SHARING OUR SPACE

Our building was originally designed and constructed in the ‘70s through a wonderful collaboration of support from the Mennonite community regionally and nationally, local volunteers and contractors, and the members themselves of the Eugene Mennonite congregation. At the time, they intentionally planned for more space than they needed, in order to encourage use of the building during the week by other groups. Various nonprofit groups such as Head Start were here over the years, and in September 1994, Wellsprings was warmly welcomed by the Mennonites. Two music groups, the In Accord Community Choir and the Motet Singers, have for many years enjoyed practicing in the wonderful acoustics of the ‘big room’ on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, respectively. When we bought the property last June, we readily assured both groups that could continue to practice here as before.

Sexual Assault Support Services (S.A.S.S.) also uses the building from time to time to offer workshops or a series of classes on Self Defense for girls. Beginning this spring, our fallow (i.e., neglected) organic garden area behind the mod is in the process of being revivified by Huerto de la Familia. Huerto works with Latino families to provide “community integration and economic self-sufficiency by offering opportunities and training in organic gardening and farming and the development of food-based micro-enterprises.” This year two families will have plots here, where they will raise beans and corn.

Wellsprings cares deeply about our responsibility as stewards of this property, and we are eager and pleased to share our space with other nonprofit groups who share with us, each in their own way, a mission of healing and community.

For further information, please go to the following websites:

Aloha!

After her four successful years as a Wellsprings Friends School teacher, we are sad to say goodbye to Eva Brill as she leaves the mainland for Hilo, Hawaii where she will study at the University of Hawaii. Following her passion for interdisciplinary science, she will earn her Master of Science degree in Tropical Conservation, Biology and Environmental Science.

Although we will all miss her, we are grateful for the time she has spent with us and support her in her transition to the next phase of life. Many thanks to Eva for her commitment and dedication over the years and helping us build a strong science program.

Aloha, Eva!
Thank You!

To the many people who have donated time and financial support to the school, we couldn’t do it without you!

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STUDENTS SPEAK

“It’s a community that makes you a better person even when you don’t realize it.”

“I always love Friday activities. Even when we just sit and talk and clean. This community is worth every moment.”

“I’ve felt more love and support here than anywhere else I’ve looked.”

“Thank you guys for giving me a place where I want to graduate and come every day.”

“We should make more days in a week so I can take more of these awesome classes.”

CONGRATULATIONS, YANCEY!
On May 5th, our indefatigable Operations Manager, Yancey DeYoung, was invested by Northwest Christian University with a hard-earned degree as Master of Arts in School Counseling. Yancey spent this past year juggling all her Wellsprings responsibilities while being gone 2 days a week doing a required series of internships at three local public schools. This challenging schedule was the last requirement for her in a program that had her earn 38 credit hours in night and summer classes since 2010. Yancey persevered through it all. And to honor her, we have asked her to honor us by leading the 2012 graduating class as Graduation Marshal on June 16th. Join us if you can, and after congratulating all our seniors, offer a special congratulations to Yancey DeYoung, M.A.

Auction Success!
We are please to report that our “First Annual Online Auction for Education” was a success! Almost 60 people registered for bidding, over 2/3 of items offered were bid on, and the winning bids totaled around $2700. We are grateful to everyone who participated. The names of all companies and individuals who donated items to the auction are listed in a Thank You page on the Wellsprings website.

Help Us End the Year Strong!
The school year will end with Graduation on June 16th, but our fiscal year continues until June 30th, so there is still time to use the enclosed return envelope to send a tax-deductible contribution. This has been a year of amazing progress for us, but due to the death of a long-time, very generous, donor, so far our contributions for the year are below our budgeted need. Please help if you can. All our students and everyone in the Wellsprings community will be grateful for your contribution that helps us continue our work with these wonderful young people. Thank you!

Help Us Stay Green!
As part of our commitment to sustainability:

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Joseph Carbonell
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McKenzie Anderson
Trisha Dai
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Tyler Colling
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