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Bob Grumett was an exceptional example of “Servant leadership”. It has been a number of years since I have labored alongside of Bob but I have fond and vivid memories of his commitment to people and especially his vision for the Stillwater Youth Center. Bob’s leadership was a wonderful mix of practicality, persistence, and passion.

Practical-Bob began every meeting with a purpose and an agenda that ensured that action occurred. Many well meaning leaders of Non-Profit organizations conduct meetings but few have the skill to keep the team focused on measurable outcomes. If you were in a meeting led by Bob you new what your role was and his gentle chiding to perform was honed over many years as a successful businessman.

Persistent-There were many times when it would have been very easy for Bob to give up on an idea but he would always look for another angle to accomplish his aim. His tenacity enabled the

impossible. Many youth centers have begun but few last. Failure was not an option for Bob. The word was not in his vocabulary.

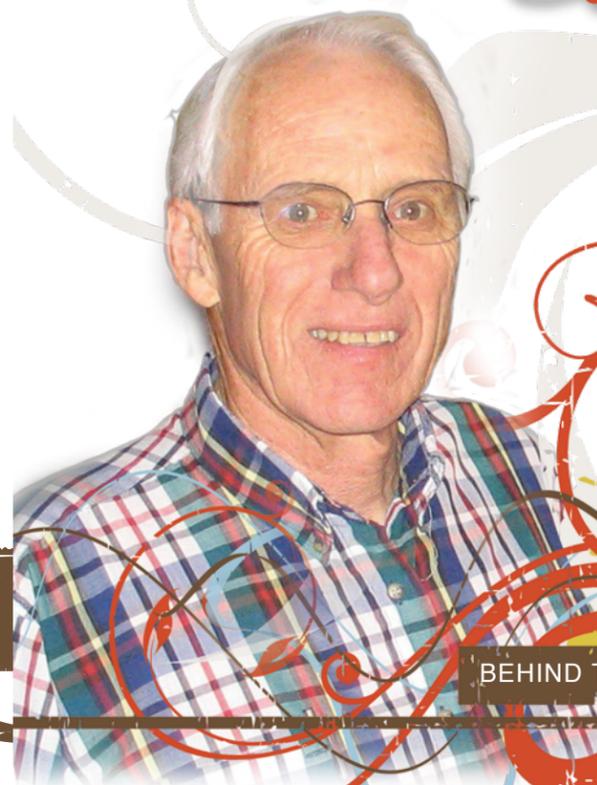
Passion-Bob had such a passion for the youth of Stillwater County. It was evident in every board meeting, in every youth activity and fund raising event. Bob’s efforts for SYC were a labor of love that far exceeded duty. He was selfless in the giving of his time and resources. His joy in working for the youth was, and continues to be, infectious.

It was truly an inspiration to work with Bob and he will be missed. He left a wonderful legacy. If there are teams in heaven he is surely leading one right now with agenda in hand!

Mike Kennedy
 Vice President of Operations–Japan, McDonald’s
 Past SYC Board Member

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BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE STILLWATER YOUTH CENTER



BOB TOUCHED MANY LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY, especially those within the Stillwater Youth Center. I know that without him, SYC wouldn’t be what it is today. His generous philanthropy, faith and leadership is woven into all areas of the youth center we celebrate and enjoy today. And so, we’ve put together this special issue of *Behind SYC* to celebrate Bob. It shares memories and feelings people have of Bob, and as you’ll see, he was very much loved and faithfully influenced many lives in the area.

I first met Bob fourteen years ago in the Columbus Evangelical Church. Little did I know at the time that it was the beginning of a friendship, partnership and a journey with the Lord in youth ministry.



Joanie Matovich
 Director of Ministry

Those fourteen years flew by with great memories. With Janee Weber and me, Bob entered this adventure

with a vision for a building where youth in our community could gather – a youth center so to say.

THE FIRST YEARS

In the fall of 1994, and less than a month after I met him, Bob gave our small, non-denominational youth group his building on Pike Avenue (main street) to gather. It quickly

became known as OJ’s, as in the “old jewelry” store. Less than a year later, Bob moved us into his spacious 2-door garage on 5th Ave. N, and began leasing the OJ space to the Stillwater County News, where it still resides today.

Like OJ’s, the kids were fast at coining “Bob’s garage” as BG’s. Many of

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them still talk about the memories they have from BG's.

Of the two garage bays, one was retrofitted with donated carpet, couches, recliners, a TV, sound equipment, fussball tables and even a pool table for a short while. In the other bay sat Bob's beautiful red Corvette. I remember asking him if he was sure he wanted to leave his car in the garage? The answer was, "Oh sure!"

Bob was an active racer. Besides the Corvette he would often race his Datsuns

in parking lot races – something he eventually invited a small group of kids to be involved in.

Shortly after moving into BG's, we became a full-fledged Montana Corporation called Stillwater Youth Center, Inc. with Bob as president.

A GROWING SYC

Over the years SYC grew and we crept further and further onto Bob's side of the garage. With volunteers like Ivan Nicely, Evan Parkins, George Kroll and Bob Patterson, Bob built SYC a shed to make more room in his garage. But SYC kept on growing until one day we had totally edged him out.

I would often ask him if he was okay with that and again he said, "Oh sure."

In fact, he would often refer back to an

event where we had over 60 kids in BG's. You could not move, and Bob was excited to have them there.

THE NEW BUILDING

In September

Top: BG's (Bob's Garage) on 5th Ave. N. Home of SYC for 10 years. Middle: Evan Parkins, George Kroll, Bob Grumett and Bob Patterson building extra storage for SYC at BG's. Left: Bob and his wife Marion cutting the ribbon at the Grand Opening of SYC's current location on Pike Ave.

2005 an opportunity to rent the health and recreation building (formerly Iron Works gym and before that Branding Iron restaurant) arose with the option to buy. IGA Plus and the community helped raise the funds to pay the rent for the first 9 months as SYC, under Bob's leadership, pursued fund raising to purchase the building.

Bob put his heart and soul into purchasing the building. With the help of many individuals, businesses in our local area and the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Bob saw his vision come to fruition on October 10, 2006, when as President of SYC he signed the papers making SYC the owner of the building.

God truly blessed us, and we all began faithfully dreaming about all the things that could now take place in this new, impressive space. With Bob's continued leadership we began updating and renovating the building for the various youth groups that met weekly. Bob helped us venture into the novelty and coffee shop area for the youth's enjoyment and use. This has led to plans for a new kitchen in the building as well as many updates to the storefront space that are in the works.

FROM MY HEART

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11 is a promise SYC stands on. Bob had faith in that promise and put almost fourteen years of his life to help youth realize that promise.

Bob was my friend, a partner in ministry, and an accountability partner on the SYC board.

He knew when to

discipline and hold us accountable to SYC's mission, but what I loved most was that an hour or two after the meeting he would call and ask, "have you fired me yet?" In other words, is everything and everyone okay.

Bob had a genuine concern for each of us and our feelings. His white hair wasn't there by accident he truly was the patriarch that brought the wisdom and

balance at SYC. Bob was also a patient mentor and taught us all a lot. As board members we challenged each other in our faith and walk. On occasion when we were planning a big event or embarking on a big decision, I would question the process, success, or wisdom, and Bob would say to me with a smile on his face and a little glint in his eye, "Where's your faith Joan".

Today in his absence and the thought of moving forward without him, I can hear him say with that glint in his eye – "where's your faith Joan".

There is truly a hole in our hearts at SYC without Bob, but by the power of the Spirit and with lessons learned from Bob we will carry on, standing on the promise of Jeremiah 29:11.

Joanie

SYC YOUTH LOOK BACK

One of the greatest memories of Bob I have is the Tuesday morning Bible studies at Apple Village. The great discussions and the influences he gave into my adult life. His insights have helped through many trying times in my life. Anytime you could see or talk to Bob, he could brighten your day. He was an amazing human being and will be truly missed by all of us, including me. I am sorry for his loss and he will always hold a place in my heart as one of the most giving men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing.

Michael McDaniel

I didn't realize what an incredible influence Bob was in SYC and the community until he passed and I really sat and thought about it. To talk to Bob you would never have realized that he donated so much time, energy and finances to create a safe place for kids to gather and learn about Jesus and grow in their faith. To talk to him you wouldn't know that it was the combination of his and Joanie's vision that SYC was started and has grown to the size that it is now. He served God and this community with a humble heart.

Bob was always a comforting voice that would find you when you were

down. Never to be the one in the front drawing attention to himself he found those in the back who wanted to come unnoticed and through his humble spirit and soft voice he reached more than he probably even knew. When he did speak people listened and heard the wisdom in his words. Bob's leadership was through his actions and never ending love for the youth of the community. He has done so much for so many and his memory will live through the youth and the Stillwater Youth Center.

Molly Marten

I had the honor of knowing Bob Grumett pretty much my whole life. Besides being a regular attendee at SYC, I knew Bob through church and the weekly Bible study he led at the Apple Village for many years.

It would be impossible to list everything Bob did for the benefit of the church, SYC, young people, and the community as a whole, as the list would

need to be several thousand pages long. And, knowing him, I don't think he would encourage the creation of such a list. But Bob was truly a great person, and we should all remember what he did for us, and what he taught us. He was bright spot in a dark world – a city on a hill. If I were to pick the most important thing I learned from Bob, it is that this world needs more people like him.

Forrest Mandeville

The thing that I remember the most about Bob was that he was always so kind and patient with us kids. Now that I look back, I would think that those two qualities would

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THANK YOU BOB!

In thanks for allowing us to use BG's, we'd sometimes ask the youth of SYC to write a thank you to Bob. The following are a small collection from 1997 through 2001. Many of these kids have gone on to establish families and careers of their own.

I am thankful for having the chance to meet at BG's. The lessons I have learned at D'Club (discipleship club) have helped me in many ways. They help me in situations at school and in life. I'm thankful just to be able to meet

with my friends and discuss situations and learn how God can help us through them. – **Cole Meier** (1997)

Thank you so much for supporting and providing us a place to gather. It has made a positive impact on my life. It has helped me in some of my

difficult decisions. It also has given me a group of friends. Thank you so much for all you have done. In God's Love. – **Molly Marten** (1997)

Thank you to all the people who support us and the place we meet in. Also the people that let us into their homes for D'Club during the summer. Thank you Bob Grumett for giving us a place to meet and learn more about God. – **Marnie Matovich** (1997)

I like BG's because I get to wrestle and shoot hoops against Reuwer. I learn about Bible at BG's. – **Nick Beer** (2001, 3rd & 4th grade

group)

I like BG's because you play and learn Bible verses. My favorite thing is when we jump on the pillows. – **Ariel Jette** (2001, 3rd & 4th grade group)

SYC ROCKS!!! I have made awesome friends at SYC that have turned into people I can really count on and go to about Christ. They are also accountability partners. It's so laid back and a relaxed environment that is appealing to teens. Also the awesome carpet and 70's style couch-

es rock! So much!! I've learned to completely trust the Lord and how to follow Him. Every time I come here I learn something new. That's a lot of stuff, and it keeps comin'! I am thankful that I know that 24/7 there are always people who will be there for me. Also, the people that make SYC possible – Bob Grumett, donators, Joanie, Louis, Rachel, Sande Seibert and everyone else who is on the board that make SYC rock! – **Sharon Williams** (2001)

I like BG's because you learn about Jesus and hang out with your friends and you learn to love you family more. – **Shylah Daniels** (2002, 3rd & 4th grade group)



Left: Bob behind SYC's current location on Pike Ave. with a truck full of blow-up cows for the new building's Open House. **Right:** Bob, Sande Seibert and SYC youth participating in a popular SYC summer activity – the great couch event. **Middle Right:** Marion Grumett, Jim Mandeville, Bob and Nadeen Kovanda at SYC's Open House on Pike Ave. **Far Right:** Bob and SYC youth racing Bob's Datsun cars.



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be very hard to have with a group of teenage kids. Yet it seemed to come very naturally with him and I cannot remember a single time where he faltered. I also look back and think of how selfless he was. Imagine giving us control of a garage where he was able to enjoy one of his favorite hobbies. It makes me laugh because I have a hard time allowing my own kids into areas of the house where I have prized items. Yet he trusted us. He was an incredible man of God. He taught us more by his life and his actions than he ever had to with words. I feel humbled to have had him as a part of my life. I smile now thinking of the eternal bliss and satisfaction he is receiving in heaven.

Amanda Jaudon-Richardson

Bob reminded me of my Grandpa Bud – wise, soft and caring. He had a quiet presence, but when he spoke, all listened to his wisdom. I didn't truly know Bob until the last 9 months. I guess I should say, appreciate him. Growing up in SYC you're often drawn to the energetic youth directors, and fail to prop-

erly recognize those behind the scenes who give so much for your benefit. Not until I sat on the SYC board with him as an adult did I recognize his amazing character, heart and grace. He was an amazing man! One of those lives you look back on with great respect and say, "I want to be like him!"

Rudi Marten

Bob Grumett was my friend, my leader, my mentor. I grew up with Bob alongside me in my church and in my spiritual life. When I was baptized at the age of 13, I was baptized with Bob and his wife Marion. I cannot remember a time in my life without Bob there and I can remember him being there with me and for me anytime I needed him. He was the true definition of a servant for Christ. He gave up his time and his energy to serve and to help out high school kids like me with his dedication to the youth center and to various other activities like the high school Sunday school at my church and the Tuesday morning guy's group, which is probably one of my fondest memories of high school and Bob. We would meet every Tuesday morning before school and even through the summer and we would pour

through scripture. Often the topics would end up some place we never intended, but Bob always kept us steered in the right direction.

I can honestly say that if it were not for Bob, I probably would have faltered in my Walk a long time ago and I may not even be alive today. I could see myself having taken a very different path in life if not for the presence of the SYC, especially, the Tuesday guys group was a Biblical picture of accountability and of Christians walking together as Christians. Bob inspired me to be a leader and to keep my faith, because as I watched him go through battles with illnesses and cancer, he stood strong and he was still always there for me, offering a helping hand.

Michael J. Mandeville

SYC YOUTH DIRECTORS

While visiting Africa once, I had the joy of washing the feet of orphans. I placed new shoes on their feet and afterwards had a village chief come up to me. The chief told, "Because you have washed the feet of orphans you have washed the feet of Christ." That message has stayed with me and when I think of Bob, this is all I can think about.

Bob Grumett was an incredible person. His heart for helping others never stopped. His actions and life reflected Christ. I am persuaded that when he met Christ face to face he heard Him say, "Thank you for being faithful; thank you for caring for the hurting, helping the dying, and blessing the needy. Thank you for helping Me."

I will greatly miss Bob and it was an honor to have known him.

Justin Rehklau, SYC Youth Director

Bob Grumett made an impact in not only my life but either directly or indirectly in hundreds of young people's

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lives. Of the many things Bob did for me when I was on staff at SYC, he met with me once a week in the morning to help define my goals and vision for the youth of Stillwater County. I still use these skills he taught me nearly 10 years ago. He

answered my questions about everything from gardening to car mechanics. One of my favorite memories is when he let me drive his corvette outside of town and he even encouraged me to push it a little. A lasting gratitude I have toward Bob is that he got me an engagement ring from a friend who hand cut the diamond, when I was living on a college budget.

I really believe that Bob was given a mission by God to supply a place for the Bible to be taught and learned, and Bob accomplished that through his generosity.

He gave of his time and his resources for the youth of Columbus willingly.

I was always amazed at how Bob just let SYC take over his garage, and as the youth center grew his space shrunk. Stillwater Youth Center owes it's roots to Bob and his willingness to give.

Top: Bob shooting hoops with first last. **Second from Top:** SYC youth at airport, heading to Phoenix. **Third from Top:** SYC in Phoenix. **Right:** SYC youth at OJ's. **Far Right:** Bob at an SYC fund raising event.

I will miss Bob for now but know beyond the shadow of a doubt that I will one day be able to see again in heaven. BG, he was one of God's best.

John Maloney, past Youth Director

A few things come to mind when I think of Bob: my first impression of Montana was formed by him. He picked me up from the airport and drove me around describing the history and little stories he had from Billings all the way to Columbus. I remember by the end of my first visit I was so exhausted I could barley stay awake on the way back to airport.

Another is just who he was as man. I didn't know him in his younger years but I could tell he was not afraid to take on a challenge. I mean, who when they get older think, "Let me think what should I do with my spare time, oh I know let me turn half my

garage into a place for kids to hang out." That is the kind of man Bob was. Not afraid of a challenge not afraid of stepping out.

Mike Reuwer, past Youth Director

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A COMMUNITY REMEMBERS

I had the pleasure of getting to know Bob when he was my boss at Montana Silversmith in the 1980's. Bob was a great boss and as I got to know him, an even better person. He had the kind of personality that made one glad to know him and always had encouraging words to say. After he retired from Montana Silversmith and directed his energy toward SYC, it was an inspiration to watch his genuine love of those attending and working with the kids. Knowing Bob made one a better person. His love of Jesus was certainly guidance for all he did in his daily life. He will be missed by all those who knew him.

Connie Hamilton

Bob Grumett was a hero! Once when SYC was at the "Holler" we had car trouble. When we called he came right away 40 miles one way to get us started and back home. He was always there when we need him.

Georgia Thrower

The thing I will remember Bob most for is him opening up his home for me to stay in when I'd come home from college to visit John. The Grumettes fed me breakfast and let me stay in their home several times and never once complained about the late night visits John and I would have in their living room long after him and Marion went to bed. The first time John coaxed me into a Columbus visit he eagerly said, "You could stay at Bob's"! I didn't even know this Bob fellow, but John was right, both him and Marion took me in with open arms. I quickly came to learn that was just who Bob was, this generous guy who was willing to share everything, including his wisdom. Bob and Marion both displayed a quiet strength and I could just feel the kindness of the Holy Spirit whenever I was around them. Can't wait to see him again in heaven!

Lacey Maloney

We've known Bob for many years and got to know him when we started attending Columbus Evangelical Church after moving out here from Pennsylvania 18 years ago. I know Bob gave our son, Paul a chance at working at the Silversmiths during high school. We really appreciated that opportunity because Paul worked hard and developed a good work ethic.

Cheryl had the chance to go on a Masters Commission Youth Retreat that Bob attended. Bob just recently found out he had cancer on that trip. Bob devoted himself to the youth of our area by his prayers, time, money, and his building that he so willingly loaned out. I know our sons benefited from

the influence of the youth center. We saw a godly change in Bob has he devoted his time to the Youth Center over the years. We say the power of the Holy

Spirit on his life. He unselfishly gave of himself and that is what Ed and I admired in him. Our condolences to Marion and his family.

Ed & Cheryl McClintock

The things that I remember about Bob other than he was a mighty warrior, is his corvette that he drove only on certain occasions that he was able to purchase for \$1. He kept it in tip top shape #1 because it was so cool and the other was at the time I was there he wanted to be able to bless someone else with it when he was done with it. He never seemed to make a big deal about his cancer when I was there. His attitude was this to shall pass or he would soon be able to go home to the Father. He was giving of his garage for the youth group as well as took the journey in getting the umbrella of churches to support it along with yourself. He was giving of his time with mechanics so young men would have a positive example in their lives. He loved the Lord and tried to understand others beliefs. When I was in Montana he was trying to understand the

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When I think of Bob for some reason the thing I remember most about him is in his eyes. As I picture his face in my mind it is in his eyes that I see the joy. Beyond his quiet presence in the room you could see the love he had for kids and the joy he felt from his role with SYC in how he looked involved. For some reason when I think back that is the thing that stands out to me, the thing I can't get past. More than any particular word or action I remember his love and how deeply it was expressed in his looks and glances. The town of Columbus and the surrounding area as well as those of us who were fortunate enough to pass through were truly blessed by Bob.

David Black, past Youth Director

I have many fond memories of Bob. He loved teens with an unconditional love. From his early morning bible studies to his wisdom in the planning of youth retreats, he spent countless hours helping to shape the lives of the youth in the Stillwater Valley. I learned many things from Bob as I watched how he carried himself as Christian man, firmly grounded in Godly character, love, and self discipline. Bob lead as President of our board with clarity of mission and purpose. There are two attributes that Bob taught me that I will carry with

me for life. The first was direct and through discipline. I arrived about three minutes late for a board meeting and noticed Bob looked a little irritated. I tried to cover the issue with a quick "good morning, sorry I'm late", but Bob wasn't going to let me off that easy. He pulled me aside and explained to me that when I show up late it was the same as saying to everyone else that was waiting on me that I did not value their time. To make others wait on me was rude and disrespectful. Later that day I learned another lesson from Bob when he called to make sure I was OK and that I was not to hurt from the rebuke that I had received earlier. These two lessons, the value of time and caring enough to follow up after discipline or hard times, are attributes that I hope to pass onto my children. I miss Bob but look forward to seeing him again through the eternal hope we have in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Louis Kousoulous, past Youth Director

gifts of the Spirit and how others interpreted this concept. He admitted in a small way he was afraid to experience these gifts because of his religious upbringing, however, he was not afraid to educate himself.

Tammy Jaudon

I moved to Columbus in December, 2004. Bob Grumett was one of the first people I met. Surprisingly, it wasn't in Columbus; he was seated next to me on a flight to Denver! He wanted to know my connection with Joanie. I told him she and I were cousins-in-law.

He asked me if I had a church in Columbus, which I appreciated very much. I remember thinking how wonderful this was to be invited to someone's church by a man. It always seemed to me that the women got that job! He also told me about SYC and his involvement there.

I have been a volunteer at SYC for a couple of years. I sometimes think of that first meeting with Bob and know that the first impression I had of him – of him being a very godly man – was a big influence in my joining the SYC family.

I thank God for having been blessed by knowing Bob

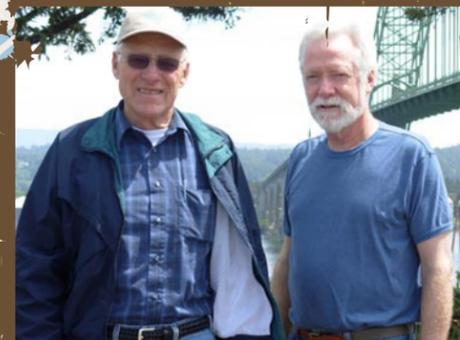
Grumett.

Katy Matovich

In the years that I have known Bob, he truly represented to me the faith that can move mountains. His vision for SYC was to have a place similar to Whit's End in the Adventures in Odyssey radio program where the kids in Columbus, and surrounding areas, could hang out and learn about God. Bob kept his eyes on that vision that the Lord gave him and we saw that dream come to be at the old BG's garage where they met and now at the current location on Pike Ave.

Bob's vision continued when he asked me last September if we could expand the little coffee shop area to serve some men who were meeting for Bible studies. They were losing their meeting location when the Apple Village Cafe closed. It was my privilege to serve those men. Bob saw that Columbus needed an area to serve ALL the people in the community. His vision continues as the volunteers bring to fruition his vision to minister to others.

I am blessed to have known Bob. He taught



Far Left Top: Bob with his brother, Lorne. **Left Top:** Bob with then Youth Director, Louis K and Georgia Thrower. **Far Left Bottom:** Bob and Marion at a SYC summer event. **Left Bottom:** Bob manning one of many summer SYC flea markets and garage sales. **Above:** Bob signing the title for SYC's new building on Pike Ave. **Right Top:** Bob and Janee Weber with Matt Seibert in front. **Right:** Bob and John Maloney at SYC's Open House. **Far Right:** Bob and volunteers building storage for SYC.

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wisdom.

June Mandeville

Fella' says to me, how would you describe Bob Grumett? Blessed tunnel vision, in the ministry of Jesus' salvation for the lost; and for me personally, Bob will continue to be, in my mind's eye, the epitome of DEVOTION and DEDICATION, UNWAVERING, yet simultaneously YIELDING. And yes, all emboldened in capitol letters! That's Bob Grumett to me. His life will always be an example for me to not only emulate, but hold up as a shining example for others to follow as well, most especially the very kids he so willingly chose to serve. I too, feel extremely humbled, as well as honored, to be a part of Bob's team. If it is possible, in any man's absence, for we who are left to still be challenged and

motivated, Bob Grumett is such a man.

Craig Whitlock

I Remember Bob. One of the last times I spoke to Bob, we were watching the rain fall and wondering how to get to our cars without getting wet. I asked him if I could borrow his umbrella. If he had had one he would have not only loaned it to me but held it over me until I got to my car because that is how he was. He was driven by love. He loved his God, his adopted country and his family and he included SYC as a part of that extended family. He, Joanie and a few others founded the Center, built it on a solid foundation, and nourished it with love while donating time, effort, and resources. Like a mother hen, Bob was very protective of SYC and kept its course true. I believe he personally vetted every volunteer, Youth Director and Board Member. I was proud and humbled when he allowed me to be a part of his team. He either directly or indirectly touched the lives of every youth who came through our doors; some may not have known his name but they, and we, all profited by his efforts. This world is a better place because of him.

Bill Hagen

Bob is always in my mind as a vision of calmness and control. His kind and gentle nature was always a welcome sight. Bob was always someone I knew was sent by God and I know he has now heard, "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Rachel Marten

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We lost a giant this week. And that giant was a heart. Surrounding that giant heart was the person of Bob Grumett. A quiet, gentle giant.

Bob was placed in our Columbus area by way of Montana Silversmiths years ago. That's why Bob thought he came to Columbus. God had other plans. God moved on that heart in a variety of ways that turned it into one that invested greatly in his community.

Some of those investments include his instrumental part in the birth and life of Stillwater Youth Center. A multitude of youth is better today for Bob's gift to and vision for that ministry. Bob's love and passion for his church, Columbus Evangelical, will live on through all that he gave, including its physical and spiritual expansion. The folks at Special K Ranch will greatly miss Bob and his presence there as he shared in Bible Studies and as well as the greenhouses. And only his coffee crew and his morning accountability groups can tell you the caring presence that Bob shared with them. But I'm sure it was huge.

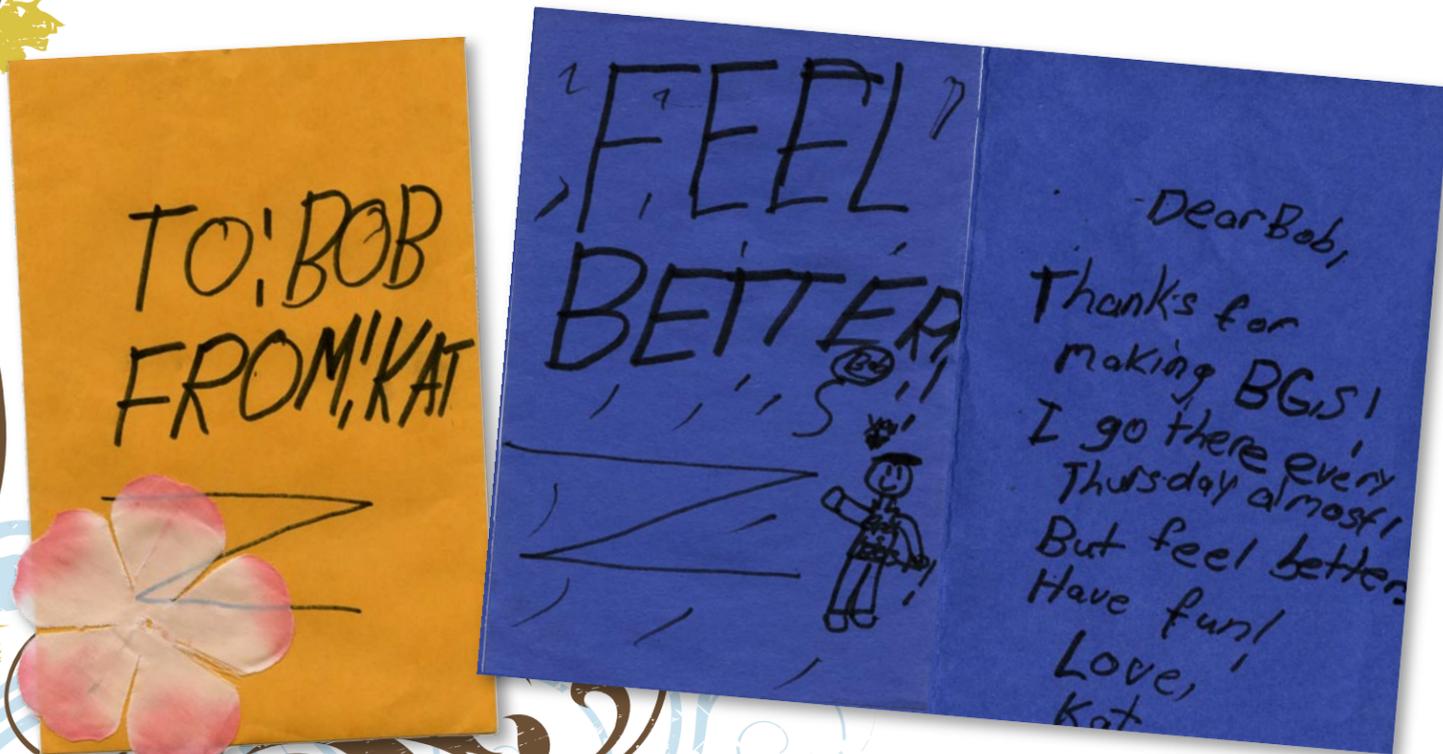
We have a hole in our hearts right now. Bob may have been healed from his long illness by going home to Jesus, but he was well aware that this illness is what gave him that New Life.

Many of you probably have your own experiences with Bob Grumett on which to reflect, remembering how you en-

countered Bob in your days and how you saw the firm and caring display of love that Bob and his heart poured into your life.

The investments we as a community have received from Bob will live on just like he lives on. His financial investments are of no concern to him anymore. But I bet if there are Corvettes in heaven, he has already taken one for a spin at full throttle. That's how he rode life among us and I, for one, am grateful.

Nadeen Kovanda



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