



Keeping In Touch

A legacy of Dr. George E. Miller

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A Look Back at 2010

Families Served Through the Swindells Satellite of Salem.....135

Families Served Through Event and Lecture Sponsorships.....164

Teens Participated in Teen Game Club46

Total Families Served.....345

Received in Grants and Donations.....\$95,265

Awarded Grants and Sponsorship.....\$34,845

GEM Center and Foundation Operations.....\$60,836

Events and Lectures Sponsored in 2010

Swindells Resource Center Satellite in Salem
Lead Agency: Providence Children's Center

Teen Game Club
Partner: Autism Society of Oregon

RISE and Building Futures

Dear Ellen,

Happy New Year from all of us at the GEM Children's Foundation! We are celebrating our accomplishments of 2010 while we are enthusiastically planning activities for 2011!

In 2010 we opened the center we share with Swindells and Juntos Podemos and in only five months we outgrew the space and opened the GEM Foundation office right above in the same building. We hired Jamie Peterson as our Outreach Coordinator and she has done a great job getting to know parents, kids and community partners. In addition, Jamie has spent a significant time applying to grants to support the Swindells Satellite and Teen Game Club. We will continue to support both of these programs and more in 2011.

The GPA (GEM Parent Advisors) are now organized and we look forward to their important role. We're reaching more families, but this is just a beginning. As we plan for more outreach to the community, we expect to see more of our green prescription sheets returned with new families finding the help they need at our center.

We are starting the year with a Strategic Board Retreat where our consultant, Paul Krissel, will lead us in kicking off a feasibility study to analyze our potential and map our future. How does one get from dreams to reality?

Sincerely,

Ellen Miller
Executive Director

Events in 2011

Visit the *New* [GEM Website](#) to keep up with upcoming events at the center and in our community.

Social Opportunities at our Center:

TEEN GAME CLUB



Teen Game Club

(ages 11-19)
January 28th 6-9PM

Conferences

Lead Agency: r.i.s.e. (formerly OrPTI)

Day of the Child

Lead Agency: Juntos Podemos

Nutrition and Autism Class

Partners: CHEC and Lifesource

ADHD Practical Skills Lecture

Partners: Community Connection Network, OCCYSHN, and CHEC

START Training

Lead Agencies: Oregon Pediatric Society and CHEC

"Conversations Surrounding Adolescent Transition"

Partners: Community Connection Network, OCCYSHN, and CHEC

Helping Our Toddlers Developing Our Children's Skills

Lead Agencies: Swindells and Juntos Podemos

"Autism - Come Learn What You Can Do"

Lead Agencies: QiGong Institute and CHEC

Easter Seals Dessert Social

Lead Agency: Easter Seals Child Therapy Center of Salem

Thanks Sponsors!

A Special Thank You to the sponsors of our First Annual Holiday Party:

COSTCO

Fred Meyer

Check out some of our pictures:



NEW Stay tuned for more information!

Kids Game Club

(ages 6-10)

Sensory Play Group

(ages 18months- 5years)



**Swindells Child Disability Resource Center
2011 Speaker Series**

Practical Use of Sensory Integration



Britt Collins M.S., OTR/L has worked tirelessly on OT and Sensory Integration awareness, research and application. She is considered a leader in the SID field and has presented nationwide.

Saturday, January 22, 2011 10-noon
Sensory Integration - The Basics and Beyond

Saturday, February 5, 2011 10-noon
Roadmap to Diagnosis and Treatment without Getting Lost

Saturday, February 26, 2011 10-noon
Therapies, Movement, Sleep and Diet - They All Work Together

Location:
Salem Hospital Community Health Education Center

Childcare provided on a first-come-first serve basis.
Call 503-585-4292 with questions.

To register please go to: www.childdisabilityconnection.org



Check Out Our NEW Website!



THANKS to all the Families and Volunteers that came to visit and helped us decorate our tree!

GEM Children's Foundation
For the benefit of children with special needs and their families

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Swindells Center of Salem

Practical Use of Sensory Integration (for parents)
SATURDAYS - JANUARY 22ND, FEBRUARY 5, AND FEBRUARY 26TH, 10AM - 12PM

Parent Resource Group
2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH, 11AM-1PM, 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS OF THE MONTH, 11AM-1PM

Swindells Satellite
MORE ABOUT THE SWINDELLS CHILD DISABILITY RESOURCE....

Community Events

Parent Support Group Meeting (Juntos Podemos – Together We Can Family Center)
FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6:30-8:30 P.M, 4455 SILVERTON RD, NE, SALEM, OR

Parents Night Out (Easter Seals Child Therapy Center)
JANUARY 14TH, FEBRUARY 11TH, MARCH 11TH 2011, 6:30PM-10:30PM, 290 MOYER LANE NW, SALEM, OR

IFSP, EI, ECSE...What Do They Mean? (OrPTI – r.i.s.e.)
SATURDAY JANUARY 15TH, 2011, 10AM TO 12PM, WILLAMETTE ESD

GEM Resource Library Available at the CHEC

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Help us fulfill our mission

Apply for a grant up to \$1500 from GEM
Download Application (PDF)

Contact Us
LOCATION: 2475 Lancaster Dr. NE, Building B, Suite 1, Salem, OR 97305
PHONE: 503-585-4292

Looking For Something?

Visit www.gemchildren.org for new features:

- On our homepage: specific area listing Swindells activities at the GEM Center and community events
- Our grant application is now available and can be downloaded directly from the website
- Our About Us page is now updated where you can learn more about our board members and staff
- Links to share information from the GEM website via social media sites

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