2017
Annual Report
Wonderland
Developmental Center
2017 Accomplishments

After 2016’s whirlwind, Wonderland’s 2017 focus was on solidifying our gains and growing our staff to accommodate increased referrals from the addition of the Lake Washington School District on the northeast side to our area of responsibility, Wonderland’s first new school district in ten years. We restructured the program and development teams to provide a greater level of support to both staff and families. Gains included an experienced therapy manager, special educator, occupational therapist, and family resources coordinator, all with invaluable experience that further enriches our world-class offerings to families.

We opened a second Play & Learn group in Snohomish County, increasing our free weekly groups to four. The same space will host our Preschool Readiness classes, specialized, time-limited, structured Play & Learn classes specifically designed to help children in early intervention prepare for being in a classroom setting.

We also strengthened our expertise and service delivery to children in foster care and their caregivers, utilizing the CHERISH (CHildren Encouraged by Relationships in Secure Homes) model. We expanded to provide early-intervention support not only to foster parents/caregivers, but also to biological parents working to regain physical custody of their children. Our dedication to foster children inspired a $25,000 grant, our first from the Whitehorse Foundation.

Bookending the summer, Wonderland’s memorial golf tournament and auction split into two wildly successful events. In May 140 golfers celebrated Wonderland’s contributions to children and families over the last 18 years in memory of Justin Van Hollebeke, a former Wonderland child. September provided the backdrop for a newly named gala, Night of Wonder, which, when combined with our year-end Annual Appeal, raised a record $100,000!

We’re primed for a spectacular 2018.

Sincerely,

Mary Kickoff
Executive Director
Parents/Caregivers and Children Served

- 835 Parents/Caregivers
- 436 Children in EI
- 210 Children in Supplemental Support Services

Children Served By School District
- Shoreline: 34%
- Edmonds: 31%
- Seattle: 27%
- Northshore: 8%

Children Served by County
- Snohomish: 34%
- King: 66%

Children Served By Ethnicity/Race
- Unknown: <1%
- Hawaiian: <1%
- American Indian: <1%
- Arab/Iran/Middle East: 2%
- African/African American: 8%
- Hispanic/Latino: 8%
- Asian: 11%
- Multiple: 24%
- Caucasian: 50%

12% Families that identify as refugees/immigrants

37% Households considered low/very low income

5,907 Hours of therapeutic services and support

1,445 Hours of family resource support

186 Hours of free Play & Learn groups

"The Shoreline School District strives to provide quality early-learning experiences for our youngest learners. That’s why we’re grateful for the support and expertise of our partner, Wonderland Developmental Center. Wonderland provides therapies to children with developmental delays while also coaching families to support their child’s development. Wonderland also educates families about the transition from birth-to-three services to preschool and also connects families with other vital services when children take their very important first steps on their educational journey."

– Rebecca Miner
Superintendent,
Shoreline School District
Why Wonderland?

Wonderland's services work!

- 89% of children participating in the program at least six months achieved significant gains in skills.
- 97% of parents/caregivers increased their understanding of their child’s development and increased their ability to promote skill development for their child.

Wonderland reaches children during their most critical period of brain development.

The human brain has...

- 20 billion neurons
- Each neuron has 10,000 connections
- That amounts to 200 trillion neural pathways, creating over 2,000,000 miles of connections!

- The human brain develops faster during the birth-to-three period than at any other point in our lives.
- As many as one million new neural connections form every second in the brain of an infant!
- Early-intervention services improve the developmental trajectory of children with delays and/or disabilities.
- Early experiences activate neural connections, strengthen existing pathways, and create new ones.
- Wonderland therapists are dedicated to helping children build strong neurological foundations.

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