24TH ANNUAL AUCTION GALA –
March 24, 2018
6:00-11:00 pm
Reserve your spot today!
2018 marks Mimi’s Siegel’s 40th and final year as Kindering’s Executive Director. Don’t miss this Parisian-themed homage to our children, families, and fearless leader! Our biggest event of the year is coming up fast, and there are so many ways to get involved:

Host a Table: Table captains are the heart of the Auction! Purchase a whole table to treat your friends to an unforgettable night, or buy your own ticket and encourage others to join in!

Donate Items: If you have new items of value or unique experiences that you’d like to donate for the event, please download a procurement form or contact development@kindering.org with ideas or questions.

Be a Sponsor: Our Auction wouldn’t be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Learn about the fantastic benefits you can receive by sponsoring this event by emailing Jennifer Schumacher.

Kindering’s 24th Annual Auction Gala is on March 24, 2018, from 6-11pm, at the Grand Hyatt Seattle. Keep an eye on the auction webpage for the latest and greatest!

ALLEGRO PEDIATRICS & KINDERING 2018 SPEAKER SERIES
We’re pleased to announce the 2018 Allegro Pediatrics–Kindering Speaker Series. Come as early as 6:00 pm for mingling and light refreshments. Please RSVP to Colleen Willis at Colleen.Willis@kindering.org or leave a message at 425.289.7527 so we can ensure space is available. Childcare is not available for the speaker series.

February 28th, 2018 –
Kindering Bellevue:16120 NE 8th Street
Planning for the Future: Guardianship, Special Needs Trusts & other Issues for Families
Matthew Parker, Thompson & Howle Attorneys at Law
When children have a disability, it is crucial to plan for their financial future so that when they become adults they will have the necessary financial assistance to live independently and with dignity. Families will not have to worry about who will take care of their child if they are not there. This workshop will give an overview of what a special needs trust is all about, provide insights on guardianships, and identify a framework for families as they plan for the future.

Kindering’s Wish List
Our therapies and education rely on toys and classroom supplies. Shop our Amazon Wish List to make a quick and easy in-kind donation of items that Kindering classrooms need right now!
BABY STEPS
Have you wished you could meet other parents of infants/toddlers with special needs? Have you wondered where you could take your baby to experience socialization, play, and also have adult contact? Would you like new play ideas and songs? If you answered yes to any of the questions, then Baby Steps may be for you!

Baby Steps is a parent/infant class that focuses on connection, play, support, and building relationships. In this class, the joys and challenges of raising a child with special needs will be shared, celebrated, and supported. Baby Steps is the first of many beginnings.

If interested, contact your family resource coordinator for more information.

SIBSHOPS
If your child with special needs has a 6-11 year old typically developing brother or sister, Sibshops is a great opportunity for siblings to connect and share their experiences. Visit https://kindering.org/services/familysupport/sibshops/ to learn more and register or email sibshops@kindering.org.

FATHERS NETWORK
Join the Fathers Network mailing list to get monthly information about articles, workshops, conferences, classes and events. This is information about the community in general, not just about the Fathers Network. And, anyone, not just dads, is welcome to be on the mailing list.

STEPPING STONES TODDLER PRESCHOOL
We are currently enrolling children in our Stepping Stones Toddler Preschool program at our new location in Renton, as well as at our Bothell and Bellevue campuses. Our spaces for children who are receiving early intervention services are limited (your child may be added to the waitlist if they are not already). We are also enrolling community preschoolers- please refer friends or enroll siblings, ages 22-33 months. For more information, please contact your Family Resources Coordinator, your current providers or the Early Learning Coordinator Lauri Stoll @ 425.747.4004 ext. 4332 or email Lauri.Stoll@kindering.org.
ILLNESS EXCLUSION AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

Kindering is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all children, staff and other volunteers of the agency. We view parents as our partners in promoting the safety and health of others by preventing the spread of communicable disease. To that end, we consider the advice of the King County Health Department. Please take a minute to review the entire policy located in your parent handbook. Thanks for your continued support in the is area! Parent Handbook link: Parent Handbook

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Hi. My name is Ericka Frink and I am an educator in the Renton office. Though I started my career as a 5th grade teacher, I obtained my Master's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education so that I could work in early intervention. Prior to living in Renton, I lived and worked in Hawaii and Saipan. If you have not heard of Saipan, it’s a tiny island that is part of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which is near Guam. From there I was able to travel to many countries in Asia such as China, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam. I am a returning native of the Northwest and I am very glad to be back home. In my free time, I enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking and biking.

Hi! My name is Malloree Benade and I am a new Speech-Language pathologist at Kindering. I grew up in Arkansas and completed my undergraduate degree at Arkansas State University. I completed my Master’s degree in Communication Disorders at the University of Houston. Shortly after graduation, I moved to Tacoma, where I spent a year working with children and adolescents at a private clinic. During my time there, I took a special interest in early intervention and providing family-centered therapy. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, hiking, camping, and spending time with friends and family.

Hey! My name is Jessie Murray and I am the new receptionist here at Kindering Bellevue! I am so excited to be a part of such a wonderful team and look forward to getting to know each of you! I just recently moved here from Orange County California where I received my Bachelor’s degree in Sociology.

I am currently applying for graduate programs to pursue a marriage and family therapy license and am about to become an Auntie for the first time, which is very exciting! I enjoy being outdoors, camping, hiking, and being with my family!

KINDERING BELLEVUE LENDING LIBRARY

We are excited to introduce our new lending library to our sensory garden at Kindering Bellevue. The library was built by Larry and Linda Anderson from Montana and recently installed by Parker and Duncan Bixby, family of Jessi who works in our billing department. Please feel free to borrow or share books for both kids and adults.

KINDERING INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather and snow, please check if Kindering will be closed. Kindering Bellevue generally follows Bellevue School District’s closing and delay schedule.

- Newsline 425.456.4111 or wwwbsd405.org
- If Bellevue’s elementary schools are closed, Kindering Bellevue will also be closed
- If Bellevue’s elementary schools are 1 to 2 hours late, Kindering Bellevue will open at 11:00 am.

Classes and therapies scheduled to begin before 11:00 will be cancelled. Classes and therapies scheduled for 11:00 and after will resume their normal schedule.

Kindering Bothell generally follows Northshore School District’s closing and delay schedule.

- Newsline 425.408.6001 or www.nsd.org
- If Northshore’s elementary schools are closed, Kindering Bothell will also be closed
- If Northshore’s elementary schools are 1 to 2 hours late, Kindering Bothell will open at 11:00 am. Classes and therapies scheduled to begin before 11:00 will be cancelled. Classes and therapies scheduled for 11:00 and after will resume their normal schedule.

Kindering Renton generally follows Renton School District’s closing and delay schedule.

- Newsline 425.204.2300 or www.rentonschools.us
- If Renton’s elementary schools are closed, Kindering Renton will also be closed
- If Renton’s elementary schools are 1 to 2 hours late, Kindering Renton will open at 11:00 am.

Classes and therapies scheduled to begin before 11:00 will be cancelled. Classes and therapies scheduled for 11:00 and after will resume their normal schedule.