

### **Our Mission**

Old Mill Center for Children and Families is a community-based, family-oriented center helping children of diverse backgrounds maximize their potential through specially designed education and therapy programs.

# **Now Enrolling!**

The preschool at Old Mill Center has been the flagship of our organization and a very special place for almost 32 years. Not only is it a warm and welcoming place for all children and families, it continues to offer a place where children with special needs can be with their typically developing peers, offering diversity, teaching compassion and building the strong social, emotional, cognitive, language, fine, gross and sensory motor skills that enable children to enter kindergarten ready to learn!

This fall we will be offering two half-day classroom experiences. Offering two, three or five-day slots, we are currently enrolling for our 8:00 - 11:00 and 12:00 - 3:00 classes. With highly educated and trained staff, including bilingual staff for Spanish-speaking

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# Biologia Bright Totologia A Message From the Director

...Bev Larson, PhD

### Dear friends,

The past eight months have held much financial anxiety and uncertainty....for most of us. Old Mill Center had not escaped the impacts of the financial "downturn". By February, Old Mill staff had taken five days without pay, executive staff had taken pay cuts in excess of 15%, and three staff had been laid off. We hoped that would take care of our problems.

Alas, it did not! An "Evening for Kids...and All That Jazz", our annual auction, drew the largest crowd ever, but raised \$30,000 less than budgeted. We continue to hold our breath each month regarding making payroll. We wrestle with the financial uncertainties, while staying committed to sustaining the high quality, unique and unduplicated services so vital to children and families in the mid-Willamette valley. We await the final decisions by legislators that will greatly impact OMC services...negatively or positively.

As we move toward completion of the OMC 2009-2010 budget, we see the "light at the end of the tunnel." OMC staff have been actively engaged in the budgeting process and have been amazing contributors. They have offered numerous solid ideas for increasing revenue. They have presented exciting program ideas that will meet the needs of children, teenagers and families and increase revenue. They have offered cost cutting measures that make a difference in the bottom line without reducing program benefits to our families. Staff have worked hard to improve the billing procedures for services such as counseling and speech therapy. We have expanded some programs and reduced others in order to better balance the coming years budget.

Some of the exciting changes include:

- Expansion of Psychiatric Day Treatment program for children, ages 3-6, with serious mental health problems.
- Increase in OMC's ability to bill a wide variety of private insurance companies for counseling and speech therapy.
- Rent office space to another nonprofit whose mission blends with that of OMC.
- Form a partnership with Kidco Headstart in an effort to house two Early Headstart programs at OMC.

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### Coming Soon, The Skinny Pig Out!!

The Skinny Pig Out is a chance to get together with old friends and new to celebrate Old Mill Center and the work that we do for children and families in the community and to honor Thelma "Skinny" Larson, Bev's mom, who volunteered at Old Mill for 28 years and passed away in

2007.

### So Save the Date!! Sunday, August 2nd

From Noon - 3pm this event will feature tours of our facility and Family Fun children's activities like Face Painting, a Scavenger Hunt, Cupcake Walk and More + Hotdogs, Peanuts and Popcorn. From 4 - 7pm will be a Fundraiser BBQ dinner catered by Block 15, dancing at Starker Arts Park with live music by Ray Brassfield and The Lerts, lawn games like Bocce Ball, Create-Your-Own Wine Charms craft tables, a Quilt Raffle and More!

\$40 per person. Call 541-757-8068 for more details.

We hope to see you there!

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### Director's Message

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 Expansion of child psychiatric services to help address unmet needs for psychiatric services in our community.

Cash flow remains a serious concern through October. Staff will once again take five unpaid days through the summer. OMC staff have been amazing! Their patience, loyalty, tenacity, and most of all, their commitment to the mission and work we do brings tears to me at times..... they are an amazing group of professionals!!

"Bloom where you are planted." Old Mill will again being doing just that as we move into the 2009-2010 year!! The help and support of you, our friends and donors, will insure growth and continued success for the children and families in our community. Thank you!

Bev Larson, PhD Executive Director

### Now Enrolling

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families, high adult-to-child ratios, including community volunteers and interns from Oregon State University, field trips, developmental screenings and assessments, developmental handwriting and lots of fun, this preschool experience might be just what you and your child have been searching for!

For more information, please call 757-8068 and ask for Cindy, our Director of Educational Programs.

**Old Mill Center...** "The finest place for all children"



#### Celebratory

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# We're Putting The ''Play' Back In Our Playground

It all began a little over two years ago when Sandy Neubaum's OSU business classes needed a project and developed a marketing strategy for helping Old Mill Center build a new playground. With a lot of ingenuity and hard work, they raised over \$6,000 for the playground fund. Then, at our open house last July, one of our attendees, Irving Dayton, said he wanted to make the playground a reality, and donated \$25,000!

With the completion of the new building expansion and maintenance of quality programming, the playground was temporarily placed on the back burner. But thanks to Sid Lasswell and Dale Ramsay, long-time volunteers, and James Wellington of Northwest Playgrounds, the design has been finalized for a wheel-chair accessible playground. While the money raised previously covers the cost of the playground equipment itself, it does not cover the cost of the excavation, surface preparation and soft tile purchase and installation.

We need your help! Our old play equipment is literally on its "last leg." Our dream is to be able to complete this playground before the wet weather sets in. With a total price tag of nearly \$100,000, we're a third of our way to being able to build a very special playground where all children and adult volunteers can have access and fun.

If you'd like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please call 757-8068, and ask for Lisa, our Director of Development. You can help make the magic happen!



### Wish List

Child size gardening gloves and gardening tools K-1 computer learning software Juicer and food dehydrator Meal donations for Thursday night groups (serving about 55 people) 5 passes to the Benton County Fair for kids New basketballs Like-new loveseats Paper shredders Casting materials for making masks Teen magazines, within the last year A triple (yes, triple!) stroller Grand piano!!!

## **Summer is Here**

... by Amy Rowland, MS, ITS Child & Family Therapist

The children in the ITS classroom have spent the last month looking for signs of summer. Nature walks, farm animals in the classroom, butterflies, and planning our garden plot have added to our excitement of the changing seasons.

The children inquired about birds, "How do they build those nests if they don't have any glue or tape?" Our class set out on a mission to collect twigs, leaves, moss and lichen in an effort to create our own bird nests. The children were inquisitive explorers! Our nest building activity offered a wonderful opportunity to investigate nature's beauty and engage in a truly hands on learning experience.

A special visit from a handful of three week old baby chickens was a real treat. During their visit, the chicks were able to visit the ITS, PreK, and RAFT children. Everyone was delighted at the opportunity to hold the little fluff balls!

Painted Lady butterfly larva arrived and our classroom scientists made observations, recorded data (drawings), and made predictions (hypothesis) about the life cycle of the butterfly. One thing is for certain, we had some very, very hungry caterpillars on our hands!

The Community Garden has offered a unique and enriching experience for our students. As in years past, the children in our classroom plan, prepare, attend to and harvest the fruit and vegetables of their labor. We are lucky to have such eager young minds to keep busy and shout out a "welcome" to the joy the summer sunshine brings!

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# Therapeutic Summer Camp

Interactive Summer Camp is for children with mental health, emotional and/or behavioral needs. Treatment goals for camp will be created with a primary therapist and will be individualized for each client enrolled. Goals may include improving social skills, cognitive flexibility, frustration tolerance or emotional regulation. Small group sizes (5-7 clients).

For children 5-11 years old.

Monday through Friday 9 am to 1 pm. Snack provided. Two different program weeks. Can sign up for one or two weeks. Activities may include: art therapy, group games, cooking, nature hikes, service learning, volunteering or psycho drama.

Minimum of 5 hours a week in interactive group therapy with a Master's Level Therapist.

Please talk with your primary therapist to see if your child is appropriate.

Alpha Weeks: June 15 - 19, July 6 - 10 and August 3 - 7 Beta Weeks: July 20 - 24 and August 17 - 21

To enroll call DeAnna at 757 8068 x 144. \$750 per week. Covered by OHP. Limited scholarships are available so please call early.





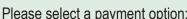
# **Mid-Valley Bicycle Club**

Ron Naasko, a long-time volunteer reported that many of our bicycle helmets were cracked and straps and buckles broken. When asked if there was a way to get replacements, I called Cycletopia and was referred to the Mid-Valley Bicycle Club. Within 48 hours, Nancy from MVBC contacted me and not only arranged to provide helmets for our playground, but for all the preschool children in our center as well. Nancy delivered the helmets and fit them to all our children. The children wrote stories about how bicycle helmets keep children safe for Nancy and demonstrated how, if they ran at each other and butted heads, like rams, the helmets would protect their heads. Just imagine how they'd protect them if they actually fell of their bikes! Thanks, Nancy and members of the Mid-Valley Bicycle Club for all your help and support.

# "Being a child is a hard job," said Joey, age 4. "I don't know how to do it."

Please take this opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child like Joey ...to help make being a child a little easier.

Yes! I will help make a difference.					
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