

# 2017 LOOKING BACK

Letter from the Executive Director

Exciting things are afoot for Holly Ridge Center. Because of you, our ability to serve children and adults within Kitsap and North Mason counties is growing. We are always striving to keep pace with the growing need in our community. We aspire to help each adult and child live life to their fullest potential.

2017 has been full of transformation and progressive change. Holly Ridge Center is engaged in a dynamic capital campaign to raise the necessary funds to expand services to a new Holly Ridge building on Kitsap Way. We are thrilled to have your support and excited to deliver on our promise to serve more families.

As I enter my 28th year as the Executive Director of Holly Ridge Center, I am filled with gratitude as I reflect on the accomplishments of the agency and imagine the future. The investment of our community, partners, donors, educators, therapists, and coaches is overwhelming. We appreciate your support. I look forward to continuing the legacy of Holly Ridge Center and serving each individual in the best way possible.

In gratitude,

Roxan e Bryson

**Executive Director** 

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# LOOKING AHEAD... HOLLY RIDGE CENTER IS GROWING

Holly Ridge Center is growing and our Capital Campaign is well underway! In 2018, through community support and the investment of an angel investor, we have acquired the future home of Holly Ridge Center at 4660 Kitsap Way. As the need for services has grown, direct treatment space has slowly disappeared. In alignment with our three primary goals from our strategic plan we are on our way to success!

- 1: Increase impact in our community by responding to growing demand for services including expansion to serve ages 3 and above.
- 2: Centralize administration for improved communication and efficiencies.
- 3: Improve sustainability by eliminating rent expense to ensure HRC continues to provide services for generations to come.

Please join us in completing a successful campaign to complete the purchase and renovate the building to ensure all children and adults can live to their fullest potential.



To become involved with the campaign:

- 1. Visit our website hollyridge.org
- 2. Schedule a tour
- 3. Volunteer
- 4. Donate @ hollyridge.org

Contact development director Erica Delma, edelma@hollyridge.org

### **IMPACT**

### **EDDIE'S STORY**

Eddie is currently employed with Habitat for Humanity – Kitsap. He started in August 2017. Eddie is always enthusiastic about coming into work and makes sure to greet you with "I'm happy to see you!" When asked what he likes most about his job, Eddie responded, "I like to clean, help others and I like to see all the people I work with".

Eddie's coworkers consistently compliment his work. In the time since Eddie has started at Habit for Humanity, he has shown substantial growth. Eddie always tries to overcome any challenge thrown his way. He has shown much improvement in skills that originally were labeled as too difficult for him. Eddie constantly surprises those around him with his excellent work ethic and ability to always have a smile, even through the hard times.

Eddie is very social and always likes to talk and see how someone's day is going. He works towards and continues to accomplish the goals he has set. When Eddie was asked what he thought about his job, he stated "I love my job!" Eddie would like to continue and grow as an employee with Habitat for Humanity.

"I enjoy working with Eddie for many reasons. My favorite would be that he treats anyone he meets with kindness." - Theresa, Adult Employment Services Community Coach



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

### Holly Ridge Center:

- Is the only certified neurodevelopment center on the Kitsap Peninsula.
- Offers inclusive playgroups throughout Kitsap County at 4 different sites.
- Partners with nonprofit organizations and for profit businesses in order to secure and support meaningful employment for adults with differing abilities.

### **OLIVIA'S STORY**

I first learned about Holly Ridge from my mother, she is a former early childhood educator and was aware of local services. Then, I was referred to Holly Ridge by Olivia's primary care physician when we had her 9 month checkup. We realized that she was far behind on her gross motor skills and seemed weak in her muscles. She even had difficulty sitting up at this age.

Everybody at Holly Ridge Center has been very helpful, caring and supportive. I've been very impressed with all that I've come in contact with and would recommend Holly Ridge to anybody.

The moment that Olivia finally walked on her own without the use of a walker, holding someone's hand or guiding herself along the walls and furniture was a fantastic moment for us. This is what we've been working towards for almost two years! When we first started at Holly Ridge, we thought it would be a simple. few months of therapy to help Olivia catch up to her peers with her gross motor skills, but then finding out that she has a chromosome deletion made the task seem even more difficult to reach.

Olivia is now 2 ½ years old. She LOVES music and sings all of the time. She's a curious child



and really likes to explore the outdoors. We go on walks, hikes and head to the local park, often. Olivia has become more confident as she closes the gross motor gap to her peers. Now that she's able to walk, she's exploring more and becoming more adventurous. She doesn't want to hold our hands anymore and she's even walking up and down the stairs without help. Little Miss Independence has finally arrived!

-Olivia's Mother

**OUR MISSION** is to enable children and adults with differing abilities to reach their fullest potential, creating a positive and lasting impact on the community.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

33%

One-third of children who graduate at 3 years of age no longer need specialized services

8051

More than 8,000 hours of service coordination by Family Resource Coordinators

1347

Hours of Applied Behavioral Analysis therapy provided to children with autism spectrum disorder

101

Over 100 adult clients with differing abilities were supported

#### **INFANT TODDLER PROGRAM**

Early intervention is the key to achieving greater developmental gains for children who are diagnosed with a disability or who have a developmental concern at birth, or very early childhood.

Our neurodevelopmental center provides this important early intervention for children from birth to three years of age who have delays, disabilities or who are medically fragile.

For eligible children, we provide services in family homes and community childcare centers. These are especially important for families with medically fragile children who need assistance and support with daily routines that serve each child's unique physical and emotional needs.

- Kitsap County has the highest rate of children diagnosed with autism of any county in the state of Washington.
- On average, 38% of children in the Infant Toddler Program are military dependents.
- In 2017, Holly Ridge served over 1300 infants and children.





### **ADULT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Holly Ridge Center advocates for adults with differing abilities through a combination of personalized services and community outreach. Through support services for both our clients and their potential employers, we are creating lasting relationships.

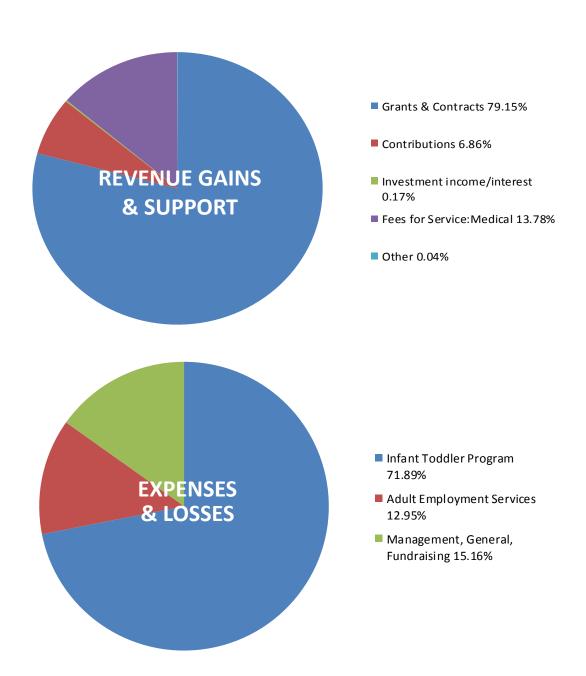
- In 2017, Holly Ridge Center supported over 100 adult clients.
- Services include: job training and placement, employment exploration, vocational assessments, assistive technology, diversity training, and more.

"As a Community Coach, I feel it is my honor to help my clients see that there is a big world out there that is so lucky to have them be a part of it. "

-AES Employment Consultant, Louann Terry

# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Net Gain Over Expenses	\$ 260,166
Total Expenses	\$ 4,501,635
Total Revenue	\$ 4,761,801



# You Put More Possibilities Within Reach

Holly Ridge Center focuses possibilities by delivering community based, individualized, family centered services for children and adults with differing abilities. Donors like you help put more possibilities within reach. With your support, thousands of local families and the infants and adults they love receive support, therapies and guidance each year to reach their full potential and no child is ever turned away regardless of their insurance coverage or ability to pay.

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