

Salem Launches Kerr's Internship Program

The City of Salem is the first employer in Marion County to partner with Kerr's Employment Services team and the fourth employer in Oregon to provide job training opportunities for people with IDD through Project SEARCH.

On September 30th, eight interns from the Salem community began a nine-month cohort, working alongside City of Salem employees who will serve as skills trainers and mentors. While learning key employability skills to ready them for the workforce, the interns will explore jobs in three City of Salem departments for 12 weeks each.

"City staff have truly embraced the program and the goal of fostering competitive, integrated employment for every program graduate. We are excited to extend our commitment to community service, learning, and working alongside our interns," said Mina Hanssen, City of Salem Human Resources Director.

"We are thrilled to partner with the City of Salem so residents of Marion County can have access to this life-changing program," said Jeff Carr, Kerr's CEO. "Together we are breaking the barriers people with IDD face when seeking employment and creating more inclusivity in the workplace."

Kerr also operates nine group homes for people with IDD in the Marion County area, and is in the process of adding a tenth. Project SEARCH is an internationally recognized program in nine countries and 45 states, with over 500 sites.



Creativity Abounds at PALS

Looking for a one-of-a-kind gift? An inspiring outing? Explore artistic expression by outsider artists at Kerr's Portland Art and Learning Studios. From paintings, drawings, and ceramics to sculpture and poetry, there is something for everyone. Located at 4852 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., stop by and tour the gallery, Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Art is also available for purchase at PortlandArtandLearningStudio.com.

Don't miss the PALS Holiday Show and Sale

Dec. 7, 10 a.m.-3p.m.
Dec. 8, 14 & 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



Art by Heidi Frisbee

A Memorable Event

On Saturday, Sept. 14, more than 300 community members and over 40 local companies gathered to raise funds and support for Albertina Kerr during the 24 Hours of Kerr Country Gala.

The following Monday, golfers hit the links for a sold-out Mercedes-Benz amateur tournament at Columbia Edgewater Golf Course.

It was a record-breaking, two-day extravaganza, raising more than \$500,000 for Kerr's programs and services for individuals with IDD and mental health challenges.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported Kerr!

Save your spot for next year's boot-scootin' gala on Sept. 12, 2020, by purchasing your ticket today.

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Derrick Perry



Janice Jacobs, MBA

Kerr Welcomes New Chief Program Officer and Chief Financial Officer

Kerr is pleased to announce the appointment of Derrick Perry as Chief Program Officer and Janice Jacobs, MBA, as Chief Financial Officer.

"We are excited to bring Derrick and Janice's visionary and forward-thinking leadership to Kerr," said Jeff Carr, CEO of Albertina Kerr. "They both have been dedicated to and are passionate about helping people in the human services field."

As the Chief Program Officer, Perry will oversee the program strategy and operations for Kerr's wide range of services for children, teens, adults, and families experiencing mental health challenges and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Perry has a wealth of experience in specialized and wrap-around treatment and support services for children and adults affected by emotional challenges, autism, learning and developmental disabilities, neglect and abandonment.

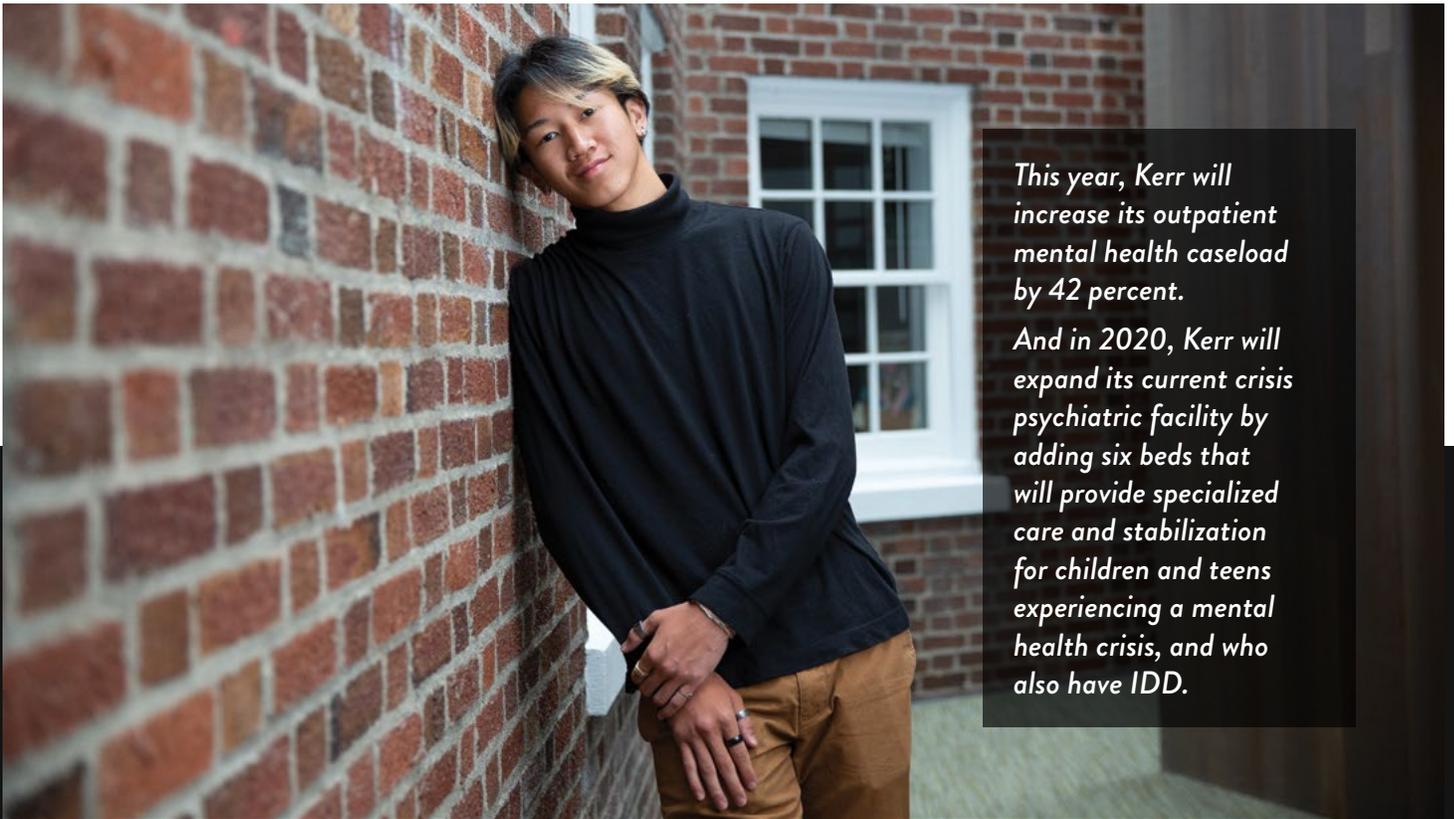
Most recently, he served as the Children's Services Deputy Director with the County of Riverside, California Department of Public Social Services, where he was responsible for directing the overall operation of multiple administrative units in the department.

In her role as Chief Financial Officer, Jacobs will provide strategic financial input and leadership to help Kerr achieve its goals, advance its interests, and mitigate financial risks.

Jacobs comes to Kerr from Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare, where she contributed strategically and secured key financing for innovative growth as Chief Financial Officer.

Prior to Cascadia, she spent the bulk of her career at one of the world's leading consumer goods companies in various finance roles across brands and functions.





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Expanded Mental Health Services Offer Solutions for Youth with IDD

The statistics are alarming. Suicide has been the leading cause of death for Oregon's young people since 1981. And, Oregon's youth currently hold the top spot for depression, according to Mental Health America's recent release of its annual State of Mental Health in America 2020, which ranks all 50 states and the District of Columbia based on several mental health and access measures.

Unfortunately, there is no quick fix for a system as complicated as youth mental health. Oregon's community leaders and agencies have further identified a large gap in services for children and teens experiencing a mental health crisis who also have an intellectual and/or developmental disability (IDD). Currently, these kids are inappropriately placed in settings that do not adequately meet their needs.

Many of these young people receive care in emergency rooms (ERs), which are designed for physical health emergencies. ERs are not equipped to provide the mental health services and support that children, teens, and their families need to address immediate or long-term mental health care. And, there are almost no viable options in our current system to meet the specialized needs of those who also have IDD.

Kerr is committed to finding solutions so children, teens, and their families can survive and thrive. Just like physical health, taking care of mental health struggles early can help prevent more serious problems from developing in the future.

As a local nonprofit known for providing services for those with IDD, as well as services for youth experiencing mental health

challenges, Kerr is expanding its mental health programs for children and teens.

Last year, Kerr helped nearly 700 children with mental health challenges and 500 children and adults with an IDD.

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It's time to take a stand for Oregon's children and teens. Let's move Oregon from last place to first.

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Albertina's Place

Upcoming Events

Reserve your spot: 503-231-0216

Nov. 30

NEW EVENT!

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Exclusive private jewelry collection silent auction
- Offerings from Baklava Bonbons and JaCivas Chocolates

Sparkle, Shine & Shop

Enjoy this holiday Small Business Saturday shopping extravaganza. Sip champagne while finding one-of-a-kind gifts and supporting Kerr. Shoppers will receive discounts in each of our shops. Bring a friend!

Jan. 16

11:30 a.m.

Luncheon Learn: The Art of Making Sauce with Chef Joel

Learn the secrets to preparing the five French mother sauces – Bechamel, Veloute, Espagnole, Hollandaise, and Tomato – from Kerr's expert chef. \$38

Jan. 25

11 a.m.

39th Birthday Brunch and Fashion Show

Celebrate 39 years of community giving to Kerr at this special brunch and fashion show. \$39



Feb. 8

1:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Tea

Celebrate with your loved ones at our valentine themed tea. Enjoy sandwiches, sweet treats, and assorted teas. \$35



Feb. 27

11:30 a.m.

Luncheon Learn: Poet Emmett Wheatfall

Join us to celebrate Black History Month with local poet and jazz artist Emmett Wheatfall. \$38

March 12

11:30 a.m.

Luncheon Learn: Earthquake Preparedness with Barbara Bracken

Are you ready for "the Big One?" Learn how to be prepared, not scared, from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member Barbara Bracken. \$38



March 14

6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Lujon Wine Cellars Winemaker Dinner

Enjoy a six-course dinner paired with award-winning wines from the father and son winemaker team, Lewis and John Derthick. \$100

*Where Good Taste
Serves a Great Cause*



'Tis the Season to Grant Wishes

This holiday season, help spread holiday cheer to the children, teens, and adults in Kerr's 55 group homes, as well as the kids served through our Children's Mental Health inpatient and outpatient programs.

For many of Kerr's clients, the only presents they will receive this holiday season are from our Grant a Wish Holiday Gift Drive. These gifts truly represent the magic of the season.

Bring joy to the people Kerr serves by hosting a giving tree at your business, school, and place of worship, or stop by Albertina's Place during November to pick up a tag from Kerr's tree.

To learn more, visit

Give.AlbertinaKerr.org/GrantAWish2019
or contact Chloe Scdoris at Chloe.Scdoris@albertinakerr.org
or 503-262-0175.

**#GIVING
TUESDAY**
December 3, 2019

Make a Run For It: Register to Race or Volunteer

Run, walk, roll, or volunteer at the 22nd Annual Rip City Race for the Roses, Sunday, April 26, 2020. Presented by UnitedHealthcare, this chip-timed race includes a half-marathon, 10K, 5K and a Kids 1K. It's a fast, accurate course across the Broadway Bridge through downtown Portland.

Participants receive: Official race t-shirt and special deals on Blazer tickets and Rose Quarter family shows. Finishers receive a race medal, a beautiful rose, celebratory drinks and more!

All proceeds benefit Albertina Kerr's programs empowering people with IDD, mental health challenges and other social barriers to lead self-determined lives and reach their full potential.

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Find us in the Willamette Week Give!Guide November 1 - December 31, 2019

We are grateful to be included in this year's GiveGuide! among 150 high-impact organizations in our community. Find us at GiveGuide.org under Human Services.

There will be exciting incentives for giving available, including free bike rentals from Kerr Bikes, complimentary entries to the Rip City Race for the Roses, and more!

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Our Mission

Kerr empowers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health challenges, and other social barriers to lead self-determined lives and reach their full potential.



Help Save and Change Lives

Our programs are made possible with funding from Medicaid and insurance companies, but these sources do not cover all that is needed. Help us bridge the gap for effective care today.

Here are some of the ways you can help:

- Donate appreciated stock, which can eliminate capital gains tax
- Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity and receive income for life
- If you are 70 ½ or older, gift your IRA's required minimum distribution
- Make a gift through a Donor Advised Fund (DAF)
- Give through the Oregon Charitable Checkoff

To learn more about gift planning, contact Chris Canter, 503-262-0188 or Chris.Canter@AlbertinaKerr.org.

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