



January 2017

## LATEST NEWS



### From Jeff Carr, Albertina Kerr CEO: Looking Ahead As We Look Back

In our culture, we like to use the New Year as an opportunity to reassess where we're going. It's a chance for a reset. We take stock of where we've been and we set new goals for who we want to be and where we want to go. Albertina Kerr is joining in this tradition by beginning work on a new strategic plan. The Board of Directors, Foundation Trustees, and Ambassador Board will be working through the planning process with the Coraggio Group beginning this month to develop a plan for the next three years. The plan will inform the work of the entire Albertina Kerr community and help us make strategic decisions as we shape our future. We wish you success in your new year's endeavors and we look forward to sharing our vision for Albertina Kerr and the completed strategic plan with you in the near future.



### We need your input

So that we may more effectively tell our story to the Oregon community at large, we need to better understand what aspects of the Albertina Kerr story and mission are most compelling to you. Please help us by taking a short, ten question survey. [Take Survey](#)



### Albertina Kerr Report to the Community 2015-16

Our 2015-16 [Annual Report](#) describes the vital role that Albertina Kerr plays as a community resource. The report highlights our achievements and shares stories of how our services impacted and changed lives of those we serve.



### Grant A Wish Program

Albertina Kerr's Grant a Wish program is our annual opportunity for businesses, individuals and volunteers in our community to join together and give back to the children and adults served by Albertina Kerr during the holidays. Thank you to the hundreds of generous Kerr Angels in our community along with the 30 businesses who granted wishes to the more than 550 children and adults that we serve. Each child or adult received a gift from their wish list and more than 1,500 gifts were received, making the holidays brighter for many. Thank you to the Hillsboro Hops, featured in the photo, for their gifts and visit to our 16th Avenue youth group home.



### Charitable Checkoff

Please consider donating all or a portion of your 2016 Oregon State Tax Return to Albertina Kerr. Your donation will help support children's mental health services and programs. Include [Schedule OR-Donate](#) with your Oregon Tax return or let your tax preparer know that you would like to give via Charitable Checkoff. [Learn More](#)



### Oregon Encyclopedia

This history of Albertina Kerr Centers dating back to 1907 has been added to the Oregon Encyclopedia, an authoritative and free resource online on all things Oregon. Great thanks to current Albertina Kerr volunteer and historian Connie West for making this happen. [Learn more](#)



### Join us for The Albertina Kerr Race for the Roses

Race, run, walk or cheer and join the community on April 2, 2017 for our 19th annual Race for the Roses. 100% of the race proceeds goes to Albertina Kerr for our programs and services supporting individuals with mental health challenges or developmental disabilities. Team registrations are also welcome. [Learn more](#) or [Register](#)

## KERR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 19, 2017 | Art from the Heart Show and Sale: *Masks We Wear*

An encore show of *Masks We Wear*, featuring new works of art 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 SingALong. 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](#)

### January 19, 2017 | Albertina's Place Luncheon Learn: Phil Margolin's New Thriller, *Violent Crimes*

Join us as Phil Margolin discusses his latest thriller, *Violent Crimes*. Margolin has been writing since 1996. He has 17 bestselling novels, has been nominated for an Edgar, and has had two books adapted into movies. Willamette Writers awarded Margolin the 2009 Distinguished Northwest Writers Award. Reservations required. [Learn more](#)

### January 23-28, 2017 | Albertina's Place 35th Birthday Celebration Week

All this week, taste our specially crafted menus inspired by recipes from back in the day with a present day twist at Albertina's Kitchen. Be sure to see our special offers in Albertina's Closet, Heirlooms and Jewel Box! [Learn more](#)

### January 28, 2017 | Albertina's Place Birthday Brunch and Fashion Show

Join us in celebrating the 35th birthday of Albertina's Place with a seated plated brunch and fashion show showcasing fashions from Albertina's very own ladies and gentlemen! Reservations require. [Learn more](#)

These are a snapshot of upcoming Albertina Kerr events. To view more upcoming events, visit our [Events page](#).

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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