

KERR CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter for Donors, Volunteers & Friends of Albertina Kerr

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EMPLOYMENT



Olga and Nick in the ProjectGrow art studio at Port City

Adults with Developmental Disabilities Build Skills and Community at Port City and Art from the Heart

Twins Nick and Olga work at Albertina Kerr's Port City employment program for people with developmental disabilities. They enjoy producing artwork and tending vegetables in the garden in the ProjectGrow program, but most of all they appreciate the camaraderie and community of their workplace. When asked how she feels about coming to work, Olga said: "I feel joy. If I stayed home, I would lay down and cry to not have ProjectGrow. I have lots of friends. I can use my talents here. Everybody helps me if I need something. They respect me."

Albertina Kerr's employment programs such as Port City and Art from the Heart, an art gallery and studio, offer people with developmental disabilities opportunities to participate in the workforce and express themselves creatively. Jobs are developed on the basis of each person's skill level and interests, empowering people to contribute to the workforce and gain a sense of accomplishment, share talents with others and develop new social relationships.

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DONATIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Support for Albertina Kerr services comes in all shapes and sizes-including large chunks of wood! Benjamin York of Denali Furniture, a custom furniture maker in Portland, has partnered with Kerr to provide high quality wood to the Wood Studio at Port City. The materials are crafted into beautiful cutting boards by adults with developmental disabilities and are available for sale at Port City, 2124 N Williams Ave, Portland. Call (503) 236-9515 for more information. 🦋



Making cutting boards at Port City

Become a Champion Angel

Join the Champion Angels for Kerr Gift Society, created to recognize Albertina Kerr supporters who give \$1,000 or more each year. 🦋

For more information, please contact Joshua Goldstein at 503-262-0188 or info@AlbertinaKerr.org.

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“Without these connections they are much more likely to experience a crisis or decline. Often, this may be the only opportunity that these individuals have to get out of their homes,” said Chris Krenk, Albertina Kerr CEO.

At Port City, opportunities include screen printing, production work, artistic expression, urban farming and animal husbandry, woodworking and a center for people with high care and medical needs. Artists at Art from the Heart take classes or work in studio on projects that are made available for sale in the gallery.

A job can be a major factor in shaping anyone’s life, but at Albertina Kerr it can be lifechanging. Port City’s Hilary Zust said: “For many of the people that work here, they have been institutionalized for a really long time period and don’t really have a lot of community outside of here. It’s important for them to have that socialization. And to earn a paycheck.” To hear their stories, visit AlbertinaKerr.org/videos.



In the woodshop

Earn Your Wings: Shop for unique holiday gifts while giving back.

PORT CITY

Cutting boards, bags, aprons
2124 N Williams Ave, Portland
Mon-Fri, 9am to 3pm, 503-236-9515

ART FROM THE HEART

Ceramics, paintings, clothwork
3505 NE Broadway St, Portland
Mon-Fri, 9am to 3pm, 503-528-0744
Also available at Albertina’s Jewel Box!

CHILDREN’S DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE JOINS KERR

Albertina Kerr and the Children’s Developmental Health Institute (Children’s) have officially combined organizations as of October 1, 2013. The partnership between the two organizations will provide for additional capacity to serve children and families currently served by Albertina Kerr as well as increased capacity to serve others in need in the community. The strategic partnership will also provide stability to ensure that much needed vital services will continue to be provided to children, adults and families currently served by Children’s.

“Together, the organizations will be better poised to fully engage in the changing healthcare environment – better meeting both the physical and behavioral health needs of the most vulnerable children in our community, improving the quality of care, and gaining cost-efficiencies through economy of scale,” said Chris Krenk, CEO of Albertina Kerr.

Founded as the Portland Hearing and Speech Institute in 1927, Children’s has evolved into a unique community resource that specializes in team-based developmental care focused on diagnosis and treatment of developmental delays and disabilities. Developmental/behavioral pediatrics provides evaluation and ongoing case management for children with communication and developmental delays, ADHD, behavior issues, autism, and other issues affecting the ability to relate effectively with their family and the environment. Additional rehabilitation services include speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, pediatric audiology, clinical psychology, and counseling.

In 2012, approximately 2,015 children and their families as well as 686 adults with hearing health needs were served. Children’s annual operating budget is \$3.9 million and they employ 20 professionals. Children’s is located at 1675 SW Marlow Avenue, Suite 200, in Portland. 🐦



WELCOME TO ALBERTINA’S PLACE

The volunteers who operate Albertina Kerr’s restaurant and shops, where 100% of the proceeds go to support Kerr services, have recently renamed the businesses *Albertina’s Place*.

While Albertina herself never lived in the historic Kerr nursery, her wish to help vulnerable youth ensured that it would become a safe place for thousands of children. Today the volunteers hope you’ll feel at home at *Albertina’s Jewel Box*, sparkling with artful jewelry and accessories; *Albertina’s Kitchen* (formerly Albertina’s Restaurant), where you can enjoy fresh heritage-inspired dishes with a modern twist; *Albertina’s Heirlooms* (formerly the Kerr Economy Jar), where you’ll find treasures to hand down from generation to generation; and *Albertina’s Closet* (formerly the Kerr Thrift Shop), home to new-to-you chic that is hand-selected for quality and charm.

A special thank you to the volunteers, especially Marcella Vail, and Heather Barta of Circle Triangle Square for giving your time and expertise to come up with the names, descriptions and graphics!

NEWS & UPDATES

Governor Appoints Bernie Wilson to State Council



Bernie Wilson

Bernie Wilson, director of residential services for children with developmental disabilities, was recently appointed by Governor Kitzhaber to the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities. The council is charged with creating change to improve the lives of Oregonians with developmental disabilities. Bernie's term on the council will run through July 31, 2017.

Grants from TJX and Union Pacific Foundations

Albertina Kerr Centers Foundation received a \$5,000 grant from the TJX Foundation to support early childhood outpatient services and a \$5,000 grant from Union Pacific Foundation in support of the Crisis Psychiatric Care program for kids experiencing a mental health crisis. Thank you!

New Board Leaders Named for 2013-14



Larry Davis



Keith Meyers

Larry Davis, MBA has been elected as Chair of Kerr's Governing Board. Larry is Senior Vice President/Senior Client Manager at Bank of America. In addition, **John Thoma, CPA**, Senior Director of Finance at Hannah the Pet Society, was named Chair-elect. Thank you to immediate past chair **Priscilla Lewis, RN, MBA** for your leadership over the past two years.

Kerr Foundation Trustees elected **Keith Meyers, CPA**, Principal at Perkins & Co., to Chair. In addition, **Mary Lago, CTFA**, Vice President, Wealth Management & Advisory Services at Washington Trust Bank, was selected as Chair-elect. Thank you to immediate past chair **Dave Manougian**, who also served a two-year term.

Angels Honored at 106th Annual Meeting

On October 11, Albertina Kerr honored community supporters, former board members and heard from keynote speaker **Judy Collins** at the 106th Annual Meeting and Community Awards. Community award honorees included **Marcella Vail**, the **Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund**, **Comcast SportsNet** and the late **Dick Alexander**. Retiring board members **Margie Rowland** and **Doug Bogen** were honored and board member **David Reinhart** (9/30/1971-12/30/12) was honored with a memorial recognition. Go to AlbertinaKerr.org/videos to watch highlights from the event including Judy Collins singing *Amazing Grace*.

GET INVOLVED

Remember Kerr in Your Workplace Giving

Consider designating Albertina Kerr for your automatic payroll deduction donation, or if your employer participates in the United Way or Combined Federal Campaign, choose Albertina Kerr's foundation through the Donor Choice Option.

Make Some Holiday Magic

Host a giving tree in your business, church, school or home, and help grant the holiday wishes of people served by Albertina Kerr. You will receive pre-made tags for display, each one listing a special wish. To learn more, contact Meghan Anderson at 503-262-0187 or MeghanA@AlbertinaKerr.org by October 30, 2013.



L to R: Golfers Rob Burton, Rolph Fargo, Marcia Walsh and Mary Lago

Golf Classic Scores for Employment Programs

A total of \$229,471 (including \$63,060 for employment programs for adults with developmental disabilities) was raised at the 21st annual Kerr Classic at an auction and dinner on September 15 at the Benson Hotel and September 16 at Columbia Edgewater Country Club.

Thank you to the committee:

Chair: David Manougian

Committee: Chris Adamek, Sam Bars, Jerry Baysinger, Ron Gladney, Tom Gustafson, Angela Hult, David Kamens, Clarke Leaverton, Tim McNamara, Greg Mottau, Adèle Nofield, Andrew Plummer, Mike Rompa, John Thoma, Jim Trolinger, Casey Waage

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EARN YOUR WINGS: JOIN US



Snapshot on Kerr: Art from the Heart Show

December 12, 2013, 6 to 8 pm
Art from the Heart, 3505 NE Broadway, Portland
Get a glimpse inside the programs of Albertina Kerr at this semi-annual art show by artists with developmental disabilities.



Spotlight on Kerr Gala: 80s Prom A Night to Remember

February 28, 2014
Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn, Portland
Slip on your puffy-sleeved party dress, your matching cummerbund and bow tie, and moonwalk to Montgomery Park for an evening of glitz and glamour at Albertina Kerr's annual gala fundraiser.



16th Annual Race for the Roses

Sunday, April 13, 2014 | Oregon Convention Center
Enjoy a warm, dry staging area before setting out on your timed half marathon, 10K or 5K run or walk and return to roses, mimosas and more.

ALBERTINA'S PLACE

Discover a Gem. Empower a Life.

Closet: *thrift boutique for women, men, home*

Jewel Box: *jewelry, accessories, gifts*

Heirlooms: *vintage luxury homegoods*

Kitchen: *heritage inspired-dishes, events*

Shops: 10am to 3pm, shops will be open until 4 pm November 11 - December 21

Restaurant: 11:30am to 1:30pm

424 NE 22nd Ave, Portland

Monday-Saturday, 503-231-3909

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