

# KERR CONNECTIONS

A Newsletter for Donors, Volunteers & Friends of Albertina Kerr

## Providing Diagnosis and Relief



*Laurel Akridge realized something was different with her son Riley when he was around eighteen months old. As a toddler, Riley was biting, kicking, scratching and very anti-social. In first grade, he was suspended or sent home more than 40 times. "It was frustrating. Riley was at the top of his class in math and reading but he wasn't in class. He was in the Principal's office," said Laurel. "It was hard because his needs weren't being met. Albertina Kerr was wonderful in getting us in and focusing on what they could do to help."*

Albertina Kerr's Children's Developmental Health Services assessed Riley with a communications delay, and diagnosed Riley as bi-polar, ADHD, and social pragmatic communications disorder. "It was a lot to handle," said Laurel.

Once Laurel received the diagnosis, she felt "relief as now there was something that could be done to help Riley. It was an amazing feeling to know there was help out there and he was going to receive it".

Riley loved the occupational therapy and playing with his therapist, felt safe talking with her and knew he wasn't being judged. Today, Riley is a thriving seven year old. He's won student of the week five times, is doing great in school and hasn't missed a day of school this school year.

## Chris Krenk Retirement & Albertina Kerr's Next CEO



*Chris Krenk*

Albertina Kerr's Board of Directors has appointed Jeff Carr as the next CEO, succeeding current CEO Chris Krenk. After 26 years of service, Chris will be retiring at the end of June 2016.

"It's truly been an honor and privilege to serve the Oregon community the past 26 years. I've been fortunate to see so many lives saved and empowered from the work that Kerr has achieved. I look forward to watching Jeff continue Kerr's legacy into the future," said Chris.

Chris' many accomplishments focused on serving the community including increasing the number of adults, children and families served from 200 in 1990 to more than 2,150 last year and launching Kerr's Community Promise Capital Campaign. We wish Chris well on his retirement and thank him for his many years of serving the community.

Jeff Carr has an outstanding track record of executive leadership, teambuilding and fundraising.

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"I can't say enough good things about the work that Albertina Kerr did with Riley and me. I don't think Riley would have had the success he's had in life and friendships and in our relationship without Albertina Kerr's Children's Developmental Health Services. Riley's worked hard at it, but he couldn't have done it without Albertina Kerr," said Laurel.

**Families raising a child with developmental delays will find specialized, comprehensive team-based care at Albertina Kerr's Children's Developmental Health Services (CDHS).**

CDHS' transdisciplinary team (Developmental Pediatrics, Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, Social Work and Case Management) provides diagnosis and treatment of children with developmental delays, ADHD, autism, behavior issues, sensory processing disorder, and other issues affecting the ability to relate effectively with their family and environment. The entire team works together with the family to identify and amplify their child's special abilities – their "spark of brilliance."

## Community Promise Update: Leaving Our Legacy



Honorary Chair, Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler

On May 20, 2016, Kerr's Army of Angels gathered to dedicate Albertina Kerr's Gresham campus as a Campus for Children's Mental Health, bringing together leading practitioners, critical programs services and community-based mental health services for children throughout Oregon.

We are grateful to our community of generous donors who have already contributed more than \$6.2 million to complete the Campus and make critical investments in group homes.



Co-Chairs Lynn & Fritz Bartsch with Jeff Carr, Incoming Albertina Kerr CEO

At the event, Fritz & Lynn Bartsch and Mary Lago, Chairs of the Campaign launched the Legacy Phase goal: Increase Guardian Angel Society Membership to at least 150 Planned Gift Supporters by 2018. Kerr is grateful to the more than 58 current members who have already made a legacy commitment to Albertina Kerr. Meeting this goal will extend the total investment beyond the \$6 million threshold to approximately \$11 million.

Fritz told the guests his "first gift was to Kerr sixty-six years ago. And it'll also be the place I make my last gift." Fritz and his wife Lynn have included a Community Promise gift in their estate plan.

**Now is our time to leave a legacy for future generations.**

We hope you'll join the Bartsch's and become a Kerr Guardian Angel. To learn more, visit [KerrCommunityPromise.org](http://KerrCommunityPromise.org) and click on Legacy Phase, or contact Joshua Goldstein, Associate Director of Individual and Planned Giving at [JoshuaGo@AlbertinaKerr.org](mailto:JoshuaGo@AlbertinaKerr.org) or 503.262.0188.

## Chris Krenk Retirement

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He'll lead Kerr to impact the lives of the most vulnerable, help shape Kerr's vision to meet the community's needs and continue strong stewardship of resources and the community's generosity.

"I am humbled and excited to lead Kerr as their next CEO. I look forward to building on Chris' legacy and leading Kerr as we go forward into the future," said Jeff.

Jeff brings much experience from working in both the public and non-profit sectors. Most recently, he served as the Interim CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Metro Los Angeles. His past positions include Chief Operating Officer of the 2015 Special Olympics World Games Organizing Committee and Chief of Staff to Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa.

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT



**Ardath Lilleland has been volunteering with Kerr since 1994.**  
Ardath

started as the Reservationist at Albertina's Kitchen. Today she welcomes consigners, explains the process and helps them with paperwork at Albertina's Heirlooms.

Ardath is also a member of Kerr's Guardian Society, a group who have made a provision for Kerr through their will, living trust, life insurance, retirement plan, or made a life income gift. Ardath said, "I know that the money left to Albertina Kerr will be well spent. There are always people who need help. You never run out of people to help."

# NEWS & UPDATES

## Governing Board News

The following were appointed to Albertina Kerr's Governing Board in March 2016 and will each serve a three year term: Aisha Furbach, Vice President of Quality and Patient Safety, Legacy Health; Susan Graham, Senior Manager – Tax, Private Client Services, Ernst Young; and Lisa Powell, Chief Human Resources Officer, Providence Health & Services. Roger Busse, President & CEO of Pacific Continental Bank and Kimberly (Kim) Lilly-Curry, Founder, Curry and Collective were elected to the Foundation Board and will serve a three year term from through June 2019.



## 18th Annual Race for the Roses

More than \$170,000 was raised at the 18th annual Race for the Roses on April 17, 2016. At this year's event, we unveiled a new logo and tagline (Good Cause. Great Race.) to help remind the community why it's important to race, run, walk or cheer as 100% of the event proceeds goes directly to Albertina Kerr. Please join us next year on April 2, 2017.

Thank you to the committee and sponsors:

**Chair:** Teri Barichello and Lea Pfau **Committee:** Carilyn Alexander, Rivah Beaty, Rob Burton, David Embree, Paul Litwinczuk, Rachel Phillips, Kimberly Schmett, David Walker, James Walker

**Bronze Sponsor:** Fleet Feet Sports PDX, Charles Schwab; **Mile Marker Sponsors:** Concordia University, Pella Corporation, Bali Home Furnishings, Compli/Thrasher Family, Mortgage Trust LLC, Miller Nash Graham and Dunn LLP, Portland Children's Levy and Scott | Edwards Architecture; **Media Sponsors:** 94.7 FM and 105.1 FM; **In-kind Sponsors:** AMR, Boyd Coffee Company, Bridgeport BrewPub, Cliff Bars, Dave's Killer Bread, Earth2o, Eastco Screen Imprints, FSA, HUEN, McTavish Shortbread, New Seasons, Nuun Energy, Odwalla, Oregon Convention Center, Postano, Sunrise Bagels and United Salad

## Kerr Bikes Opens Second Location

Kerr Bikes has opened a second location on the East side, near OMSI. Both the OMSI and the Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park locations offer a great way for visitors and locals to explore the waterfront while supporting Albertina Kerr. In addition to standard bike rentals, tandem bikes and trail-a-bikes, Kerr Bikes kicks up the fun with surreys, deuce coupes, choppers, quad sports, and slingshots. For rates and hours, visit [KerrBikes.org](http://KerrBikes.org).

## Support Albertina Kerr by Shopping at Fred Meyer

Each year, Fred Meyer asks their customers to relink their Rewards Card with Albertina Kerr as their favorite nonprofit. By doing so, and scanning your card every time you shop, you'll be contributing back to Kerr through a donation from Fred Meyer. You'll still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates, too! Visit [FredMeyer.com/communityrewards](http://FredMeyer.com/communityrewards) and click on "Link Your Rewards Card Now" to help support Albertina Kerr when you shop at Fred Meyer.

## Join Kerr Online

Join us on our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn pages where we share stories, events and other Kerr news on a timelier basis. By commenting and sharing what we post with your network, it expands Albertina Kerr's mission with others that may not be involved with us.

## 24 Hours of Kerr Event Save the Date



Mark your calendars for our annual 24 Hours of

Kerr event culminating a year of community giving into 24 hours of events to support Albertina Kerr. 24 Hours of Kerr includes dinner, a live and silent auction, musical entertainment and world class golf.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Join us from dusk to dark for a rustic-themed evening to support Albertina Kerr at an exclusive private residence in West Linn. Keep your black ties and gowns at home and enjoy a casual evening in the country. Sip hosted wine and cocktails while perusing the silent auction, followed by a decadent and unique dining experience to accompany a very special live auction.

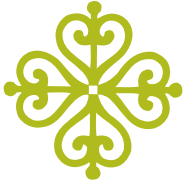
### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Hit the links at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club while enjoying food and beverage stations along the course. Afterwards, celebrate the tournament at the Clubhouse with hosted drinks and hors d'oeuvres. All participants will have the opportunity to enter to win a spot to the Mercedes-Benz Dealer Championship Western Sectionals in Pinehurst, North Carolina. This all expenses paid trip is courtesy of Mercedes-Benz of Portland.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:**  
[24HoursOfKerr.org](http://24HoursOfKerr.org)

For questions, please contact the Events Manager at 503-262-0175 or [Development@AlbertinaKerr.org](mailto:Development@AlbertinaKerr.org)

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## EARN YOUR WINGS: JOIN US

### 24 Hours of Kerr

Saturday, September 17 | Dinner & Auction  
*Private residence in West Linn, Oregon*

Monday, September 19 | Golf Tournament  
*Columbia Edgewater Country Club*

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### 109th Annual Meeting & Community Awards Luncheon October 24, 11:30 a.m. | *The Sentinel*

Join us as Karen Gaffney discusses her personal story of living with Down syndrome, and her accomplishments of full inclusion for families, schools, the workplace and community for people with developmental disabilities.

### Christmas Ships Soiree

December 7, 6 p.m. | *Waverly Country Club*

This festive holiday event is family friendly. Enjoy food and music while the iconic Christmas Ships Parade float by.

### ALBERTINA'S PLACE:

*Prepayment and reservations are required for the following events. Please call 503-231-0216 to make reservations.*

#### Luncheon Learn:

#### Unearthing the Lone Fir Cemetery Foundation

July 21, Noon, \$35 per person with lunch

Discover what makes the Lone Fir cemetery a historic Portland icon and how all cemeteries can benefit the community's culture and continual remembrance of history.

#### Green on Green Garden Tour

August 13, \$40 Tour, Demo & Breakfast (Tour only — \$20)

Self-guided tour of five beautiful SW Portland gardens and one nursery. Purchase tickets at [AlbertinasPlace.org](http://AlbertinasPlace.org).

#### Luncheon Learn: Author Jane Kirkpatrick

August 23, 24 & 25, 11:30 a.m., \$35 per person with lunch

Jane will join us again for three days in August to share insights about her latest book *This Road We Traveled*.