 10 school districts, plus 17 private schools.
- ◆ The Puyallup Fair School is held at the Puyallup Fair & Events Center during the spring. Certified teachers present a 1-1/2 hour program including Washington agriculture, raising crops and farm animals. Hands-on activities are included, plus a visit to the Fair Farm. Over 5,400 children from 174 classes attended from March—May 2009.
- ◆ A total of 639,106 complimentary student gate passes and over 108,079 educational employee passes were issued to western Washington schools in 2009.
- ◆ Approximately 7,500 Fair employees were hired in September, including workers at exhibits and with concessionaires. Most employees are from this area.

- ◆ There are nearly 50 year 'round staff members working at the Fair, plus 50 who work part time throughout the year.
- ◆ Exhibitors and concessionaires paid employees wages in 2009 starting at \$8.55/hour, with some exhibitors offering commission. The Fair partners annually with the Washington State Employment Security Department to offer job placement. In August they processed over 6,000 applications and recorded over 2,200 hires, including 200+ veterans.
- ◆ FFA and 4-H students take part in the Northwest Junior Livestock Show during the Spring Fair in Puyallup. Each September the Puyallup Fair subsidizes three youth shows:
 - ◇ 4-H State Fair
 - ◇ Future Farmers of America's State Exhibition
 - ◇ Washington's Junior Poultry Exposition
- ◆ For over 50 years the Fair has welcomed the Boy Scouts for their training program.
- ◆ Girl Scouts participate in Fair activities every year, demonstrating a variety of skills to Fair guests.
- ◆ Campfire has been at the Fair for over 50 years. Kindergarten through 18-year-old boys and girls submitted over 250 entries in 2009, including cooking, baking, sewing, handcrafts, photography, pottery and writing.
- ◆ Junior and senior high school artists entered 1,098 pieces in the annual September show, with \$2,000 in award monies given to art teachers to purchase school art supplies. Valley Arts United volunteered their time in the evenings at the show, and the Fair donated \$2,800 to them.
- ◆ In 2009, the Puyallup Fair & Events Center hosted 145 interim events, totaling 247 event days. Over 500,000 attended these non-Fair activities.
- ◆ The Fair provides their facilities at a reasonable rate for many not-for-profit, governmental and charitable events, such as school district high school graduations, youth horse shows, and fire and police training.
- ◆ The WWFA full-time staff adopts neighbors in need during the holidays, and supports the local food bank to make area residents' lives a little brighter.

