

# TOGETHER

Fall 2014 | THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS FROM TOGETHER CENTER

*How to get involved*

## Together Center welcomes YOU

**W**onder how to get more involved at Together Center? Here are some ideas. Give us your name at 425-869-6699 or [info@togethercenter.org](mailto:info@togethercenter.org).

**Lunch with Leaders:** Join our next tour with lunch on us: November 12, noon to one.

**Speaker:** We routinely speak to civic clubs, faith communities and other groups.

**Board Committee:** Volunteers help drive policies and planning. Take part in our Finance/Property or Fundraising/Outreach efforts.

**Ambassador:** Follow up your Lunch with Leaders with a half-hour training over coffee on our mission. Become an ambassador.

**Anniversary Table Captain:** We seek volunteers to "captain" tables on March 25. Help us build our community.

*A campus of agencies benefit people seeking help*

## Agencies help better ... together

**W**hen Mark Tornquist's father used to go on vacation, he would leave the doors unlocked. "Dad. What are you doing?" he would ask. "You can't do that." Dad would reply: "When you have neighbors like ours, you don't need to worry." Mark, who is co-coordinator of Lake Washington School District's Transition Academy, related that memory to his experience working on Together Center's campus. "We



*Mark Tornquist*

have neighbors that care about us, and that care about the same things." Getting support from one another and sharing resources are just a couple ways agencies benefit. Using each other's expertise to help clients is key as well. "We can all do more thanks to being at Together Center." See *inside* for a stories on how agencies have helped each other do more for the people they serve.

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*Save the date:*

*Join our 25th anniversary celebration March 25*



**N**ext year Together Center celebrates 25 years of creating an innovative way to help people, save dollars and build partnerships. Four agencies launched the Together Center in 1990 to be an easy, efficient and caring way for people to navigate to services. We'll be looking for volunteers to assist us in gathering the community to toast the Center's success. We will also

inaugurate our first fundraising breakfast so we can sustain our special safe harbor for agencies and do more for people seeking help. See page 3 on how you can engage!



**TOGETHER...** A HUNDRED WAYS TO HELP

## Campus Stories

### Agencies Help Better...Together

An elderly couple received a foreclosure notice and came to Together Center to meet with staff from India Association of Western Washington (IAWW), which supports Asian Indian seniors. Given their clients' housing stresses, IAWW recruited A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) to assist with finding affordable housing, while IAWW assisted with the couple's language barriers. ARCH explained the best next steps and how to use tools for finding housing. At subsequent visits, ARCH referred the couple to Apprisen (also on campus) to discuss foreclosure assistance and their overall financial situation, free of charge. The couple have now secured an apartment!

A Sound Mental Health counselor was delivering a meal she had volunteered to The Landing, Friends of Youth's overnight shelter for homeless youth, when she found the FOY staff working with a young man in crisis. The SMH staff member moved from volunteer to professional coach, helping FOY staff to triage the client's needs, considering 9-1-1, hospitalization and other community resources to help the youth with crisis management. She spoke to the youth and provided coaching in coping skills and emotional regulation. The youth was able to calm down and stabilize enough to feel confident in his safety plan.

## From the Executive Director Our Report Card: Continued growth

We recently held our After Hours 2014, where we shared the year's growth, as well as great jazz (Tim Koss! Dave Peterson!) and appetizers (thank you, Emerald Heights!) Last year we were able to note the much-needed addition of veterans services by King County and the one-year anniversary of adding Friends of Youth's overnight shelter and homeless youth service center.

This year's update was no less exciting. HealthPoint completed its \$1.5 million upgrade to the medical and dental clinic, adding six exam rooms and two dental chairs. "We invested here," Diana Olsen said, "because we believe in how Together Center operates to benefit our community. That substantial investment has made it possible for 9,000 patients to receive medical and dental care in the last year."

Board Member John Rittenhouse shared Together Center's work to replicate the Center in Issaquah, a project which now has some legs. A three-way agreement with AtWork! and the City of Issaquah is being hatched. Together Center



would add a building on AtWork!'s campus which addresses the needs of the disabled. A vigorous alliance is on the horizon.



From top: Diana Olsen,  
John Rittenhouse  
Sondra Sciola  
Ross Marzolf



Sondra Sciola told a story of her work at our Front Door, helping a woman address multiple financial concerns. "I think the most important thing I did for her that day was take the time to sit with her, to listen and look into her eyes."

Ross Marzolf from King County Council Member Kathy Lambert's office is assisting in planning for the Center's 25th anniversary celebration next year. "Twenty-five years!" he proclaimed, inviting all to make sure they are part of this important celebration.

As usual, Mark Tornquist of Lake Washington Transition Academy brought the heart to our endeavors. (See more on page one.) "This is unlike any other place to work," he said. "We are neighbors here. Together Center nurtures our staff, and it nurtures our students as they move into the work world and community."

Thank you Nicola King for the event photography!  
See more on our Facebook page.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark".

# Thank you for your support!

We are grateful for gifts received since our last newsletter, including new sponsors:



## Business Sponsors &

**Grantmakers:** Microsoft Employee Volunteer Time & Gift Match (\$1,554), Columbia Bank/Chris Mann (\$1,000), Umpqua Bank/Andy Pletz (\$1,000), Emerald Heights/Lisa Hardy (\$850), Evergreen Healthcare/Laurene Burton (\$600), Falco Sult/Bruce Sult (\$600), Swedish Redmond/Nicole Yurchak (\$500), Peterson Sullivan/Nathan Hartman (\$500), Omega Financial & Insurance Services/Danelle Coley/John & Chris Kelly-Storbeck (\$400), Cashman Consulting/Jeff & Judy Cashman (\$300), The Bank of Washington/Chandra Roussell (\$250), TRC Insurance/Scott Roberts (\$250), Redmond General Insurance Agency (RGIA)/Keith Brewe (\$250), PrintWest/Phil Parrish (\$250), Merck Employee Giving Match (\$250), The Seattle Foundation (stretch gift: \$150), Marriott Redmond Town Center/Amy Wilson (inkind \$250)

## Civic Clubs/Faith Communities:

Holy Family Parish (\$2,000), Rotary Club of Redmond (\$1,500), Sammamish Kiwanis (\$250); Kirkland Congregational Church (\$150)

*Long-time Together Center champion Judy Pigott (left) was Executive Director Pam Mauk's guest and speaker in June when Pam was inducted into the role of President of Rotary Club of Redmond for 2014-15.*



## Champions (\$10,000 - \$24,999)

Judy Pigott

## Investors (\$1,000 - \$4,999):

John Rittenhouse

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Christine Kipp, Nicola King, Steve Engstrom, Sam & Merri Alexander

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## Thank you to our Ambassadors

**and Volunteers:** Nicky Beedle, Judy Brewer, Brooke Buckingham, Joan Carufel, Robin Johnson, Toby Nixon, Kathy Putt, Dawn Sanders, Byron Shutz, Azim Walli, Ross Marzolf, Gloria Campbell, and Maggie Blackburn.



Lunch with Leaders participants Fred Nystrom, Doris Townsend, Karla Stalwick, Danelle Coley (host), Ruth Odell, Pastor Bob Lewis and Sheila Kandeler. New ambassadors showed their certificates: Gloria Campbell, Maggie Blackburn & Danelle Coley. Join an upcoming Lunch with Leaders tour via [info@togethercenter.org](mailto:info@togethercenter.org).



**Save the Date:**  
March 25, 7:30 am

**Do we have your e-mail address to send your invitation? Share yours at [info@togethercenter.org](mailto:info@togethercenter.org).**

**Can you help as a Table Captain? We are eager for volunteers.**

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# Agencies help better ... together

## News in pictures - see more inside

Danelle Coley (below) of Omega Financial Investments & Insurance has joined the Board of Directors.



Sammamish City Council Member Kathleen Huckabay, CPA, CFP, joined the Board of Directors.



Joining a recent Lunch with Leaders were Sam Henry, Kirkland Mayor Amy Walen, Kirkland Council Member Jay Arnold, and Shawna Tomaselli & Patrick Tomaselli, our sponsors from Kaia FIT Redmond.



After Hours 2014 participants included sponsor Christine Kipp and Board Members Barb de Michele and Margaret Moore.



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



One of the first multi-tenant nonprofit centers in the nation, Together Center works collaboratively to improve efficiencies and to lower barriers to finding help. We build partnerships to meet gaps in services and provide information, referral and other assistance to ensure all people can find help when they need it. Tens of thousands of people each year receive help from eighteen essential agencies and other critical resources, including shelter, medical and dental care, counseling,

child care, supports for the disabled, mental health services, and much more at our one-stop, three-building campus.

TOGETHER... A hundred ways to help

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### Together Center Association

- A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH)
- Alliance of Eastside Agencies
- Apprisen
- Child Care Resources
- Cultural Navigator Program -
- Chinese Information & Service Center
- Friends of Youth
- HealthPoint Dental & Medical
- India Association of Western Washington
- King County Veterans Program
- Leadership Eastside
- Learning Disabilities Association of Washington
- LWSD Transition Academy
- LifeSPAN
- National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside
- Nourishing Networks Central
- Public Health Seattle & King County
- Sound Mental Health
- Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy
- Youth Housing Connection