



Building for the Future Changing Children's Lives

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our Future Home



Children's Center Receives \$1.2 Million in Public Funding from State of Washington!

Many thanks to our entire SW Washington legislative delegation who advocated tirelessly ensuring our success.

Children's Center is in desperate need of a larger facility to serve the children of our community. Thanks to lead gifts by Cherry and Ed Shaw, Jo Marie and Steve Hansen, and Jan and Steve Oliva, the agency was in good position to request funding from the State of Washington. Due to the steadfast efforts of 17th District Senator Don Benton, 17th District Representative Monica Stonier and 17th District Representative Paul Harris, the legislature allocated \$1.2 million toward our \$6.3 million capital campaign. The facility will be built in East Vancouver just off of Mill Plain at SE 136th Ave. and SE 7th St. We will be more centrally located to serve our growing population throughout SW Washington.

Senator Don Benton advocated diligently ensuring that Children's Center received the \$1.2 M allocation in the capital budget. He said, "I'm proud to have been a part of this successful endeavor for Children's Center's capital campaign. Great things for kids can be accomplished with strong community support."

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Representative Monica Stonier stressed the importance of the services provided by Children's Center, "Through my work as a teacher, I see firsthand the critical impact that Children's Center has on students and the services many of them need to be able to learn at school and to be healthy, happy children. It's imperative that we support their Capital Campaign and ensure that mental health needs in our community are met."

"When I toured Children's Center many months ago, I was so moved by the work they do that I encouraged them to build their new building in my district. Children's Center provides a valuable service that helps children and youth in our community to be successful," said Representative Paul Harris.

This remarkable trio of legislators along with the entire SW Washington delegation deserves tremendous thanks for prioritizing the health and welfare of the children of SW Washington. Thanks to their efforts future generations of children can be assured the opportunity for a brighter future. **We applaud you!**

Our goal is healthy children



Lisa Schauer, Representative Monica Stonier and Children’s Center board president Kate Sacamano.

It’s finally happening! After years of hearing the roof is leaking (again) and the bathroom has flooded, and we had to pass on another grant opportunity to expand services because of lack of space, the dream of a new building is coming closer into view.

I have been honored to serve on the Children’s Center Board of Directors. When tapped on the shoulder to serve with Nancy Retsinas and Mike Stromme on an Oversight Committee to analyze our space needs I was eager to get started. After months of examination, the perfect site was discovered.

With our team of experts assembled, we began to seek financial support for our project. We traveled to Olympia to share our story with pledges from long-time champions of Children’s Center, the Shaw, Hansen, and Oliva families. Armed with these generous pledges, we knocked on the doors of our SW Washington legislative delegation. Shepherding our request for funding through the House and Senate are Representatives Monica Stonier, Paul Harris and Senator Don Benton who have not disappointed us. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the Clark County Commissioners and Vancouver City Council who made Children’s Center’s capital campaign a priority for funding.

Our journey is just beginning and I hope you will join us by pledging your financial support to provide needed space for the children of our community today, tomorrow and 20 years from now. With each success at Children’s Center, the community wins, too!

It truly is all about the kids!

Lisa Schauer, Chair, Oversight Committee



Children’s Center has been serving Clark County by meeting family mental health needs for over 23 years. We currently serve over 1,300 children, youth and their families each year. The demand for mental health services continues to increase, yet we do not have enough space to meet these demands.

Because of space limitations, we rent additional office space at a current cost of \$50,000 per year. We have been operating in multiple locations for the last seven years. Due to our space limitations, we have intentionally not applied for local, state or federal grants as we are unable to expand programs due to our space limitations. Consolidating services under one roof is our most efficient and cost-effective solution.

We need to grow to be able to fulfill our pledge to serve every child and family with a mental health need in an inviting and healthy space – today, tomorrow and into the future. Please help us accomplish this goal.

Pat Beckett,
Executive Director

Our Pledge

To serve every child and family with a mental health need in an inviting and healthy space today, tomorrow and into the future.

for a healthy community

Floor Plan for New Building



Naming Opportunities Create a Legacy

There are few opportunities in life that allow us to reach out and touch tomorrow. You have the chance to help the children of our community today – as well as future generations. You can create a legacy. Please consider supporting one of the following opportunities:

Building:	1 Million – available	Boardroom:	Current & Former Board Members
Entry/Reception Area:	Jan & Steve Oliva	Community Conference Room:	Citizens of the State of Washington
South Wing:	Cherry & Ed Shaw	Staff Lounge:	\$100,000 – available
North Wing:	Jo Marie & Steve Hansen	Medical Suites:	\$50,000 each – 2 available
Therapy Garden (can be shared):	\$500,000 – available	★ Therapy Rooms:	\$25,000 each – 30 available
Leadership Wing:	\$250,000 – available		
Clinical Career Center:	\$250,000 – available		

To support this important effort contact
Pat Beckett, Executive Director at 360.699.2244.

Thank You Legislators



Our board gathers to thank our legislators. Pictured are: front row, left to right: Kelly Parker, Rep. Paul Harris, Rep. Monica Stonier, Sen. Don Benton, Pat Beckett, Wendy Kelley, Maggie Traverso. Second row: Kate Sacamano, Brian Willoughby, Lisa Schauer, Nancy Retsinas, Tomi Blackledge, Bill Roller, Tracy Feno, Peg Busick, Dr. Gerald Bader.

Our Challenge We promised our community no child would wait for mental health services when in need. We are proud to have delivered on our promise for over 20 years. However, demand is increasing and our space is limited. We are significantly constrained by a building that is falling apart plus two rental locations to accommodate the demand for services. In addition, our therapists play musical chairs sometimes shifting between numerous offices in one day. Essential components of our mental health treatment include consistent and predictable therapy space with age appropriate therapeutic tools. We want to ensure each therapist has a consistent therapeutic space equipped with the tools needed to treat the children/youth she or he sees regularly. When our kids seek treatment they need a safe, inviting and predictable space to work on their healing process.

Feasibility Our Board was deliberate and thoughtful in launching a Capital Campaign for our space needs. They analyzed launching a campaign in 2008 and knew the time wasn't right. A Steering Committee was formed to review our space needs, develop site criteria and engage the professional expertise of a land use attorney, realtor/broker and land use planner. The committee compared 1) remodeling our existing building; 2) moving into already built commercial space; or 3) purchasing land for a new building after significant research. They were surprised to conclude the best alternative was to build a new building. On April 30, 2013, we purchased the land on SE 136th Ave. and SE 7th St. in Vancouver, WA to become the site of our new Children's Center location.

Amount of Capital Campaign:

Total Campaign:	\$6,300,000
Identified Resources:	\$4,600,000
Need:	\$1,700,000

Our Team of Experts:

Campaign Consultants
Westby & Associates
Mike Westby

Architecture
Greenstone Architecture, PLLC
Timothy Buckley

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