



WELCOME BACK TO THE 80'S!

2025 AUCTION & GALA

- **4:30 - 6:00 - GAMES & SOCIAL HOUR**
- **6:15 - DINNER SERVICE**
- **7:00 - PROGRAM WITH LIVE AUCTION**
- **9:00 - DANCE PARTY!**

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us this evening! It has been such a fantastic year at WCEL, walking alongside children and families.

We have had 40% growth in the kids and families we serve in just the last 4 years. We now have more than 60 WCEL staff. WCEL has been building systems, infrastructure, staffing, and capacity to carry out our mission and grow our services.

We now serve around 300 children and families a month through our Early Support Program, and hundreds of additional children in our Early Learning Program in five locations. We have provided in-home therapy, care coordination, and family support this year through 5,652 visits. Our infant mental health program is growing and providing therapeutic interventions to support caregiver capacity to understand and meet the emotional and social needs of the child.

As funding has been more challenging, we ask that you consider becoming a monthly donor and supporting the youngest members of our community at a key time in their lives when 85% of brain development is taking place. Your monthly contribution will allow WCEL to comprehensively support families and continue to transform the lives of children and their caregivers. Scan the QR code on the back of this booklet for more info.

Thank you for being a part of Whatcom Center's family!

Sincerely,
Sierra James, WCEL Executive Director

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Thank you to our sponsors who made this event possible!

CHAMPAGNE



DESSERT



GAME



EVENT



STAFF

Our staff are passionate, skilled, and dedicated. They are the reason WCEL is able to impact so many children's lives.

Thank you for all that you do!

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- Alex Bruce
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STAFF

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- Clementine
- Mayumi Paluh
- Michael Haycock
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GAMES

▶ **EXTRA LIFE HEADS OR TAILS - \$25**

Purchase another chance for the classic heads or tails game played during dinner service. Last one wins \$500 CASH!

▶ **GOONIES GOLD RUSH - \$20**

Find one of the lucky blue cards and win a mystery gift card!

▶ **GREAT SCOTT RAFFLE! - \$15**

Purchase raffle ticket and enter it into one of our raffles! Winners will be announced throughout dinner and program.

▶ **RISKY BUSINESS SUNGLASSES DRAW - \$10**

Each pair of sunglasses has been assigned a number, if yours gets drawn, you get \$100 cash!

▶ **THE PRICE IS TOTALLY RIGHT PLINKO - \$25**

Simply drop a disc and watch it bounce from peg to peg until it lands in a slot then collect your prize. Everyone's a winner, every time!

AUCTION

CHECKOUT INFO

- All items are sold "as-is" and all sales are final.
- All purchases will be made using the credit card associated with your bidder number unless otherwise agreed upon at check-in. **Credit cards will be charged on Monday, May 12th by 5pm.** Receipts will be sent at that time to the email address you provided. All transactions will be charged a 3% processing fee.
- **No need to check out at the end of evening** but if you have any questions, please visit the table next to the stage, or email events@wcel.net.

#1 SHRED THE SLOPES ON BAKER

Get ready for an unforgettable day on the mountain with **four** all-day lift tickets to Mt. Baker Ski Area! Whether you're carving through glades or cruising groomers, this alpine adventure promises fresh air, big fun, and unforgettable memories. Perfect for a winter weekend getaway or an epic group outing!

Package Value: \$400
Donated by: Mt. Baker Ski



#2 GROCERIES! GROCERIES!

Take the stress out of your grocery shopping with this \$500 gift card to your favorite Haggen location!

Whether you're stocking up on pantry staples, treating yourself to gourmet goodies, or planning a special meal, this gift card will make your shopping experience a breeze.

Package Value: \$500

Donated by: Haggen



#3 LIVING MEMOIR

What is a Living Memoir? A Living Memoir is your story. It is a chance to preserve your legacy for the next generation. And it comes in a form more powerful than any other before it. With only a few hours of your time, you can record your story on video. Pair your testimony with our professional expertise, and you can have a piece of art that will not only tell your story, but do so with elegance and beauty.

Package Value: \$1,500

Donated by: Berzenji Productions & Media

#4 55" SAMSUNG FRAME TV

Elevate your home with the stunning 55" Samsung Frame TV, a sleek, ultra-thin 4K television that doubles as a work of art. When you're not watching your favorite shows or streaming the latest movies, this TV transforms into a beautiful art display—customizable with a wide range of classic or contemporary artworks to match your decor.

Designed to blend seamlessly into any space, The Frame features vibrant QLED picture quality, customizable bezels, and a no-gap wall mount for a true gallery look.

Package Value: \$1,000

Donated by: Blaine Food Bank

#5 UPFRONT THEATER PRIVATE IMPROV PERFORMANCE

Enjoy up to one hour of hilarious improv comedy with cast members from Bellingham's own Upfront Theatre—perfect for parties or events.

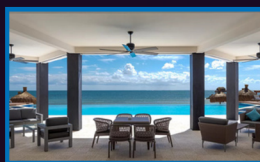
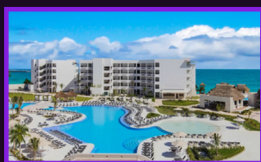
Or choose a dynamic improv workshop led by Artistic Director Michael Haycock, who has trained teams at Microsoft, WECU, and beyond. Ideal for team building, professional development, or just plain fun!

Package Value: \$1,300

Donated by: Upfront Theater

#6 VIVA MEXICO

Enjoy a relaxing stay in a well-appointed one-bedroom suite for two at Baganvilias Resort & Vacation Club in Puerto Vallarta, Pacifica Ixtapa in Ixtapa, or El Cid in Mazatlán, or a studio suite at Marina Fiesta Resort & Spa in Cabo San Lucas. Each accommodation is designed for comfort, featuring a fully equipped kitchenette and comfortable bedding options, which may include a king-size bed, a queen bed with a sofa bed, or two queen beds—perfect for unwinding after a day of adventure.



Includes:

- 7-night stay in a one-bedroom suite at Baganvilias Resort & Vacation Club in Puerto Vallarta, Pacifica Ixtapa in Ixtapa, or El Cid in Mazatlán, or a studio suite at Marina Fiesta Resort & Spa in Cabo San Lucas
- Accommodates 2 people

Restrictions:

- *Nights must be used consecutively in one trip*
- *Winners have 2 years to travel from date of purchase*
- *Blackout dates: Within one week of major US holiday*
- *Resort taxes and fees, meals, room incidentals, and airfare are not included and are the responsibility of the redeemer*

Package Value: \$3,000

FUND A FUTURE

▷ \$5,000

because you believe in providing high-quality in-home visiting and care coordination for all the eligible young children and families in our community

▷ \$2,500

because you believe parents and caretakers should have access to family support sessions and mental health resources

▷ \$1,000

because you believe in providing outreach to families who are overburdened and under-resourced, such as migrant workers, kids in foster care, and those who experience language barriers

▷ \$500

because you believe in never turning a child away because their family cannot afford to pay therapy co-pays or classroom fees

▷ \$100

because you believe our classroom program should have books and materials that reflect the variety of languages spoken and cultures represented in our community

▷ \$50

because you want children to experience summer field trips and park playdates

#7 WCEL CHILDREN'S ART COLLAB

This unique piece is a collaboration between the WCEL Executive Director, Sierra James and the children of WCEL, showcasing creativity and community spirit. A one-of-a-kind work of art that reflects the heart of WCEL's mission and the vibrant imagination of its young artists.



#8 FAIRHAVEN STAYCATION

Treat yourself to a relaxing escape with a one-night stay for two at the Chrysalis Inn & Spa, featuring serene views of Bellingham Bay and luxurious amenities. Enjoy a \$150 gift certificate to OVN Wood Fired Pizza, known for its delicious handmade pizzas, fresh local ingredients, and cozy ambiance. Then, take in a live performance with two A/B section tickets to a 2025–2026 season show at the historic Mount Baker Theatre—a beautifully restored venue offering top-tier entertainment in an unforgettable setting.

Package Value: \$575

Donated by: Chrysalis Inn, Ovn, and Mount Baker Theatre

#9 7-DAY CRUISE FOR 2

Experience the ultimate getaway with this luxurious 7-day oceanview cruise for two to **Mexico** or the **Caribbean**! Set sail for adventure with gourmet dining, lively onboard entertainment, and breathtaking ocean views. Choose between exploring the vibrant Mexican Riviera or unwinding on the pristine beaches of Half Moon Bay in the Caribbean —this unforgettable cruise offers the ultimate escape.

Restrictions: Strictly for cruise only. Does not include taxes, onboard charges, shore excursions or hotel service charges.

Package Value: \$1,400

Donated by: Holland Cruise America

#10 BEN MANN PERSONALIZED PAINTING

Ben's unique perspective on our local landscape!

This 36"x48" original acrylic on canvas arrives almost finished, and then is ready to customize to the wishes of the winning bidder.

He includes one additional 'Mann Hour' for personalizing the composition back in his Fairhaven studio - add your friends and family, or a favorite pet or item!

Package Value: \$1,500

Donated by: Ben Mann

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following individuals that helped make this event possible!

EVENT TEAM

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- Amber Icaay
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- Ken Bronstein
- Lesly Castro
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- Michael Haycock
- Sierra James
- Whatcom Sound

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Thank you to our generous donors!

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- Boundary Bay Brewery
- Brandywine
- Chocolate Necessities
- Christine Wasserman
- Chrysalis Inn & Spa
- Chuan Kuzin
- Chuckanut Cheesecake
- Community Boating Center
- Doug's Burgers

THANK YOU

- Elements Hot Yoga
- Fairhaven Runners & Walkers
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- Garden Spot
- Go Forth and Sparkle Artistic Designs
- Hagen
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- Sirena Gelato
- Splitz Grill/Park Bowl
- Stones Throw
- Structures Brewing
- Sue Blackadar
- Summit Trampoline
- Sweet Haven
- The Bagelry
- Unknown Board Shop
- Upfront Theater
- Village Books
- Vital Climbing Gym
- Western Washington Fair
- Westside Pizza Blaine
- Woods Coffee

MISSION & VISION

WCEL's mission is to partner with families to provide high-quality, equitable, and comprehensive therapy and support services to children experiencing developmental delays and/or disabilities.

WCEL's vision is an equitable society where children with disabilities and their families thrive, experience meaningful connections, and have a deep understanding of their strengths and needs.

CHANGEMAKERS

Join WCEL's Monthly Sustaining Membership Program!



CHANGE
MAKERS

For as little as \$10 a month, you can be a WCEL Changemaker! We are looking for a passionate and committed group of monthly donors who share WCEL's vision for *an equitable society where children with disabilities and their families thrive, experience meaningful connections, and have a deep understanding of their strengths and needs.*

Support kids long all year long! Scan the QR code for more info about this program.

