25TH ANNUAL AUCTION GALA
March 30, 2019
6:00-11:00 pm
Join us on a space odyssey and shoot for the stars at our biggest event of the year!
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.

Kinderings 25th Annual Auction Gala is on March 30, 2019, from 6-11pm, at the Westin Seattle. Keep an eye on the auction webpage for the latest and greatest!

GREETERS NEEDED FOR KINDERING’S ANNUAL AUCTION GALA
The auction is coming soon, if you’re asking, what can I do to help?
Be a greeter at the event! Every year we ask Kinderings kiddos, alumni, siblings and parents to help greet guests as they arrive at the hotel. Greeters can be sibling pairs, parent/child, or the whole family!
Details: Greeters will be in the lobby smiling, waving or saying hello while folks are arriving:
5:45-7:15pm
Westin Seattle
1900 5th Ave Seattle, WA 98101
Parking will be validated.
The auction is fun! It’s a chance to dress up (perhaps pull out some of those barely used dresses, suits or holiday outfits once again) and be a part of something big! Please let me know if your family is interested in greeting. Contact colleen.willis@kindering.org

SPEAKER SERIES 2019
Wednesday, February 27th, 2019
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Location: 19801 North Creek Parkway #200 BOTHELL
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. Come as early as 6pm for mingling and light refreshments. The presentation is 6:30-8:30pm. NO COST but 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 these speaker series.
SIBSHOPS

WHAT ARE SIBSHOPS?
Sibshops are fun, action-packed workshops in which siblings of children with special needs are encouraged to share challenges and celebrate joys with brothers and sisters in similar situations. It’s a celebration of the many contributions that brothers and sisters of children with special needs make to their families and communities.

WHAT HAPPENS AT SIBSHOPS?
Based on the Children’s Hospital program model designed by Don Meyer, each Sibshop mixes information and discussion activities with new games, active play, and art projects! Dinner and dessert will also be provided.

WHEN & WHERE ARE SIBSHOPS?
Kindering is pleased to offer Sibshops at the Bothell, Bellevue, and Renton locations. Sibshops will be hosted at the following locations/times:
- Bellevue – 16120 NE 8th St, (behind Bellevue fire station 3)
  October– June- 3rd Friday of each month from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Renton – Meadow Crest Early Learning Center
  1800 Index Ave NE
  October– June – 2nd Thursday of each month from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Bothell – coming soon!

WHO CAN ATTEND?
Typically developing 1st-6th graders. Groups may be split by age/grade for some activities.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?
$30 per session, per child. This includes dinner. Scholarship funds may be available upon request. Learn more and register online at www.kindering.org/sibshops, or contact Kindering Sibshops facilitators at sibshops@kindering.org.

SIBSHOP EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP
Do you sometimes wonder how your child’s diagnosis might affect their sibling? Join us on March 22nd in Lynnwood for a Sibshop Educational Workshop! Learn about the unique concerns and opportunities that siblings can experience. No cost for Kindering families. Space is limited, registration is required. For information about the event: https://kindering.org/portfolio-items/sibshops/?portfolioCats=108 (right side of page). To register at no cost, please contact Emily.Holl@Kindering.org.

OPEN ENROLLMENT: STEPPING STONES TODDLER PRESCHOOL
We are currently enrolling children ages 22-33 months in our Stepping Stones Toddler Preschool program at our locations in Renton, Bothell, and Bellevue. We embrace learning through play with a themed curriculum and high teacher–student ratios. Children of diverse abilities are welcome, and we have lots of room for community preschoolers in this integrated program. Our spaces for those receiving early intervention services are limited, and your child may need to be added to the waitlist. For more information, please contact your Family Resources Coordinator, your current providers or Lauri Stoll, our Early Learning Coordinator, at 425-747-4004 ext.4332 or by email at Lauri.Stoll@kindering.org.

BABY STEPS
CLASS IN RENTON NOW ENROLLING!
What is it?
Baby Steps is a parent-child playgroup for infants with special needs and their families designed to provide parents with information and support; access to Kindering staff and resources; and a chance to get to know other parents and children in a similar situation. In addition, a highly qualified special educator provides parents with coaching around how to support effective play, target new skills, and have positive responsive parent-infant interactions.

Who can join?
Baby Steps is for caregivers and their babies from birth through approximately 18 months of age who are eligible for Early Intervention services. Family members including parents, foster parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, and/ or siblings are welcome.

When?
Classes meet once a week for 1 hour on Wednesdays at noon.

How do I register?
Please contact your Family Resources Coordinator or your child’s therapist to discuss enrollment as space is limited and subject to availability.

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.

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ADVOCACY DAYS
The ARC of King and Snohomish county both offer advocacy days for families to learn more about the legislative process in person. It’s a tool kit for learning how to make a difference! The theme this year is “Incredible Advocacy” as we encourage legislators to champion bills/budget items that are important to people with developmental disabilities.

What to Expect
Advocacy Day begins at 10:00am on Wednesdays during the legislative session. We start the day with an hour and a half briefing on current issues and end with an afternoon of advocacy (about 3:00 pm). While we feature a highlighted topic each week, the morning briefing will also cover late breaking news on budget items and bills of interest relating to individuals with developmental disabilities.

For more info in Snohomish County: http://www.arcsno.org//joomlatools-files/docman-images/Advocacy%20Days%202019%20ArcSno.jpg
For more info in King County https://arcwa.org/index.php/takeaction/washingtonstate/advocacy_day

UNEXPECTED JOURNEY—BEING A PARENT OF A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Caregivers often discover raising a child with special needs has significant challenges. It is natural for both caregivers to have two different perspectives on family issues; each contribute different strengths to their families. Unexpected Journey helps participants explore this situation and many others in a one-day structured discussion looking at some important issues a family predictably experiences when raising a child with special needs. In a safe, flexible, and fun environment, we will learn from each other, build on strengths, and share the appreciation and joys of raising children with special needs.

Topics include:
• Coping with grief and stress
• Gaining family resilience
• Nurturing the relationship you have as a couple

When?
• February 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where?
• Kindering Bothell
  19801 North Creek Pkwy, St 200
  Bothell, WA 98011

How much does it cost?
• FREE for Kindering families
• Please bring your own lunch. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.
• Please note that childcare is not provided.

Facilitators
Louis Mendoza and Rosanne Carter

For additional information or to register, please contact Rosanne Carter at 425.984.2623 or by email at rosanne.carter@kindering.org.

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 www.bsd405.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 a.m.
• 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.

Other ways to learn about inclement weather closures and delays:
• Kindering’s main line- 425.747.4004
• Check www.flashalert.net
• KIRO Radio 710 AM/100.7 FM
• KOMO TV News (Channel 4) 206.443.4145
• KING TV News (Channel 5) 206.448.5555

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WELCOME NEW STAFF

Hello! My name is Alexandria Kong, but please do call me Ria. I’m your new IT Admin Assistant and will be at the new Redmond campus when it opens. My undergraduate background is in Computer Science and Software Engineering at the University of Washington, and I am so excited to join the wonderful IT team here and do what I can to help you do what you do best. I love learning useful and useless trivia, cooking Korean food, and playing video games. All of my other time is spent on my three rescue kitties, or sometimes I combine it all for maximum furry efficiency!

Hi! My name is Ansebe Bicoff-Smit, and I am very excited to join Kindering’s fantastic team of Infant Mental Health Therapists. I grew up in South-Africa and did my undergraduate work in Psychology as well as Acting at the University of Stellenbosch, near Cape Town. After receiving my degree, I decided to work as an Au Pair for a family in Chicago for a year and a half. I visited the Pacific Northwest and fell in love with the beautiful scenery. I finished my Master’s Degree in Mental Health Therapy at Multnomah University in Portland, Oregon. After my Internship at Lutheran Community Services in Portland, I worked in Private Practice in Seattle as well as with Providence Hospital. My love for working with diverse families and young children brought me to apply with Kindering. My professional interests include attachment-related work, autism spectrum disorder, parent and child related coaching. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my 19 month old son, writing and going on hikes.

Hello Kindering Families! My name is Jennifer Ajumogobia, and I am the new Chief Program Officer at Kindering. Through my niece and nephew’s involvement in the Stepping Stones preschool program and in-home therapy sessions, I have come to know Kindering as an organization committed to high quality services. I grew up in Bellevue just minutes away from Kindering and attended the University of Washington where I received my Bachelors of Social Welfare and later my Masters of Social Work with a focus on Administration and Children, Youth and Family Clinical Practice. I began working at Renton Area Youth and Family Services, where I worked for 11 years out of the Family Center in Skyway. During this time I became very passionate about family support and prevention work as well as team management. I moved on to become the Director of Programs at College Access Now (CAN), from 2013-

2016, empowering students from low-income families to access, enroll and graduate from college. Most recently I was the Alaska & Washington State Program Director with the Corporation for National and Community Service, overseeing all AmeriCorps and Senior Corps funding for the two states. In my time as a Director for both non-profits and a federal agency, I have discovered my passion for leading teams, programs and organizations and deepened my understanding of the importance of aligned values and direction. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my husband (we recently got married this summer), salsa dancing, and exploring the outdoors. I am excited to be joining such a well-respected and innovative organization, and look forward to getting to know you at Kindering.

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 this area!

Parent Handbook

KINDERING RENTON LOOKING FOR CLASSROOM SUBSTITUTES
Do you enjoy playing with young children? Are you looking for a few hours of work? We are looking for a few individuals that would like to be on our substitute list for our Stepping Stones and co-op classrooms. Contact kari.grimit@kindering.org

FREE PARENTING CLASS
A free, 10-week parenting class aimed at parents of typically developing children between 2 and 12 years old will begin on Monday, February 25th. The class meets each Monday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at our Bellevue site.
The class is taught by Lois Ralph, MPH, who has been teaching parenting classes at Kindering since 1991.
To register or for questions, contact Lois at lois.ralph@kindering.org or 425.653.4302.

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