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CHILDREN'S VILLAGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Children sitting in the dental chairs at Children's Village watch in awe out the windows as dump trucks come and go and workers busily prepare the building for expansion. Foundations are laid, beams have been lifted into place and framing has begun; the smell of progress hangs sweetly in the air.

Construction is in full swing at Children's Village with the foundation being laid on the south side of the building making room for additional speech, occupational and physical therapy rooms.



The north side of the building, which will house additional pediatric medical specialty exam areas and pediatric dental treatment rooms, is also under construction.

"Huge kudos to KDF Architecture and Moen Construction," Children's Village Executive Director, Diane Patterson said. "They are making it seamless for children and families to continue receiving services while making it fun for them to watch the progress being made.

Not to mention, their incredible artistic talent and attention to detail. We are so thankful for all their hard work and dedication."

Children's Village will remodel or expand 17,000 square feet, taking the Village from 24,645 to 37,745 square feet. In the ten years Children's Village has been open, service to children has more than tripled and the need is only expected to grow.

"Phase one of four is nearly complete for our expansion," Patterson said. "Work has just begun on the Collaborative Training Classroom and we are thrilled to witness our building grow."

"As of this month, \$4.2 million has been raised of the \$8 million needed to complete construction and we couldn't be more pleased," said Kellie Connaughton, Director of the Children's Village Capital Campaign.

"The April groundbreaking ceremony was a huge success in that it generated tremendous interest and support from the community," Connaughton said. "This summer has been a busy season for us as we are currently looking for 200 individuals to donate \$5,000 each with the goal of raising \$1 million. We are well on our way with 10 donors generously supporting us."

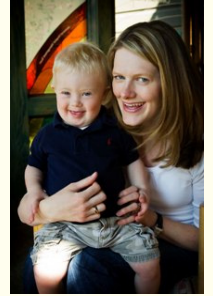


VILLAGE TEAMWORK HELPS CHARLIE DEVELOP

Charlie Hodge was just 3-weeks-old when he first came to Children's Village for an evaluation. Nearly two years later, Charlie is a thriving and active little boy who loves to learn and explore.

Born with Down Syndrome, Charlie's parents, Alex and Libby did exhaustive research to ensure Charlie received the very best services right from the beginning.

"We are lucky in this community to have a resource for services under one roof," Libby Hodge said. "All of Charlie's therapists communicate with each other and they share the same goal, which is our goal: help Charlie be the very best Charlie he can be."



The Children's Village Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Program provides early intervention services such as developmental screening, evaluation, and on-going assessments performed by physical, occupational, and speech therapists and family resource coordination to meet the needs of eligible children age birth to three living in Yakima County.

Services can be provided in the home or at Children's Village. Charlie comes to the Village every week for physical and occupational therapy. Up until a few months ago, therapy was done in the Hodge's home. Charlie also receives monthly speech therapy and a bi-weekly visit from Children's Village educator Chris Medina.

"Whether it's providing me with information or encouragement on new games and activities or watching Charlie navigate the ball pit for the first time, everyone is working together as a team," Hodge said. "The team approach ensures everyone is on the same page when it comes to Charlie's needs and it is amazing to watch him develop."

GIVING BACK IS VITAL TO ARGUS

With a goal to raise \$8 million, the outpouring and generosity from our community is making it possible for the Children's Village expansion project to move forward on schedule.

One of those donors is Argus Insurance, a long-time supporter of Children's Village, who is making an additional investment in improving the lives of children and families in our community with a leadership donation towards the expansion project.

"We recognize the importance of Children's Village as a powerful local resource for children and families and we are proud to be part of its growth and expansion," President of Argus Insurance, Alan Cottle said. "Giving back is a vital part of the corporate culture at Argus, and it is certainly not a reach to see the "fit" between our company and quality care."

When Children's Village opened its doors over 10 years ago, just under 1,000 children were being served. Today, nearly 4,000 children and families walk through the doors at Children's Village with the expectation those numbers will double over the next several years.

It is with the support of businesses like Argus Insurance that Children's Village can ensure every child who needs services, such as speech, physical and occupational therapy, specialty medical services, or resources such as family support groups, gets what they need when they need it.

"Argus is pleased to be part of something that provides high quality resources and has such a positive impact locally," Cottle said.

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