



LATEST NEWS



From Jeff Carr, Albertina Kerr CEO - Gratitude

While experiencing my first Thanksgiving at Albertina Kerr, I reflected on the way gratitude plays an important role in the relationships that make up our Albertina Kerr community. Gratitude makes us better human beings, helps us maintain these relationships, and enables us to keep going when life takes an unwanted turn. I see gratitude when I enter our group homes and witness our staff caring for youth and adults with developmental disabilities. I hear gratitude in the stories from families who see their child with developmental delays making social connections at school for the first time. I smell and taste gratitude in the soup made at Albertina Kerr's kitchen by The Old Kerr Nursery Association (TOKNA) volunteers. And let me tell you, I have felt a lot of gratitude. I feel gratitude every time I meet one of you – someone who has earned their wings in Albertina Kerr's Army of Angels. You make all of these experiences of gratitude possible. I hope each of you and your families have a blessed and joyful holiday.



Join Us For Our Annual Christmas Ships Soiree

We're one week away from celebrating the holiday season at the Waverly Country Club for an evening benefitting Albertina Kerr's Children's Developmental Health Services. Join us for hosted cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and watch the historic holiday ships drift along the Willamette River throughout the evening. This festive holiday event is family-friendly with childcare provided. Hosted cocktails and buffet starts at 6 p.m. [Purchase Tickets](#)



Albertina Kerr is Once Again Nominated Oregon's Most Admired

Albertina Kerr has once again been nominated in the Portland Business Journal's *Oregon's Most Admired Companies* for 2016. The rankings will be announced on December 8th. We'll announce our ranking on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts that day - be sure to follow and like our pages. To generate the rankings, the PBJ sent surveys to 3,000 CEOs in Oregon and Southwest Washington asking them to select three companies they admire most in eight industries, as well as three companies they admired most across all industries. The honors were chosen by some 500 CEOs who turned in the surveys to the PBJ.



New Board Members Elected

Three new board members were elected to our Governing Board on November 14, 2016 and will serve through June 2019. **Roz Estimé**, Principal of The Estimé Group, **Jill Nickerson**, Chief Financial Officer at Audio Precision, Inc., and **Michelle Williams**, Program Manager at Brighton Jones, will all join the board in 2017. We're grateful for their commitment to Albertina Kerr and their collective willingness to serve and promote our mission.



Art from the Heart Show & Sale - Masks We Wear

Join us on December 8th, from 6 to 8 p.m. for *Masks We Wear*, featuring new works in all media from more than 40 artists with developmental disabilities. The show will feature poetry performances by Art from the Heart poets and a Sing-A-Long. 70% of all sales goes to the artist and 30% is used for purchasing additional art supplies. This is one of the most moving evenings of the year at Albertina Kerr, so make plans to join us. You won't want to miss it! [Learn more.](#)



Albertina Kerr's Port City Holiday Sale

Our holiday sale features artwork and gifts made by adults with developmental disabilities. Find creative gifts including cutting boards, silkscreened items, pottery, and more. 70% of the sale goes to the artist and 30% goes back to buying more art supplies for the programs. [Learn more about Port City.](#)

December 10, 11, 17 & 18
12 p.m. until 5 p.m.
2124 N. Williams Avenue, Portland, OR 97227



Support Albertina Kerr by Shopping at Blick Art Materials

This holiday season, Albertina Kerr has been chosen as a Blick Art Materials partner for the Blick "Give and Get" campaign with donations benefiting our Art from the Heart and Port City programs. When you visit either of the [two Portland Blick Art Materials retail locations](#) between November 28th and December 24th, 2016 and donate any art supplies purchased at Blick to Albertina Kerr, you'll get a special offer for 20% off a future transaction, valid December 26, 2016 through January 4, 2017. A complete list of our top art supply needs can be found in the stores. [Learn more.](#)

Albertina Kerr strengthens Oregon families and communities by helping children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, empowering them to live richer lives.

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