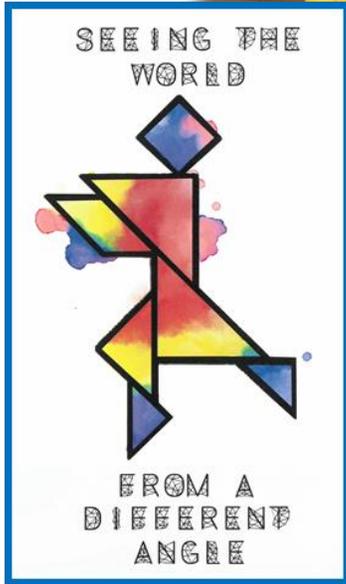


Capital Campaign Kicks Off!



On March 13, 2019, The Child Center held a breakfast fundraiser to kick off a capital campaign that will result in the construction of an 8,000 square foot new building. The building will be used for our Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Autism Research and Treatment Clinic, and will be located on our Springfield Campus.

The breakfast was attended by nearly 120 community members who came to learn about our ABA-Autism Program, our plans for expanding our capacity to meet the increasing needs for our ABA-Autism services, and to hear from current client families about how our services have improved the lives of their children and the relationships they have with them.



Top Left: Artwork by Joeseeph Orlendr reflects the theme of the event in tangrams.

Top: Nearly 120 people attended the breakfast.

Center: Maya Griffin, ABA-Autism Program Director, and Bill Wellard, Child Center's Executive Director.

Bottom: Architect's design rendering of the new building.



Jaden (name changed) came to The Child Center directly from her hospital stay after a suicide attempt by overdose. Her mother told her therapist that she did not believe her overdose was a suicide attempt but an attempt to get attention, and did not participate in her therapy – which was focused on depression, self-image, and suicide prevention, in addition to external factors that were making her mental health challenges even more difficult to deal with.

Her therapist worked extensively with her and her family to help reduce depression and to make changes in her life to better support her emotionally. She was able to change to a schools to one in which she felt accepted and was able to focus more on things that interested her: animals and the environment. She also changed her living arrangement, staying half-time at her mother's and half-time with her father and grandparents.

After working with us for a year and a half, Jaden reached her goals. She successfully developed her coping skills, notably improved her grades and school attendance, found a school she thrives in academically and socially, and decreased depression to tolerable levels that she has demonstrated she can manage.

Community Events



Department of Human Services (DHS) Staff and the Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (FAAPA) are coming together to put on a one day conference for child welfare caseworkers and foster parents on May 17, 2019.

This is an amazing opportunity for these two populations to come together and develop a shared knowledge on a breadth of topics to support vulnerable children in the foster care system in Lane County. Foster parents will receive 8 hours of training and DHS staff will receive professional development. Session topics include: overview of judicial system as it relates to child welfare, grief & loss, trauma informed care, overview of new policies, overview of adoption assistance, and more.

For additional information, please contact Jennifer Forbes at jennifer.l.forbes@gmail.com or 541-870-9197.

Willamalane's annual Children's Celebration will take place at Island Park in Springfield on Saturday, August 3rd from 10am to 2pm this year! This is a free event with a canned food donation which benefits FOOD for Lane County.



Come and enjoy hands-on activities from more than 60 community exhibitors, listen to live music, ride ponies, and create artistic masterpieces—plus National Night Out activities!

Water stations available throughout the park to keep you cool and hydrated, so bring a water bottle!

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

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Additionally, thank you to the following individuals and businesses that donated at our breakfast fundraiser: JF Alberson, Donna & Trond Arnesen, Mark Beach, Auto Service Express, Brett & Melissa Bowers, Bookminders Bookkeeping, Chambers Construction, Diana & Mark Bray, Diane Burt, Roxane Butler, Jim & Heidi Christian, Consolidated Electrical District, Connie Cottrell, Florian Deurloo, Linda Dollar, Chris & Dan Dunnington, Stephen & Sarah Edmondson, Laurie Briggs & Steve Gibbons, Valerie Hazen, Ashley Hensley, Mike & Michelle Hogan, Eileen Jamieson, Kelly & Darren Keffner, Paul & Kirsten Keller, Stacy Kranzush, Lyndsie Leech, Jeffrey Martin, Glen & Cathy Martz, Liesl McLean, Anne McRae, Jon & Betty Jean Van Meter, Shannan & Daniel Mills, Jennifer Morrocco, Amin Mottahed, Paul Noonan, Shane O'Neil, Jin Plummer, Desiree Robinson, Curtis Shirey, Don & Sandi Shoemaker, Ruth Simon, H. Grant & Debbie Spies, Angie Steinhoff, Judi & Bob Strubing, Aaron Walker, Sunset Electric, Lloyd & Karen Webb, Willamette Wealth Partners, Tyson Woodard, and Neal & Yvonne Zoumboukos!

And thank you to everyone who attended the breakfast fundraiser to learn more about our learn more about our autism, our ABA-Autism Program, our autism research plans, and our new ABA-Autism Research and Treatment Clinic!

And thank you to the sponsors of our breakfast fundraiser: Bourland Printing, Chambers Construction, Columbia Bank, PeaceHealth, and Rhythm & Blooms!

Finally, thank you to our Board of Directors and our Event Planning Committee for all of your work on this event!