



November 2016

LATEST NEWS



FROM JEFF CARR, CEO - Giving Thanks

While Thanksgiving is still three weeks away, I wanted to let you know how thankful I am for all of you. I've had the chance to meet many of you and am hoping to meet more of you in the coming months. You are an amazing group of people! Due to your support and dedication, Albertina Kerr was able to provide help to more than 2,200 children, adults, and their families this past fiscal year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016). Whether you made a donation to Albertina Kerr, volunteered your time or attended one of our special events, on behalf of the Albertina Kerr team, I thank you. Speaking of special events, we have many events in December where you can show your support, so mark your calendars now. Whether you join us at our Christmas Ships Soiree, Art from the Heart Show and Sale or Port City Holiday Sale, you'll make a difference. From the Albertina Kerr family to yours, have a very Happy Thanksgiving.



Help Grant a Holiday Wish

Albertina Kerr's Grant a Wish program is an opportunity for businesses, individuals and volunteers in our community to join together and give back to the children and adults served by Albertina Kerr. You can help this holiday season by fulfilling holiday gift wishes of our community's most vulnerable. Make some magic this holiday season by hosting a giving tree in your business, school, place of worship, or home, and grant the holiday wish of a child or adult with a developmental disability or mental health challenge. [Learn More](#)



Join us for our Annual Christmas Ships Soiree

Celebrate the holiday season by joining us at the Waverly Country Club to watch the historic holiday ships drift along the Willamette River during an evening benefiting Albertina Kerr's Children's Developmental Health Services. This festive holiday event is family friendly with childcare provided. Hosted cocktails and buffet starts at 6 p.m. [Learn More/Purchase Tickets.](#)



November 29th is #GivingTuesday

Last year, more than 45,000 organizations in 71 countries came together to celebrate #GivingTuesday. Since its founding in 2012, #GivingTuesday has inspired giving around the world, resulting in greater donations, volunteer hours, and activities that bring about real change in communities. We invite you to join the movement and give this November 29. [Make a Gift.](#)



BedMart Donates 128 Mattresses to Albertina Kerr Group Homes

On October 26, BedMart donated 128 high quality Temper-Pedic mattresses and mattress protectors to the homes and people we serve at Albertina Kerr. The donation is valued at more than \$128,000 and we are grateful for their donation. Albertina Kerr group homes for youth offer 24-hour support and life skills training for children and teens ages 7 to 18 with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges who require specialized care and treatment. This donation will go a long way to help provide quality and comfort for many of our group home residences.

BedMart is a local family-owned mattress retailer, and its owner, Steven Stone, has been a long time supporter of Albertina Kerr. Now his daughter, Elana Stone, has driven the momentum for this unbelievably generous gift we received. Back in 2013 BedMart donated 51 mattresses and protective pads to Albertina Kerr. A special thanks to Elana Stone and all of the BedMart employees for making this event and donation happen.

KERR CALENDAR

November 17, 2016 | Party at Albertina's

Albertina's Place kicks off the holiday season at this free event. Enjoy complimentary tastings from local businesses including Apolloni Vineyards, Migration Brewery and Missionary Chocolate while you shop. Delectable hors d'oeuvres from Albertina's Kitchen and prize drawings will continue throughout the evening. [Learn more](#)

December 7, 2016 | Christmas Ships Soiree

Benefitting Albertina Kerr's Children's Developmental Health Services, this festive holiday event is family-friendly. Enjoy food and music while the iconic Christmas Ships Parade floats by on the Willamette. [Purchase tickets](#)

December 8, 2016 | Art from the Heart Art Show & Sale

New works in all media from more than 40 artists with developmental disabilities. [Learn More](#)

December 10, 11, 17, & 18, 2016 | Port City Holiday Sale

Gifts for everyone made by adults with developmental disabilities. [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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