

TOGETHER

Spring 2014 | THE LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS FROM TOGETHER CENTER

How to get involved

Together Center welcomes Ambassadors

A year ago Together Center launched its Ambassador Program by calling some long-time friends to see if they would take a tour, learn our elevator speech, represent the Center in the community and invite colleagues to visit a few times per year. A dozen said they'd take part.

The response was energizing, leading to a busy schedule of tours to share the campus and our story. We call these get-to-know-you events Lunch with Leaders. We invite those who would like to be an Ambassador to join an upcoming Lunch with Leaders. If you like what you hear and want to get involved on a committee, as a special event supporter or as an Ambassador yourself, we'll fill you in. We welcome you!

Check out the many photos of visitors in these pages. To join a future tour or learn more about getting involved, e-mail us at info@togethercenter.org or call 425-869-6699.

Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy

Autism Services New to Campus



Arzu Forough

Washington Autism Alliance and Advocacy has joined Together Center, filling a gap on campus for this much-needed service area. The agency works on policy issues at the state level and works one-to-one with families and school districts to ensure treatment is available for people with autism. "Washington Autism Alliance and Advocacy was formed in 2007 to bridge the gap between policies and people," noted Founder and CEO Arzu Forough. "We know that policies exist to serve our children with ASD. We know that educators, politicians, and medical providers want to support these policies. We also know that, in reality, this has not been happening effectively. The mission of WAAA is to ensure that our children have every opportunity to become productive members of society. Our programs fall under three main umbrellas: providing resources, enhancing community, and advocating for implementation of legislation."

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Nourishing Networks Central Here



Linda Benson

Nourishing Networks Central (NNC), a brand new non-profit, is the backbone organization that supports the development and sustainability of local nourishing networks. This effort was a strategic initiative first launched by Hopelink to find new ways to inspire and engage the community to end poverty. NNC has now joined the campus. One of the co-founders and now new CEO and Guardian, Linda Benson said, "With Hopelink's founding commitment and the subsequent support of the Center for Ethical Leadership to help launch and incubate the initial five Nourishing Networks, our community has developed a model of community engagement and

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action that is quickly demonstrating the power of community passion and the magic that is available when working in networks."

"The founding networks are focusing on the issues of hunger in their communities, while others are considering this model for other challenges, such as domestic violence in one community and in another better tapping the richness of their diverse city. The model is available for passionate citizens from cross-sector networks to address gaps for any issue that is challenging."

"Together Center's location is superb for NNC," Benson noted. "There are so many community leaders and potential partners here. This just feels like a perfect location for our collaborative work."

From the Executive Director Synergy & the Center "Town Square"

When Together Center was founded 24 years ago, the purpose was above all to ease access to services for individuals and families and to better position agencies to do more. A third goal was to create an environment conducive to "synergy." From a Greek word for "working together," synergy is the "interaction of multiple elements in a system to produce an effect different from or greater than the sum of their individual effects."

What does synergy look like? At Together Center, synergy has been critical in our work assisting the launch of the **Cultural Navigator Program** to



Pam Mauk with Flat Stanley & Past Chair Barb de Michele



meet the needs of immigrants and refugees. It has driven our **Front Door Services Initiative** to ensure all can take the next step to find help. Synergy has brought key agencies to the campus and improved our collective understanding of how best to help the community.



NAMI Eastside's Nina Weaver, HealthPoint Dental's Gabrielle Pitts, CISC - Cultural Navigator Program's Fernando Davila & Together Center's Sondra Sciola (top); Equity Summit Convening (bottom)

How did that happen? By meeting together

and talking: formally and informally. By following up on shared ideas. Nonprofit organizations are no different than other groups: we are busy, and we are focused on the work at hand. By meeting together either around a specific issue or casually over donuts, we can think broadly, use our resources, and more easily see how what we do links with the work of others.

What we call the **Together Center Town Square** includes all the opportunities we provide for agencies to learn and share: monthly **Together Association** meetings, an informal social connector, **Cuppa & Cruller**, biannual campus parties, community think tanks and essential training programs, such as one just completed on Secondary Trauma. Together, we are greater than our parts and can do so much more.

A Campus Story

A young immigrant mother met with a Cultural Navigator. She had unmet medical needs and an inability to work due to debilitating health issues. Uninsured, she sought help for her son's learning and physical disabilities. The Cultural Navigator helped her complete paperwork for state medical coupons and connected the family to HealthPoint's on-campus clinic. There, she received referrals leading to surgery. Her son had therapy for his physical disabilities and enrolled in a school for special needs children. This young family is thriving now that the medical needs of mom and son are met. This family is looking forward to their future.

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\$24 for 24 (Helping us celebrate our 24th year): Charles Diesen & Lorna Diesen, Sondra Sciola, Mary-Alyce Burleigh, Lori & Marty Snodgrass

MORE NEWS IN PICTURES



Save the Date:
September 25, 5 - 7 pm
Together Center Campus Event
Jazz from Tim Koss
Appetizers from Peters Creek

Lunch with Leaders participants included Sharon Mooers, Michelle McKeag, Jeanne Reina and Tim Burke (top) and Andrea Liggett, Mary Wictor and Sammamish Mayor Tom Vance. Ross Marzolf is a new Together Center Ambassador!



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New agencies!

News in pictures - see more inside

Lunch with Leaders
guests included
Larry Crandall,
Dawn Sanders
and Sammamish
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Bob Keller



Connie Au is Clinical Social Worker for Harborview Center for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress, which joined the campus in October.

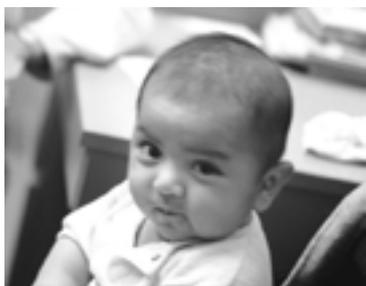
Chris Mann of Columbia Bank has joined the Board and is now Treasurer of Together Center.



Joining a Lunch with Leaders event were Todd Myers and Past Sammamish Mayor Tom Odell, flanking Together Center's chair and past chair Hank Myers and Barb de Michele.



**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
- Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress
- 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