

JUNE 1, 2024



ROARING 20S GALA & AUCTION

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

- 4:30 - 6:00 - Games & Social hour
- 6:15 - Dinner service
- 7:00 - Program with live auction
- 8:00 - Dessert dash
- 9:00 - Thank you and goodnight!

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us this evening!

In the last year, the number of children with disabilities and developmental delays being served by WCEL's early support program grew by more than 20%. This means more than 300 children and their caregivers are receiving services each month, in addition to the hundreds of children and families being served by our early learning program.

The 0-3 age range presents a unique window of opportunity for growth as 85% of brain development occurs in this period. Supports offered to young brains can create enormous positive benefits in a child's future.

Early Support services often produce phenomenal outcomes that cannot be quantified in dollars because they are far more valuable than that, these include higher self-esteem, improved well-being for families, and deeper, more connected relationships between caregivers and their children.

We have focused this year, particularly, on improving our systems to better serve families experiencing language barriers.

We are here tonight to celebrate the impact of this important work and dedicate ourselves to this mission and vision - we cannot do this work without your support!

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

Sincerely,
Sierra James, WCEL Executive Director

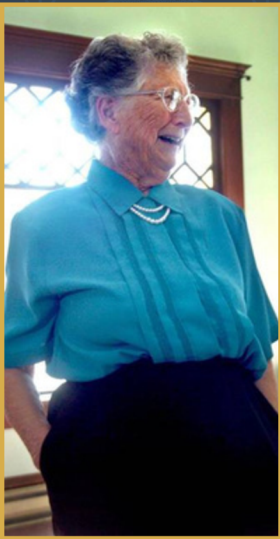
OUR MISSION

WCEL partners with families to provide high-quality, equitable, and comprehensive therapy and support services to children experiencing developmental delays and/or disabilities.

OUR VISION

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.

ANNE BROWN



In 1956, Anne moved to Bellingham with her husband and children. She was hired by the Whatcom County Health Department as a public health nurse, and when the 'Education for All' legislation passed in the early 1970s, Anne helped to create the special education preschool program in our local schools. Her work then turned to focus on children 0-3 years old with disabilities and developmental delays.

Anne's approach was to go into a family's home and sit with the children on the floor, talking with parents, listening to their experiences, and helping them to create strategies to build new skills. That philosophy still resonates in WCEL's programs today.

2023 WCEL STATS

2023 was an amazing year of growth. Here is a glimpse of what our incredible staff provided:

5420

total Early Support visits in
Whatcom County



280

children & families enrolled
in our Early Learning program



300

children & families served monthly
in our Early Support program



177

Early Learning classes offered
across the county



As we celebrate this evening, we invite guests to engage with their tablemates with the question - why is the mission and vision of WCEL important to you?

BECOME A CHANGEMAKER!

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

TUESDAY TUNES

Join us at this free summer concert on the Barkley Village Green featuring Bilongo

August 27, 2024 | 6-8pm

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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GAMES

HEADS OR TAILS – \$25

Classic heads or tails game played during dinner service for those who purchased a blue necklace: last one in the game wins \$500 CASH!

FINDERS KEEPERS – \$10

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

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!

GOLDEN TICKET – \$25

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

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, June 3, 2024 by 5pm.** Receipts will be sent at that time to the email address you provided.
- **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

LIVE AUCTION

#1 - Free Burgers, BLTs, and Reubens for a Year!

Tired of deciding what to have for lunch or dinner? Let us take care of that with this delicious package! Enjoy free burgers for a year from The Filling Station and free BLTs and Reubens from Avenue Bread.

Whether you're in the mood for a great burger, the classic flavors of a Reuben, or the simplicity of a BLT, we've got you covered. Don't miss out on this mouthwatering opportunity to simplify your meal planning and enjoy these tasty treats for an entire year!

Restrictions: Redeemable once per month per item

Package Value: \$471

Donated by: Avenue Bread & The Filling Station

#2 - Fairhaven Retreat

Indulge you and your partner with a delightful staycation in Fairhaven! This luxurious package includes a one-night stay in a Deluxe Full View King room at the Chrysalis Inn & Spa, complete with two 60-minute Swedish massages.

As an added bonus, you'll also receive a \$50 gift card to "It's the Sweet Things" so you can pick up a sweet treat for your evening.

Don't miss the chance to pamper yourself with a staycation experience that will leave you both feeling refreshed and revitalized!

Package Value: \$550

Donated by: Chrysalis Inn & Spa and It's the Sweet Things

LIVE AUCTION

#3 - All Aboard!

Experience the ultimate getaway with this luxurious 7-day oceanview cruise for two to Mexico or the Caribbean!

Indulge in gourmet dining, exciting onboard activities, and stunning ocean views as you cruise to exotic destinations. Whether you choose to explore the vibrant culture of the Mexican Riviera or relax on the pristine beaches of the private island, Half Moon Bay in the Caribbean, this cruise promises to be the trip of a lifetime.

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

#4 - 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

LIVE AUCTION

#5 - Bellingham Festival of Music

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of classical music with these two 2024-2025 season passes to the Bellingham Symphony Orchestra!

Enjoy a series of concerts featuring world-class musicians, inspired performances, and unforgettable musical moments.

Package Value: \$614

Donated by: Bellingham Symphony Orchestra

#6 - Groceries for a Week!

Take the stress out of your grocery shopping with this \$250 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: \$250

Donated by: Haggen



LIVE AUCTION

#7 - Luxe Tropical Getaway for 2

Escape to paradise on a dreamy all-inclusive getaway designed for you and a special someone.

Choose from five exquisite destinations: Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Morelos, Cancún, Mazatlán, or Cozumel in Mexico, and revel in a five-night escape that promises unforgettable moments. From thrilling snorkeling adventures to intimate rooftop bar experiences, indulge in a diverse range of activities, all complemented by delectable meals!



Includes:

- 5-night stay in standard suite in a luxury beach resort
- 1 bedroom & 1 bathroom
- Unlimited food and beverages options, including alcoholic beverages

Restrictions:

- *18 years or older*
- *Blackout dates: Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Years week*
- *Good for 2 years from date of purchase*
- *Resort fees and taxes are not included and vary by location*

Package Value: \$2,500

LIVE AUCTION

#8 - Purple Pizzazz Painting

A collaboration between the children in WCEL's Monday morning class and our Executive Director, Sierra! This one-of-a-kind acrylic on canvas art piece is sure to brighten any room or office - made with tiny hands and lots of heart!

Package Value: Priceless

Donated by: WCEL

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

LIVE AUCTION

#9 - Stock the Cellar

Planning a big summer blowout? Wish to build up your wine collection? We got you covered with this fun selection of wines and local craft beers!

Beer:

Kulshan - Red Cap Red Ale 6-pack
Kulshan - Jamestreet IPA 6-pack
Kulshan - Shucks on the Beach Helles Bock 6-pack
Kulshan - Patio Promenade IPA 6-pack
Kulshan - Premium Lager 12-pack x2
Wander - Litley American Lager 6-pack x2

Wine:

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| 2017 | Michele Chiralò Borolo | \$118 |
| 2019 | Mullan Rd Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon | \$65 |
| 2022 | Champagne Premier Cru Brut Grande Cuvée | \$50 |
| 2020 | L'École No 41 Merlot | \$27 |
| 2021 | Ex Umbris Syrah | \$25 |
| 2019 | Sebastiani Bourbon Barrel Aged Red Wine | \$20 |
| 2021 | Bousquet Organic Malbec | \$18 |
| 2018 | Hogue Cabernet Sauvignon | \$15 x 2 |
| 2021 | The Vincent Board Track Racer Rose | \$15 |
| 2017 | Pra Vinera Reserve Chardonnay | \$12 |
| 2020 | Casa Santos Lima Red Blend Portugal | \$12 x 3 |

Package Value: \$515

Donated by: Kulshan Brewery, Wander Brewery, and WCEL

#10 - Clutter Meets its Match

Organize your playroom, pantry, or closet! Includes an initial one-hour consultation to take specific measurements and understand your home aesthetic.

All materials (containers, labels, and any other physical products for the project) are included, with an additional three hours of labor.

Package Value: \$800

Donated by: Stephany Copeland

LIVE AUCTION

#11 - The Ultimate Date Night

Enjoy an unforgettable evening that combines top-notch entertainment, a luxurious stay, and a gourmet dining experience. Start your night with two (A/B section) tickets to a 2024-2025 show at the iconic Mount Baker Theatre. Choose from a variety of performances that promise to captivate and delight. After the show, unwind with a one-night stay in a stylish studio room at the Hotel Leo. To complete your perfect night out, savor a delicious meal with a \$100 gift card to Carnal. Treat yourself to a night of culture, luxury, and culinary delight in beautiful Bellingham!

Restrictions: *Hotel Leo is valid on stays Sunday-Thursday through June 1, 2025*

Package Value: \$525

Donated by: MTB, Hotel Leo, and Carnal

#12 - Gardener's Delight

Love having a beautiful garden but want someone else to keep it that way? Let Lindsey McGuirk of Weeding Between the Vines do the work! Her hands-on, detailed care will tidy-up your garden so you can enjoy its natural beauty. To add a touch of charm and ambiance, the package also includes a LightKeeper Lantern and a Sensory Garden Planter, perfect for your yard, deck, or porch!

As an added bonus, enjoy a \$50 gift card from the Garden Spot. Use it to purchase plants, tools, or any other garden essentials to make your garden truly unique and beautiful.

Package Value: \$300

Donated By: Lindsey McGuirk, Sue Blackadar, and Allsop Garden

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