

Northwest Center promotes the **growth, development and independence** of people with disabilities through programs of **education, rehabilitation and work opportunity**.



HEADLINES

David Wunderlin to Leave Northwest Center



After more than nine years of strong organizational leadership, David Wunderlin, President/CEO, has decided to leave Northwest Center. Below is an excerpt of his announcement to the organization:

"It is with a mixture of pride and sadness that I announce my decision to leave Northwest Center after nine wonderful years of leading this important community service organization.

The pride comes from the incredible growth, advancement and development the organization has gone through over the past decade. We've all contributed to these substantial changes. The organization is serving substantially greater numbers of kids and adults, in programs that are recognized to be among the best in the nation. The organization is financially solid and poised for a bright future... there is also sadness at the prospect of leaving.... It will be difficult to find something as meaningful and rewarding as Northwest Center, a difficult yardstick to measure anything by."

The past several years have been a time of growth and change for Northwest Center. Much of our organizational success is due to his influence. We have made huge strides in our ability to deliver quality services to the adults and children with disabilities whom we serve, and our businesses continue to grow and thrive, providing support for our programs and our operations.

Over the next few months, the Board will focus on finding the right individual to lead Northwest Center. In the intervening period, Thomas Everill, Past Board Chair, will act as the Interim President/CEO and will work with the staff to ensure a smooth transition.

We thank David for nine years of service and for the growth, passion, strategic vision, and talent he brought to Northwest Center. Our opportunity is to honor David's contribution by continuing to build on his strong foundation.

INTERVIEW

An Interview With Client Michael Sims



Michael Sims is non-verbal so his job coach James Ludwig answered our questions below in terms of what he sees from a subjective point of view as Michael's primary staff.

How has Northwest Center helped you?

Because Mike is non-verbal, he is at risk for exploitation in the community. Northwest Center provides him with a safe supervised place of employment that assists him with learning new skills at his own pace with special consideration for his communication needs. A communication board was developed for Mike to use.

What is your job at Northwest Center and how long have you been doing this job?

Mike has worked in Assembly and

Packaging for almost two years on a number of different contracts. He regularly assembles three ring binders and Coinstar cleaning kits. He has also done many other short term assembly projects.

What skills have you learned in doing this job?

Mike has learned how to use an electric screwdriver, a tape gun and how to follow directions sequentially.

What do you like best about your job?

Mike is very well liked by staff and friends. He loves interacting with them through sign and sounds. He loves to play practical jokes on staff.

What are your goals that you are working toward? Mike is working on goals to increase his limited communication skills and ensure his safety.

SAVE THE DATE

9th Annual Golden Hearts Luncheon



Join us in celebrating the stories of the children and adults with disabilities that we serve and recognizing the continuing support we receive from our community partners. Mark your calendar now for this year's luncheon!

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2008
Location: Bell Harbor, 2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98121
Time: 11:00 a.m. – Registration begins

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We are pleased to announce that, thanks to support from The Norcliffe Foundation, we will be able to start development on a new database that will allow us to combine several different client databases so we can confidentially store and efficiently retrieve client information.

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EVENTS

Member Event - Advocating for People with Disabilities



We at Northwest Center are dedicated to providing lifelong support for people with disabilities. As part of our program, we offer regular information sessions focused around topics of interest to those we serve. For this session, we will address the basics of advocating for your loved one with a disability. Our panel will include experts from various organizations that specialize in advocacy issues. We hope you will join us for this brief introduction to advocacy.

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Location: North East Branch Library, 6801 35th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98115

Breakfast Is On Us!



We are inviting members of the community (that means you!) to come to Northwest Center and see firsthand who we are and why we do what we do. Seeing is believing, and we're looking forward to showing visitors how we achieve our mission on a day-to-day basis. Our guests will enjoy a delightful breakfast as they learn about how they can be part of our mission and our vision for the future. Community members are welcome, and there are spots open for the tours each month!

To attend any of the events or get more information, call us at 206-378-6379.



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