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## Keeping in Touch

Dear Ellen,

Greetings from our new office and resource center!

It's a new year and this is our new format for sending you information.

Looking back on the last year, I am grateful for the opportunity to be involved in getting the GEM Children's Foundation off the ground. By working with community partners we were fortunate to be a part of several projects - ADHD Lecture Series, GEM bookshelf at the CHEC, and ADHD coach training. Information on the projects is posted on our projects page on our website. Click [here](#) to read about the projects.

We are happy to announce that we have received our first major grant from the Ralph Hull Foundation. We also completed a successful Founders Circle fundraising campaign. Thank you to all our [Founders Circle Members](#) and [Donors](#).

Now we are well on our way to a great 2010. We have opened our first leased center space with [Juntos Podemos - Together We Can Family Center](#) and a satellite of [the Swindells Child Disability Resource Center](#). As you can see in the above picture this is a cheerful place, created for

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families, especially for children. We hope that you feel welcome here and that your children can be themselves.

This shared center space is located at **2475 Lancaster Drive NE, Bldg B, Suite 1**. Our front door faces Family Building Blocks on the corner of Wolverine and Lancaster.

Thank you for all your involvement and support. We look forward to a busy 2010.

Please stop by for a visit!

Sincerely,

Ellen Miller  
Interim Executive Director  
GEM Children's Foundation



## Swindell's Satellite Library in Salem

February 2010

In 2008 when we visited the Jean Baton Swindell's Resource Center at the Providence Child Center in Portland we knew that this is what we wanted to have for families in Salem.

We are excited to open the Swindell's Satellite Resource Library at our location at 2475 Lancaster Drive Bulding B Suite 1. The library will be staffed with a Resource Specialist that will assist families and connect them to the information and services they need to assist with their child's care. The Salem Swindells Satellite will provide:

- Connection to web resources [www.providence.org/childcenter](http://www.providence.org/childcenter)
- A Lending library (there would be a core Salem Library, but access to all Swindells Center materials, including videos)
- General use computers with internet connections
- Speaker Events
- Trainings
- My Child's Life Care Notebook and Organizers
- Disability Helpline

The library will be open and ready to provide books to families of

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children with disabilities as well as professionals by the end of February. The library hours will be set in the next couple weeks, but we will have staff ready to help you if you stop by Monday through Thursday.

In the meantime, be sure to go online to see the complete library collection at [www.childdisabilityconnection.org](http://www.childdisabilityconnection.org)

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## A Look Ahead

Please note the following events in 2010:

*We wish to notify of the following events however the GEM Children Foundation does not endorse the views they express or the products/services they offer.*

**February 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday Grand Rounds - ADHD**, 7:15-8:15 a.m., presented by Robin McCoy, M.D. Location: Salem Hospital - Auditorium, For: Physicians and other Medical Professionals, Credits: AAFP - 1.00; AMA1 - 1.00. Free

**February 27<sup>th</sup> - No Child Left Behind Parent Gathering** 9:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. The Salem-Keizer School District and The Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality are sponsoring the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Salem-Keizer Parent Gathering; No Child Left Behind. The event will be held on at McKay High School. It is a gathering for parents to get ideas for supporting their child in school. There is free childcare for ages 2-12, free lunch, and door prizes. Carmen Brodniak Instructional Services 503-399-3258, [brodniak.carmen@salkeiz.k12.or.us](mailto:brodniak.carmen@salkeiz.k12.or.us)

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> - OrPTI "EI/ECSE, IFSP, What Do They Mean?"** 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Willamette ESD, Marion Room, 2611 Pringle Road SE, Salem Oregon 97302. For information, or to register contact Leah Skipworth at [lskipworth@orpti.org](mailto:lskipworth@orpti.org)

**April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> - Addressing Food Sensitivities Associated with Autism - Exploring Gluten and Dairy Free Options**, A series of nutrition classes and cooking demonstrations for caregivers of children with autism. Monday nights 6-8pm at the Community Health Education Center (CHEC) Gehlar Demonstration Kitchen. Space limited contact Ellen at 503-585-4262, [ellen@gemchildren.org](mailto:ellen@gemchildren.org) if you are interested in attending.

**April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> -OrPTI "RISE (Respect, Inspire, Support and Educate Conference"** at the Salem Conference Center. For information see the OrPTI RISE page <http://www.orpti.org/RISE2010.htm> or contact Danielle Bethell at 888-505-2673 ext 105, or email [dbethell@orpti.org](mailto:dbethell@orpti.org)

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