

# PIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



## Gifting at the 2007 PIA Washington/Alaska Conference

Community is the basis of the success of the agents, agencies and companies belonging to the PIA Washington/Alaska and all of the members of the PIA Western Alliance.



A representative of Vanessa Bethan Crisis Nursery accepts the community Foundation check

The first grant at the **PIA Washington/Alaska Conference and Trade Show** went to the Vanessa Bethan Crisis Nursery in Spokane. The organization came to our attention via **Kim Impehoven of Blasingame Insurance Agency** in Spokane. Their purpose is to provide immediate refuge for children and support to strengthen families.

This mission evolved from the tragic story of Vanessa Kay Behan, a Spokane girl who died from child abuse injuries at the age of two. Following her death, a group of local business people established the Crisis Nursery so that parents would have a safe place to bring their children in the face of crises. The primary services of the Crisis Nursery are:

- 24-hour child care for infants and children under the age of seven
- Parent education
- Crisis counseling for parents
- Referrals to other community agencies

The PIA Western Alliance salutes you for your good work and we thank you for what you do in the community.

The second award went to Cool Creek Nights, a classic car club that puts on one car show a year. And the purpose for the car show is to outfit rural fire departments with life saving equipment. Proceeds from that event go to a selected Thurston County rural fire department that needs to purchase a mobile defibrillator. The majority of the departments selected by the car club do not have one and many don't have the budget to get one. What many of you don't know is that rural fire departments usually cover a huge territory. The addition of a



defibrillator to their life saving equipment will save lives and that is the goal of Cool Creek Nights.

We received this request from a member of Cool Creek Nights, Barbara Kaiser of Sunset Insurance Agency in Olympia and a member of the PIA Washington/Alaska Board of Directors.

**Barbara Kaiser of Sunset Insurance Agency accepts the community foundation gift and thanks the foundation for its support.**