

Northwest Center promotes the **growth, development and independence** of people with disabilities through programs of **education, rehabilitation and work opportunity.**

TOGETHER WE MAKE A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE



Employer of the Month: Savers/Value Village

What is Value Village all about? Most of us know them as one of the largest thrift store chains in the world, with a huge selection of clothing and household items that help save big money. What you may not know is that Value Village is also about opportunities for people with disabilities. We do—we joined

forces with Value Village and its parent company Savers in 1967! Since then, we've collected tons of donated clothing and used the revenue to fund our programs for children and adults with disabilities.

Now Value Village is working with us to hire people with disabilities. After years of offering in-store training opportunities to our clients, Value Village hired a client full-time with benefits. Over the next year, the thrift store chain will hire nine more clients in part-time positions, where they will handle jobs like sorting, pricing, stocking, and cashiering. The goal is to move up in the company and learn skills that apply to any retail setting. Value Village wins by hiring employees that are dedicated and hard-working; our clients win because they have new work opportunities that will help them gain greater independence!

We thank you, Value Village and Savers, for your ongoing support and commitment!



Spotlight: American Teleservices Solutions

If you've ever been a customer (and who hasn't?), you know how frustrating it is to call a business and get a busy signal or an endless voicemail system. Or if you've ever run a business, you know how frustrations like that can directly affect your bottom line.

The answer to this problem is American Teleservices Solutions! Northwest Center's customer call-center provides inbound and outbound phone services to businesses, like booking appointments, taking orders, fundraising, and recruiting - whatever our customers need! We have a staff of highly-trained and professional employees who provide seamless support for every type of business. For more information or a free estimate, contact us at 1-888-289-2870.

Client Spotlight



The Seattle Athletic Club is looking better than ever. Why? Because Sandy is on the job! Since starting work there last March, Sandy has become a hit with members and staff alike. She provides excellent customer service with every task, whether it's cleaning up, maintaining the towel supply or restocking the women's locker room. The Seattle Athletic Club rewarded Sandy for her hard work in September by naming her employee of the month. The best part about Sandy's high-caliber performance is that she has really changed the way staff and members perceive people with disabilities—she continues to open their minds about what people can do and how successful they can be.

Good work, Sandy!



Winter Events Abound at Child Development Program

Parties and field trips and breakfast... Oh my! Our Child Development Program has been alive with winter celebrations over the past few months. In December, we held an annual potluck for the families of kids at the program, and the 150+ attendees were treated to a special singing performance by the preschool students. Family events turned out to be the theme of the season—a breakfast feast in late December was also a hit with the many families who participated.

Our kids were also treated to some special winter field trips. The preschool classes went downtown for a spin on the carousel and they also visited the holiday train at Seattle Center. Both activities brought smiles to kids and staff alike! The kids will be on the move this year, as well. Trips to the aquarium and the zoo—two favorite destinations—are already scheduled!



The Award for Most Holiday Spirit Goes to...

We get help from so many generous volunteers that it's hard for us to pick a stand-out! But for the holiday season, we had to go with Michael for his work at the holiday carousel. Northwest Center was the beneficiary of proceeds from the carousel at Westlake Center, and we coordinated dozens of volunteers to staff the ride for over a month. Enter Michael...

Michael works downtown at Qwest and frequently stopped by the carousel during his breaks and lunch hour to give the volunteers and staff a break. He also worked several four-hour shifts, and even brought his wife to help! He's been doing this for four years, so he's an expert at every job and pitches in wherever he's needed. He says his motivation is seeing riders of all ages light up during the ride. We think they might be lighting up because of Michael's outgoing nature and infectious enthusiasm!



Breakfast Is On Us!

Starting this month, we are inviting members of the community (that means you!) to come to Northwest Center and see first-hand who we are and why we do what we do. Seeing is believing, and we're looking forward to showing visitors how we achieve our mission on a day-to-day basis. Our guests will enjoy a delightful breakfast as they learn about how they can be part of our mission and our vision for the future. Community members are welcome, and there are spots open for the tours each month! If you're interested in attending, call us at 206-378-6379.

Breaking News:

NWC Child Development Program Receives Holiday Surprise

Senator Patty Murray (WA-D) announced last week that Northwest Center will receive significant federal funding in 2008 to accelerate the launch of a new Child Development Program site in King County.

Read more at www.nwcenter.org/Who-News.asp



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