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ALBERTINA KERR ANNOUNCES 109TH ANNUAL MEETING

PORTLAND, Ore. (October 13, 2016) – Albertina Kerr will hold its 109th Annual Meeting & Community Awards Luncheon on Monday, October 24, 2016 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sentinel Hotel in Downtown Portland. Honorees include retiring Board members, Foundation trustees, and community members and organizations.

Karen Gaffney, a native Oregonian born with Down syndrome, will deliver the keynote speech. By creating awareness and calling attention to the tremendous capabilities of people with disabilities, Gaffney has championed the journey to full inclusion in families, schools, the workplace and the community for people with developmental disabilities. The October event coincides with Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

"We are honored to host Karen Gaffney at our Annual Meeting," said Jeff Carr, Albertina Kerr CEO. "Karen's advocacy work to create awareness and bring attention to the abilities of people with disabilities ties in perfectly with Albertina Kerr's mission."

Volunteer of the Year Award: The National Charity League, Inc., Portland Chapter Awarded to an individual or group that has volunteered with Albertina Kerr and has made a significant impact.

Community Support, Business Award: Swagelok Northwest

Awarded to a corporation that exemplifies philanthropy through financial support and/or volunteering to Albertina Kerr.

Outstanding Foundation Support: OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation

Awarded to a foundation that has provided significant funding to the programs of Albertina Kerr and has impacted the lives of those who receive services.

Community Service Award: The late James F. Rippey

Awarded to an individual viewed by the general public as a leader in the Portland metropolitan area or in the State of Oregon. Through their leadership and/or philanthropy, they have made an impact in the lives of vulnerable Oregonians.

Outstanding Individual Philanthropy Award: David and Karole Wilson

Awarded to an individual or couple who exemplifies philanthropy and has made a significant financial and/or personal commitment to Albertina Kerr.

Joyce Manougian Lifetime Achievement Award: Fritz and Lynn Bartsch

Recognizes significant and long-term volunteerism to Albertina Kerr.

Retiring Board Members: Alex Duarte, Amelia Heath and James Walker

Emeritus Board Member: Fritz Bartsch

To learn more about the Annual Meeting and Community Awards visit AlbertinaKerr.org

About Albertina Kerr

Since 1907, Albertina Kerr has strengthened Oregon families and communities. Today, we provide programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, empowering them to live richer lives. For more information about Albertina Kerr, call 503.239.8101 or visit AlbertinaKerr.org