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MAY NEWS

GIVEBIG: MAY 9TH & EARLY GIVING HAS BEGUN!

GiveBIG is a 1-day online giving campaign, which raises crucial funds supporting Kindering's therapies, education, and more! This is the Seattle Foundation's 8th and final GiveBIG, and we're hoping you'll help us go bigger than ever for our kiddos!

Double your dollars! We're pleased to announce a **$25,000 match** from a long-time Kindering partner, so your gift goes even further!

Early giving has begun! Between now and May 9 you can pre-schedule your gift to Kindering here.

GiveBIG is on May 9! Whether you pre-schedule your gift in advance or donate on May 9, your support makes a world of difference for families in need.

Access Kindering's GiveBIG page at: https://www.givebigseattle.org/kindering

Thank you for helping us support the health of our communities now and into the future!

24TH ANNUAL AUCTION GALA RAISES $1.1 MILLION

Our Parisian-themed Auction Gala on March 24 was an unforgettable night that showcased unprecedented generosity from our community, nearly doubling the funds raised at last year's event.

The evening celebrated Kindering's courageous children and honored Mimi Siegel's 40th and final year as Kindering's executive director, and unveiled big plans to ensure a very bright future for our little ones.

Read the full Auction recap: https://kindering.org/auction-recap-2018/

PAINT NITE WITH KINDERING!

May 10th at 6:30pm

Join Kindering for a fun & unique night out at BJs Restaurant in Redmond. Have a great time with friends & staff while creating a beautiful masterpiece to take home. A portion of your Paint Nite ticket & any food purchases from BJs Restaurant (flyer attached) will be donated to Kindering! Link to tickets: https://www.paintnite.com/events/create-for-courage-paint-nite-with-kindering-fundraiser-5-10-18-10055706

CALENDAR 2018

MAY 9
GIVE BIG FUNDRAISER

MAY 10
PAINT NITE WITH KINDERING
BJ'S RESTAURANT
REDMOND
6:30 PM

MAY 11
SIBSHOPS
KINDERING BELLEVUE
4:30-7:30 PM

MAY 23
SPEAKER SERIES
KINDERING BELLEVUE
6:00-8:30 PM

MAY 28
KINDERING CLOSED
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

CRI DU CHAT AWARENESS DAY

Did you know years ago, Governor Inslee proclaimed each May 5th as Cri du Chat Awareness Day? Cri du Chat is one of the most common syndromes caused by chromosomal deletion. It is also known as 5P- Syndrome.

Help celebrate Cri Du Chat Awareness week May 5th -9th With the Striped Sock Campaign on May 5th

Wear striped socks, one long and one short. The short sock represents the whole deleted fifth chromosomes. Post pictures on Social Media! #stripysocks

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PARENTING PLUS- FREE CLASS

Did you know, Kindering offers **Parenting Plus**, a free 10 week parenting class for parents of children ages 2 through 12. It is offered by Kindering and taught by Lois Ralph. The next class will be offered in our Bothell location, 19801 North Creek Parkway, May 7th-July 16th (no class May 28th). Registration is open. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Lois.Ralph@kindering.org , 425.653.4302 or sign up on line https://kindering.org/our-services/family-support/parenting-plus-registration/

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.

2018 SPEAKER SERIES

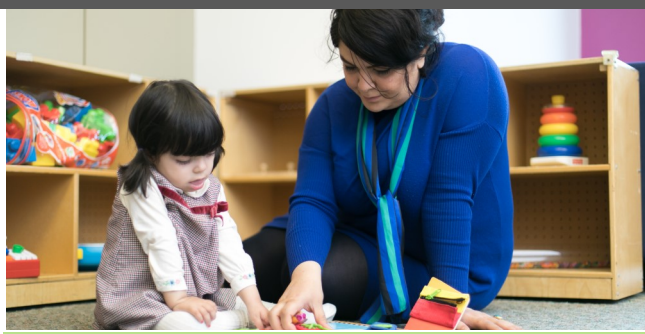
We're pleased to announce the 2018 – Kindering Speaker Series. Come as early as 6:00 pm for mingling and light refreshments. Please RSVP to Colleen Willis at Colleen.Willis@kindering.org or leave a message at 425.289.7527 so we can ensure space is available. Childcare is **not** available for the speaker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

May 23, 2018 - location: 16120 NE 8th Street BELLEVUE

Feeding a Toddler: Parent Tested & Pediatrician Approved- Tips for frustrated parents

Dr. Richard Keeler, Allegro Pediatrics

What foods are appropriate for a toddler? Why won't my toddler eat? Should I purchase organic foods? Does my toddler need a vitamin or supplement? Figuring out what foods are right for toddler can be confusing. Actually getting them to eat those foods can be even more problematic. In this talk, we will cover which foods are ideal for toddlers, how to get them to eat that food and how to keep them safe at the dinner table.



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

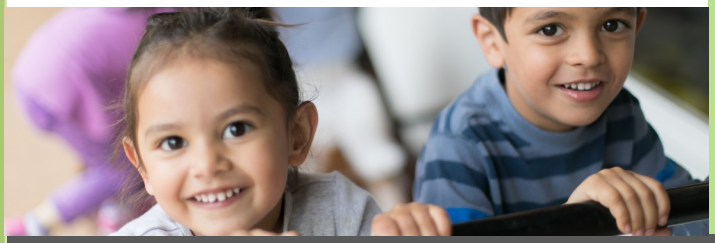
Join the Fathers Network mailing list to get monthly information about articles, workshops, conferences, classes and events. This is information about the community in general, not

CHERISH

Do you know a foster child in King County age 3-5? Kindering's CHERISH™ program now serves this age group thanks to a Best Starts for Kids grant from King County. To find out more, please go to: https://cherish.kindering.org/ or call 425.653.4321

SAVE THE DATE! MICROSOFT ABILITY SUMMIT

May 31 Redmond. Talking **#accessibility** with CEO Satya Nadella as well as chance to play in our Product Expo, Xbox Inclusive Gaming Lab and check out Jobs from companies across WA State. See you there! Register here: **https://lnkd.in/ghW6Gky**



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WELCOME NEW STAFF

Hello! My name is Ashley Cumbee, and I am a new Assistant Accountant at Kindering. I grew up in a small town in South Dakota, and got my Bachelors of Administration degree from Dakota State University. For the past four years, I worked as a Accounts Payable person for two hotels in New Jersey. In my free time I enjoy working out, reading, exploring new places, and spending time with my family and friends.

Hi! My name is Thu Nguyen, and I am excited to join the Kindering family as an IT Administrative Assistant. I grew up in Vietnam, a tropical country in Asia that has beautiful sceneries. Since I was young, I've been interested in technology and always found myself being curious about how devices work. This was the reason I chose to pursue my bachelor's in Management Information System at Western Washington University. In my free time, besides from hanging out with my friends and family, I often spend hours it in my kitchen to try out both sweet and savory new recipes. Also, I am a crafty person and I enjoy doing handmade projects.

Hi! My name is Hilde Clark-Snustad, and I'm a new Occupational Therapist here at Kindering. I grew up in Montana and completed my undergraduate degree in Psychology at Willamette University in Oregon. After receiving my Bachelor's degree, I spent the next 5 years working with children in a variety of settings. I provided ESL classes to students in Ecuador, worked in an inpatient mental health hospital with children aged 4-9, and I taught in a Montessori preschool. I then decided to go back to school to learn how to better support the individual needs of each child. I recently completed my Master of Occupational Therapy degree at the University of Washington. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with friends and family, riding my bicycle, camping, making music and exploring new places. I look forward to meeting all of you!

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