Kindering Quarterly

Spring 2019

Coming Soon: Kindering Redmond
We're Growing!

We're launching a new campus this spring! **Kindering Redmond** is set to open at the Together Center in downtown Redmond.

The opening of our fourth campus will allow us to serve the densest area of Kindering’s early intervention population.
25th Annual Auction Gala
March 30, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT KINDERING.ORG
This year marks the 25th Annual Auction Gala! Help our families dream big at our biggest fundraiser of the year.

- **WHEN**: Saturday, March 30, 2019 | 6-11 p.m.
- **WHERE**: Seattle Westin | 1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101
- **TICKETS**: Tickets are selling fast, [Click here to register!](#)

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**April is Autism Awareness Month**

In 2018 the CDC determined that approximately 1 in 59 children is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Kindering's **CUBS** program provides highly specialized, evidence-based services designed to meet the needs of children with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

Here are a couple great ways to engage in community events this month:

- **All in for Autism 5k/10k- April 28 hosted by Bellevue Breakfast Rotary**
  Be on the lookout for more information about the Kindering team and how you can get involved. Click [here](#) for more details about the event.

- **#LightItUpBlue on April 2** in support of understanding and acceptance for people with autism. Wear blue, snap a photo, and be sure to use the hashtags #LightItUpBlue, #Kindering and #ChooseToInclude

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**Program Spotlight**: Speaker Series
Speaker Series
Kindering Speaker Series dates have been announced! These free evening sessions address a range of topics related to raising children with special needs. Each session will include light refreshments and time for mingling, a presentation by a guest speaker, and plenty of time at the end for Q & A.

Upcoming events include:

**Wednesday February 27th, 2019 - Planning for the Future: Guardianship, Special Needs Trusts & other Issues for Families**
Presented by Matthew Parker, Thompson & Howle Attorneys at Law
*6:00-8:30 p.m.*
Location: **Kindering Bothell**
19801 North Creek Parkway #200, Bothell

**Wednesday April 17, 2019 - Toddler 101**
Presented by Dr. David Reuter, Allegro Pediatrics
*6:00-8:30 p.m.*
Location: **Verdant Health Commission**
4710 196th St SW, Lynnwood

**Wednesday May 15, 2019 - Sensory Processing Workshop**
Presented by Alex Neukirch, Kindering Occupational Therapist
*6:00-8:30 p.m.*
Location: **Verdant Health Commission**
4710 196th St SW, Lynnwood
Thursday Nov. 14, 2019 - Building Appropriate Self-Esteem in Your Child
Presented by Lois Ralph, MPH Kindering Parent Education Coordinator
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Location: Verdant Health Commission
4710 196th St SW, Lynnwood

To register or for questions, contact Colleen Willis at colleen.willis@kindering.org.

Learn more about Speaker Series

Washingtonian of the Year
Mimi Siegel
Washington Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib has announced that this year, Mimi will receive the **Washingtonian of the Year Award** for her 40 years of leadership at Kindering.

The Lt. Governor said, “When Mimi joined Kindering, it was a modest non-profit in Bellevue serving a small group of local families. Now, **Kindering changes lives by the thousands throughout our state** with its enlightened approach to intervention through education and therapy for children with disabilities. In her career, **Mimi has exemplified the compassion, confidence, and determination that makes us proud to recognize her as ‘Washingtonian of the Year.’**”

The award will be presented in Olympia on Tuesday, February 19. **We're so proud of Mimi and all of the hard work she has done for our kiddos!**

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**Announcements**

**We're looking for Community Champions:** You can make a difference for Kindering kiddos! Holding a special event to support Kindering is a great way to do something you love while achieving your community impact goals, build connections and raise awareness for the work Kindering does for the kiddos in our community. Do you love to sing and want to host a karaoke night? Do you need an excuse to host a dinner party?
Maybe your own kiddo wants to run a lemonade stand and donate their proceeds. The possibilities are endless! Reach out to Anne Acker at anne.acker@kindering.org with any questions and ideas about how you can partner with Kindering.

**Do you love taking photos? Do you love seeing our kids in action?** We're looking for volunteer photographers to help us capture the moments that happen in our classes. You can reach out to Carolyn Fritzsche at carolyn.fritzsche@kindering.org with any questions and to talk about volunteering your time.