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Leader Spotlight



CARSON PUPPO
Co-Owner
Peak Performance Roofing

If you've been involved with Catalyst over the past few years, you may have heard stories about a kid who learned how to do roofing on a Catalyst project when he was 11-years old and then ended-up starting a roofing company before he could get a driver's license. Hard to believe, but true!

Six years ago, Carson got dropped-off by his mom on his first Catalyst project. It was a roof-replacement for a mobile home in Wilsonville. By the end of the weekend, as the story goes, Carson was telling the grown-ups what to do. Not because he's some bossy kid, but because he's extraordinarily gifted! By the time he was 14, he was working for local contractors and doing small roofing jobs on his own. The next year, he and his older brother Aaron went into business together. Now a 17-year-old Junior at Wilsonville High, Carson co-owns Peak Performance with his brother, they employ 3 full-time crews, and he's one of our Crew Chiefs.

The reason why Carson is highlighted here isn't just because of how amazing all this is, but because he and Aaron have decided they want all 3 of their crews to install a Catalyst roof this Summer at no cost! To say that we're pleased, proud, and humbled is an understatement.

Thanks for all you do, Carson!!!

Exciting Stuff

SUCCESSFUL "GOLF MARATHON" FUNDRAISER FUELS PROJECTS:

Every Spring, we put on the annual Golf Marathon to raise funds for Catalyst Partnerships – the non-profit that does construction projects for elderly, disabled, and low-income homeowners. This year's event was held on May 7, and the result was breathtaking: 35 fundraising participants successfully raised over \$163k in pledges! Now we get to spend all that money on lots of incredibly worthwhile projects for neighbors right here in the Portland Metro area who really need our help...all in the Name of Jesus!

We get asked one simple question all the time by recipients, their neighbors & family members, and others: "Why are you doing this?" Then we get to answer them with words that identify Jesus as the reason for our generosity. This flies in the face of the world's narrative and the devil's lies about the people of Jesus; and opens up all kinds of wonderful conversations about life & faith & religion. Generosity and kindness have a way of opening doors to peoples' hearts. God is at work in our projects, what a blessing to lead with the works of the Gospel and follow with the words!

"DISCIPLESHIP LAB" WORKSHOP - THIS SUMMER via ZOOM

I'm excited to announce that we'll be holding our first Discipleship Lab this July & August! It's not a "class," but a workshop environment; where we'll mix learning, discussing, practicing, and praying together. This is for followers of Jesus who want to level-up in their understanding & commitment to experiencing the "abundant life" that He promises. We'll contrast the New Testament Church with what we see in today's American Church; helping each other, our groups, and our congregations to evaluate ourselves against the timeless principles of Jesus and His earliest disciples. "Where are we thriving?" "Where are we getting stuck?" "How do we reach people for Christ who have no interest in visiting our churches?" I'll be leading these sessions along with Marty Brown and other special guests. It's gonna be rad....I hope you'll join us!

- Wednesday nights, 6:30-8:30pm
- July 13 through August 10 (5 Sessions)
- Format: Zoom
- For more info, and to RSVP, email me at shawn@catalystnw.org


"CATALYZING HOPE" PODCAST - COMING SOON

Over the next few months, we're planning to launch a brand-new podcast! In the past several years, podcast-listening has grown dramatically. We've become consumers of audio discussions on health & fitness, politics, economics, religion, cooking, etc. There are so many podcasts out there now, so why create another one? It's not because we want to hear ourselves talk, or get famous. "Catalyzing Hope" won't be about going viral, getting a ton of hits, or competing with other Christian podcasts; but simply sharing the amazing stories of Catalyst with all our recipients, volunteers, and sponsors. Stories make the world go around, and everyone knows that Catalyst is built on stories...they are what make us tick. Catalyst is primarily built on the counterstory of the Bible itself – the ultimate redemptive story that fights against the pain of this world and the lies of the enemy. There's no doubt that we're living in difficult times. Our goal is to defeat stories that play to our fears that there's no hope, that there's no good in the world, or there's nothing that can be done to help. Catalyst is living proof that the world can be made right by bringing His Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven – one step, one home, one person at a time.

The podcast will be led by me and Noah Prins, a passionate follower of Jesus in his 20's who has a gift for knowledge and communication. Noah has been involved with Catalyst for about 3 years, and has become one of our awesome project leaders. "Catalyzing Hope" will be primarily focused on sharing the stories of the amazing people of Catalyst. Anyone who has volunteered has seen the wonderful transformation that can happen to someone's home in a short weekend. New roofs, decks, siding, and paint bring new life to homes and those who occupy them. What not everyone gets to see or hear is what goes on in the hearts of those involved in these projects. We'll explore the stories of what our projects mean to the individuals who benefit from them, the new perspectives and hope found by our volunteers, and in-depth discussions about how Catalyst projects benefit church and business partners. We're looking forward to sharing with you! (co-written with Noah Prins)

-- Shawn

Praises & Prayers

- **NEW STAFF PERSON** – We're excited about the addition of Dale Vasnik to the paid staff of Catalyst Partnerships! As the Construction Assistant, he's helping Construction Manager Darrell Kriebbaum with pickups & deliveries, organization, and lots of other tasks. We praise God for the funds that have made this new hire possible. Welcome to the team, Dale! 
- **CARING FOR PEOPLE, MAKING DISCIPLES** – We often say that you need to show people the WORKS of the Gospel before they're willing to hear the WORDS of the Gospel...and sometimes those seeds take root! Marty Brown and his team of Project Advocates are continuing to minister to two recent recipients who are very open to ongoing spiritual discussion. Please be praying for Mr. Boyd and Ms. Bohna in their journeys toward Christ, as well as Advocates Matt Lover and Dolores Gonzales who are working with them directly.
- **NEW NETWORK OF MICROCHURCH PARTNERS** – As we continue to prepare the Catalyst ministry for multiplication into new expressions of the Church, we're beginning to partner with other local ministries and congregations who want to pursue the vision of "Microchurches." Please pray that God will lead these conversations and collaborations, so that the result is truly His work through His people.

CATALYST NW VISION

We envision a reality where followers of Jesus are valued for their character and generosity toward people in their communities; demonstrating God's presence in ways that transform neighborhoods, equip ordinary people to become His heroes, and draw new people into His family.