



Greetings!

While facing the usual challenges of young organizations, we are experiencing a crescendo at Pacific Rim Institute (PRI). Now is the time to add fuel to that fire. We are just one hundred seventy five acres – but with an exponential level of impact. We have the ingredients to produce grounded, intelligent leaders to face the issues of the decades to come. Getting soil under their fingernails and being pressed on issues in a caring environment, learners of all ages have the space to think, express, discover and then go out and make a difference. Our youth are the amino acids that will produce the proteins of a much stronger society – grounded in faith, science and ethics. Now is the time to ensure a place for such a movement, such an organization. That’s why PRI and this place matters.

Every Thursday, Nolan comes walking across the gravel driveway, drops off his backpack in the lab and heads out to work with Seth, our Steward, in the prairie. Each week brings a short conversation about a camping trip with his father or where he hopes to go to college after graduating from Coupeville High School this coming spring. His mind, like those of his colleagues around the world, is likely swimming with vast amounts of information, much of it negative, about the state of and prospects for our world – economically, ecologically and otherwise. He intuitively knows, as all our youth do, that they will be responsible for dealing with complex issues in 2020, 2030 and beyond.

Nolan shows up on his own initiative. *“I wanted to volunteer at Pacific Rim Institute because it is an excellent way for me to get field experience for going into environmental science. I love learning what plants are native to the prairie and what plants are invasive species.”*

While remaining solidly grounded in our faith, we have strived to become a melting pot for people of all walks of life and all perspectives to come together, do intensely practical work, have intensely practical discussions, and engage one another respectfully with learning attitudes.

This past year we have added over a half acre of improved wildlife habitat to our site. We have inspired and equipped 25 college students with the tools to be effective earth-keepers. We began the process with the inputs of regional and local experts to establish our Habitat Management Plan. We have offered countless opportunities for dozens of volunteers to log thousands of hours in meaningful

work. We have provided space and facilities for dozens of organizations and groups with important missions of service to others. We have produced tens of thousands of native plants for restoring degraded land. We have reached and exceeded the critical level of 1,000 threatened Golden paintbrush plants on our site in just four years. We have been blessed by a 50% increase in our donors from last year.

This coming year we will increase the native prairie from five acres to 12 acres! We will grow and add an additional 1,000 Golden paintbrush plants to the prairie, further strengthening PRI as a site with a viable population of this rare plant. We will educate and equip over 50 college and high school students in Creation care. And we will complete our Habitat Management Plan for this jewel of Central Whidbey Island.

Will you consider making a gift towards our \$30,000 goal and help us accomplish these 2012 initiatives?

Please let us hear from you. If you are willing, we need your prayers, ideas and advice. If you are capable, this work requires your financial blessings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert K. Pelant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Robert K. Pelant, DVM
CEO

P.S. Please consider starting 2012 with a monthly pledge!