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Making a Difference

Working Together

Together Center is now the sponsor of Eastside Refugee & Immigrant Coalition (ERIC) as it repositions itself to be an agency for social change. ERIC will address inequities and advocate for culturally competent practices on behalf of immigrants and refugees in East King County. Together Center is thus the legal home and fiscal sponsor during the time that ERIC obtains its own IRS nonprofit status and launches as an independent agency.

The Center has long been an ERIC partner. Since 2002, ERIC has worked to address gaps in service delivery to the immigrant and refugee communities. Among other projects, ERIC created the Eastside Cultural Navigator Program, which provides a critical language and advocate service at the Center's Front Door (and also Bellevue Mini-City Hall at Crossroads).

The Center is the long-term sponsor of the Alliance of Eastside Agencies, and has periodically sponsored other innovative projects that further the Center's mission to increase access to services and mesh well with Together Center's collaborative approach.

New in Together Center's Advocate Office

Muslim Community Resource Center (MAPS)

The Muslim Community Resource Center began providing information and support at Together Center earlier this year. Each Tuesday from 10 am to 4 pm, MCRC volunteers are available in Together Center's Advocate Office off the lobby (Suite A-8) at Together Center's Front Door. MCRC is the channel for all "outbound good programs at the largest mosque in Western Washington – Muslim Association of Puget Sound (MAPS)," said co-founder

Khizer Sheriff. "It provides a common platform for Muslim community service engagement, and it partners with like-minded

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Co-founders Khizer Sheriff and Nickhath Sheriff and volunteer Farhat Saiyed

The People of Together Center

Why do we do what we do at Together Center?



Trevor Marshall

"From a very young age, I recognized that not everyone has a good life. I don't think it's fair that I received such benefits for being born white and male in the US in a lower middle class family. My passion is always to help: I have two strong hands. They should be put to use for others."

Trevor Marshall,
Friends of Youth

We visited with agency staff members recently to find out what drives them to work in human services on the Together Center campus.

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faith-based organizations (Muslim & non-Muslim), city & local services, and assistance providers to serve community needs."

The focus of MCRC is to connect those in need with relevant resources and service providers in the community. MCRC also provides direct services through volunteers, such as hot meals, and partners with other organizations to direct people in need to appropriate services.

To make an appointment, call 425-954-6271.

The Advocate Office is part of Together Center's Front Door Services Program to ease access to finding help.

From the CEO Building Something Together

We recently hosted our second annual fundraising breakfast, Together Strong. For all the bustle and multi-tasking required, we were reminded again of the large web of people that are involved in the success of our organization. We completed this year's event not only receiving a critical financial lift, but also feeling a depth of gratitude for those that dive in and extend themselves. We are building something together.

Last year we celebrated 25 years, with a focus on those who launched us: our founding agencies, leaders, volunteers, funders and many more. This year, we heard from our current agency leaders who spoke on their work and the benefits of the Together Center campus to their clients and agency efforts.

Our agency leaders reminded us that Together Center responds to front line needs they see and that we experience at our Front Door. Our future is in continuing to provide the meaningful connections, colocated services and supports for both clients and agencies we develop collaboratively. We are inspired by our agencies and all we can do together.



Pam Mauk

The People of Together Center

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Lyndsay Campbell

"My story relates to my own health. I wanted to get involved in helping people directly, but I also saw this job opportunity after I was diagnosed with OCD. Working at NAMI allows me to serve those who need it, assists with my own self-care, and my own experiences allows me to be a strong advocate."

Lyndsay Campbell,
NAMI Eastside



Arzu Forough

"Through my efforts to secure insurance coverage and educational services and support for my son, I formed Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy, so the needs of all children impacted by autism are met. At Together Center, our clients are understood and welcomed."

Arzu Forough
Washington Autism
Alliance & Advocacy



Gabriele Pitts

"I am a foreigner originally myself: I came to this country from Germany as a child. So, I can relate to our clients, many of whom are immigrants, and their struggles to be healthy, get a job and overcome financial difficulties. Our family started from zero. I care about people seeking help."

Gabriele Pitts
HealthPoint Dental Clinic

"My story is that I am a senior member of the Indian community. Volunteering at India Association of Western Washington managing its Seniors Program, I work to make sure that people like me are not lonely and isolated. Together Center helps me in my work to support seniors from India."

Pran Wahi,
India Association
of Western Washington



Pran Wahi

"It seems like we used to help people with finding money for rent, and now it's helping people when they are homeless. I drive home thinking: It is very cold tonight. It goes to my heart. You need to have compassion in this work. I know I could be one of them: I could be one my clients. Things in life happen."

Diana Moshe
Eastside Cultural Navigator Program



Diana Moshe

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Theresa Winther & Jenna Genzale of Sound Mental Health, which is a Together Center sponsor and active campus partner. Theresa spoke at Together Strong, as did a client of Jenna's.

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Thank you, Together Strong Supporters

Our second annual fundraising breakfast was a great success thanks to our many supporters. We raised \$47,385 from sponsors and guests. Thank you Presenting Sponsor Microsoft. Thank you event coordinator Ross Marzolf, event volunteer coordinator Danelle Coley, photographer Angie Shiell, singer/pianist Victor Janusz, and hands-on team Brown & Riding (Sam Alexander, Janet Cathcart), Dianna Connelly, Joan Carufel, Eric Horner, Erin Horner, Patricia Gallegos and Nicky Beedle. Thank you speakers Margaret Moore, Arzu Forough (Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy), Theresa Winther (Sound Mental Health), Pran Wahi (India Association of Western Washington), Lyndsay Campbell (NAMI Eastside), Congresswoman Suzan DelBene, Sondra Sciola (Together Center), Mickayla Risenmay and Mark Tornquist (Lake





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The People of Together Center

News in pictures

Right: Azim Walli of CU Home Mortgage Solutions, LLC, Linda Atkins of Davis Wright Tremaine, and Byron Shutz of Redmond City Council joined the Board of Directors. Welcome!

Below: At Together Strong, guests supported Together Center's efforts to ensure people easily find the services they need. Among almost a score of electeds, attendees included King County Councilmembers Kathy Lambert, at right, and Claudia Balducci (not pictured). Together Center Board of Directors Chair Margaret Moore and Congresswoman Suzan DelBene were both speakers.



**We create access to human services,
so people can find help when they need it.**



One of the first nonprofit centers in the nation, Together Center works collaboratively to ensure people find the help they need. Our sustainable one-stop model is a more efficient way for agencies to operate and makes it easier for people to connect face-to-face to assisters and multiple critical programs. We provide information, advocates for special needs, and supports for language barriers. Tens of thousands of people each year receive help from 20 essential agencies, including medical

and dental care, youth shelter, counseling, housing and homelessness supports, child care, programs for the disabled, mental health services, and much more.

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- Alliance of Eastside Agencies
- Brain Injury Alliance of Washington
- Child Care Resources
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- Cultural Navigator Program (CISC)
- Eastside Refugee & Immigrant Coalition
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- HealthPoint Dental & Medical
- India Association of Western Washington
- Leadership Eastside
- Learning Disabilities Association of Washington
- LifeSPAN
- LWSD Transition Academy
- National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside
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