



## Does Boyer Children's Clinic Serve the Same Children as it Did Twenty-five Years Ago?

The short answer is "yes" and "no". Let me explain more.

Twenty-five years ago Boyer Children's Clinic (who was then the Spastic Aid Council, Inc.) served primarily children under 13 years old with cerebral palsy. Not all school districts offered preschool programs for children with developmental delays; it was before laws made it mandatory. The physical, occupational and speech therapy available in many school districts was less adequate than it is today. Boyer served preschool children with high therapy needs in full day (5 hour) classrooms. We had a school lunch program and nap time every day. Many older children journeyed to Boyer after school for therapy to supplement what they received at school.



palsy but also with a variety of other developmental or physical delays. In 1977, 95% of the children served had a diagnosis of cerebral palsy; now, only 15% do. In 1977, we incorporated children without delays into our classrooms. Today, more than ever, we provide programs for children who are progressing at a normal rate of development and want to participate in our toddler and preschool classrooms, therapy groups or Baby Gym. Children of differing abilities learn to play and grow together.

On the average, the children we serve now are much younger, with most under 4 years of age. Most children are referred earlier in life, often at a few months of age. Consequently, our programs reflect the needs of infants and

toddlers. Most children are here only 2 hours a day, two to three days per week. Many of the children receive programs in their homes because they are babies who do better at home or are medically complex or dependent upon technology such as ventilators.

Twenty-five years ago only 9% of the children at Boyer were of color; now they number 60 to 80%. Twenty-five years ago more than half of the children came from outside

Seattle; now most of the children served live in the city.

The number of children served has changed dramatically. For direct program services, we are serving twice as many children as in 1977. One factor that has remained constant is the ratio of girls to boys. Then, as now, we serve slightly more boys than girls.

So Boyer Children's Clinic is the same but different. We still have staff with special skills for working with children with cerebral palsy. But staff also has skills for working with many other children as well. We will continue to nurture and build the skills we have, yet fine-tune our services to meet changing community needs.

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*Mona Lee Locke receives her award from Kelly and Lesley Fox.*

## In Appreciation

Decorated with oversized stuffed animals, the Bell Harbor Conference Center provided a warm backdrop for the evening's celebration. Contributing to the atmosphere was KING5 Evening Magazine's Mimi Gan as the Mistress of Ceremony. The Office of the Mayor also participated in the evening's special feeling. Maud

Awards then recognized the many staff, donors, volunteers, and Board of Directors who contribute to Boyer's children and families.

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**B**oyer's 2001 Appreciation Event, entitled "Imagine", asked everyone to imagine the world without Boyer Children's Clinic and to celebrate those who bring Boyer to the community. Guests were asked to imagine just what the world would be like without the hard work of the people behind Boyer.

Daudon, Deputy Mayor and Chief of Staff, officially proclaimed May 9th, 2001 Boyer Children's Clinic Day. The evening's awards began with a very special acknowledgement for Mona Lee Locke. Mrs. Locke, the first lady of Washington, was honored for her outstanding contributions to early childhood development.

### Make a Difference Through the United Way

**D**id you know Boyer is a United Way agency? Since 1968 the United Way and its contributors have played a tremendous role in helping children with developmental delays.

When you make a contribution through the United Way, you can designate your donation for Boyer Children's Clinic. You can also help by telling your friends, family, and co-workers that they too can contribute through the United Way.



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When planning your estate, please consider Boyer Children's Clinic. Bequeathing part of your estate to our tax-deductible organization not only offers tax relief to your heirs, it is also a great way to make sure that an organization you care about will thrive well into the future.

## ***Detlef Schrempf Auction Breaks Record!***

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The eighth annual Detlef Schrempf Celebrity Gala and Auction raised a record breaking \$350,000 with a percentage of proceeds benefitting Boyer, First Place, and Rise n' Shine.

More than 100 contributors helped Boyer procure over \$65,000 worth of auction items. A few of the items included a birthday party with Blitz, the Seattle Seahawk's mascot, a guest visit to the KMTT Mountain Music Lounge, two condo vacations courtesy of Sunterra Pacific, and two

nights accomodation plus golf at Resort Semiahmoo.

Boyer's staff gave a beautiful gift this year, a wood shelf filled with children's books. Books included children's classics such as *The Velveteen Rabbit*, *The Little Engine That Could*, and *Make Way for Ducklings*. The Boyer staff received some special help with their gift from Charles Culver and Liz Jackman. Charles built the shelf by hand and Liz painted it with a fun bigtop and stars theme.

*Thank you Charles and Liz!*

The auction would never succeed without the amazing support of its volunteers. Boyer would like to give a special thanks to our friends who helped make this year an overwhelming success:

*Steven Axford, Skip Dreps, Shana Jackson, Carolyn Kates, Denise Radick, Tristi Sirotzki, Dave Smith, Lorri Templin, Lisa and Curtis Wallace, Margaret Webb, and Jim and Heidi Westling.*

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## Judith Moore Receives Duncan Award

Boyer Executive Director, Judith Moore, was honored as this year's Duncan Award co-winner.

The Duncan Award is named after Dr. William Duncan in honor of his work for infants and children with cerebral palsy and is given to an individual who has had an exemplary career in bettering the lives of people with disabilities, especially cerebral palsy. Presented by Dr. John McLaughlin, the Duncan Seminar Award Chairman at Children's Hospital, and Mona Lee Locke, the first lady of Washington, the award is truly a distinguished honor.

In Judi's 24 years with Boyer Children's Clinic, she has been a dedicated and innovative force working to address the special needs of children with developmental disabilities. Upon learning of her recognition, Judi commented "I am pleased to have been chosen for this prestigious award. This is a tremendous community in which to work. I have met so many inspirational people through my work at Boyer, and I look forward to seeing more



*From L to R, Dr. John McLaughlin, co-winner Mimi Siegel of the Kindering Center, Dr. William Duncan, Mona Lee Locke, and Judith Moore.*

research and development that improves the lives of those with disabilities."

*Congratulations, Judi,  
on an amazing achievement!*

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## The 2001 Outrigger Canoe Regatta

The forecast called for rain, yet it was nothing but sunny smiles as the 2001 Century 21 Outrigger Canoe Regatta hit the water.

Held at Chandler's Cove on Lake Union, 14 teams, two women and two men per canoe, paddled for the title of champion. The final heat was a fierce competition between Fidelity National Title, Sunterra Pacific, Marriott Residence Inn-Redmond, and the Boyer Board of Directors. Battling it out to the very end, the Marriott Residence Inn team took top honors, barely nudging out the Sunterra Pacific team.

Keeping with its Hawaiian theme, the event was not just about outrigger canoes. Participants feasted on pineapple, wore leis, and learned to hula dance. In fact, the Halau Hula O Napualani hula dancers practically stole the show. Teaching the paddlers how to hula, the dancers - including children, put on a fantastic show. After doing a little hula herself, Boyer paddler and teacher Kelli Davis was asked if she plans on participating next year.

She replied enthusiastically, "this is too much fun not to do again."

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*Denise Books, left, of Marriot Residence Inn-Lake Union, learns to hula.*

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Small Bottles of White Glue

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Small See-N-Say Toys w/Levers

Fisher Price or Play School  
Standing Work Bench  
w/Accessories

Dress Up Clothes  
(Firefighter, Doctor, Police, etc.)

20 lb. Bags of Rice,  
Beans (Black, Red)

Kid's Broom & Dustpan w/ Stand

Large Toy Zoo & Farm Animals

Children's Cds or Tapes

Simple Puzzles w/Large Knobs

Magnet Blocks & Bristle Blocks

## Good Luck, Val!

Val Castro always made Tuesdays special. For over 10 years, the children from Val's Preschool participated in Boyer's classrooms. Val and her kids have been an important part of Boyer's inclusive classroom, a classroom where children with developmental delays play and interact with children without developmental delays.

In May, Val moved from the Montlake community to Oregon where she will run another preschool. Before she departed, Boyer staff, together with many current and former Val's Preschool families, honored Val with a farewell party. Participants made contributions that will be used to purchase a bench or other equipment, inscribed with Val's name, for Boyer's playground.

*Thank you Val.  
You will be dearly missed.*

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