Excerpt from the Interim Executive Director's Message:

“A hundred years from now, it will not matter what your bank account balance was, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of car you drove, but the world may be different because you were important in the life of a child.”

This quote originated in a much longer segment entitled “Within My Power – The Power of One Man” written by a gentleman named Forest Witcraft. This sentiment may be even more important today than when it was first published in 1950.

I have often thought about my legacy; what I leave – both tangible and intangible - for future generations. What footprint have I left upon this Earth? Did I leave the world a little bit better than when I entered it?

Thirty five years ago, Old Mill Center was founded on a belief that children live up to their potential and we can grow that potential – with care, consistency, love, and respect. When Beverly Larson passed away in March of 2012, nobody had to wonder about her legacy. Everyday we walk into this beautiful building and can touch Bev’s legacy. Every day I watch young children come into this building and I can see her legacy. Every week, the children participate in an amazing music therapy program and we can hear her legacy.

I recently had the privilege of writing a letter of recommendation for a young man from Corvallis who was applying to medical school. As I reviewed his many accomplishments and prepared to send letters to schools such as Johns Hopkins, the number one medical school in the country, I asked him about growing up in Corvallis. This young man attended pre-school at Old Mill Center. And, in that moment, I truly was able to feel Bev Larson’s legacy.

Community members, partners, and staff have asked me about the future of Old Mill Center for Children and Families. They wonder and worry. In their minds, we are facing major changes. I do not wonder or worry; I see no significant change. Our compass continues to point to the true north set for us by Bev. Our foundation and our history are formed by caring for children and families; our future and our vision is about caring for children and families.

What is my legacy... well, to paraphrase the quote above: “Thirty five years from now, the world may be different because I had the honor to help continue Bev Larson’s dream and legacy”. I look forward to the next thirty-five years with each and every one of you – our children, our families, our volunteers, our staff, our partners, and our donors.

Alissa Craft, DO, MBA
Interim Executive Director
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Relief Nursery: A Year of Success
Child Abuse Prevention Program

Old Mill Center’s Relief Nursery recently celebrated its first anniversary after achieving state accreditation. In our first official year of service we served 79 families. In the first quarter of this year we have already served 67 families. Services include Therapeutic classrooms providing children 2-5 years of age with a nurturing environment focusing on social-emotional support; parent support groups combining mental health and parent education support with childcare provided, home visits, resource and referral assistance, transportation assistance and a resource closet offering access to clothing for children birth-age six, food and things one cannot buy with food stamps, such as diapers, wipes, personal hygiene and cleaning supplies and paper products. While state funding helps support this program, we depend on grants, contracts, donations and fundraising events to fully fund the all-important core services.

While Relief Nursery staff demonstrates daily their passion and belief in this amazing prevention program, it is the testimony of parents receiving services that shows the impact the program makes.

We thank our partners and community members for their support as we fulfill the Relief Nursery mission of keeping children safe while helping to build strong and resilient families.

“Relief Nursery has given me the opportunity for self-care and to complete tasks that are difficult to do with a busy two-year old. It expands the ‘village’ to help raise my child. It helps me be the best I can be.” ~ Relief Nursery Parent

Pre K Classroom: Starker Forest Field Trip
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Jenna Borowski, Relief Nursery; Jordyn Davis, RBV Interventionist; Courtney Denson, Relief Nursery; Tim Glascock, ITS; Joey Elcano, Child & Family Therapy and Sumalathan Bhumireddy, Relief Nursery

Alicia Larson BS Integrated Preschool Co-Teacher
Alissa Craft DO Interim Executive Director
Aubrey Wyant BS Relief Nursery Childcare Infant/Wobbler Lead
Bonnie Smit BS Intensive Treatment Services Program Assistant
Caroline Fisher MD Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist
Cindy Bond MS Relief Nursery Director
Cori Deatherage MS Relief Nursery Child Care Worker
Courtney Denson BS Therapeutic Classrooms Assistant Teacher
David Carter LCSW Clinical Manager
Derek Gale LCP Child & Family Therapist
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Join us for our next Recital: March 10th

“IT’s our support network since we don’t have one with our own families, and our daughter gets to have interactions with kids her own age.”

~ Relief Nursery Parent

Starker Forest Field Trip
Upcoming Events:
October 22nd & 23rd: Pastini Pastaria Dine Out
November 17th: Toy Factory Give Back Night
December 8th: Pictures with Santa
December 10, 11 & 12th: Ruby Tuesday Dine Out

www.oldmillcenter.org for more information

Wish List
- Pull-ups and diapers, sizes 4-6
- Baby formula
- Toilet paper
- Laundry soap/fabric softener sheets
- Dish soap
- Stickers
- New children’s board books
- Children’s books in Spanish
- Coffee
- Large electric tea pot
- Gold/silver tempera paint
- Bird seed (deluxe mix from Wild Bird’s Unlimited)
- Bird bath
- Gift Cards: Book Bin, Fred Meyer, Toy Factory, Garland, Kmart, Amazon, Home Depot, Office Max
- AA & AAA Batteries
- Velcro
- Wall clock
- Gallons of washable tempera paint
- Washable Loveseat Cover (brown, green, or blue)
- Baby changing table
- Changing table sheets
- Bopie pillow/cover
- Baby Swing
- Pack-n-play
- Pack-n-play sheets
- Avent baby bottles & storage bags
- Baby receiving blankets

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