

5 Decades of Caring

Celebrating 40 years, Clark Care and Development changed its name to Innovative Services NW. Three signature fundraising events, Care Cup, Caring Heart and Care Affair helped us increase public awareness and tell our story throughout the next decade. In 2006, the Transitions foster care program was established and the Adult Day Health Center was acquired. A successful \$7.3 million capital campaign resulted in all Innovative programs moving into the Mary Firstenburg Family Center in 2008, where we could offer a continuum of services from birth to end of life under one roof.



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Agency gives awards, changes name

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 Following the first-ever Caring Heart Awards on Saturday, the Clark Care and Development Center will be known as Innovative Services NW.
 "It more clearly defines how we view ourselves," said Michael Wilson, development director of the agency. In front of an audience of 220, the new name of the 40-year-old agency was unveiled. The organization provides therapy to children from birth to 18 years old as well as services to adults with developmental disabilities. A crisis nursery, called

Caring Connections, is also operated by the organization.
 Eight awards were also presented to recognize those in the community who have provided support to the agency and its clients. A surprise ninth award, the Vancouver Hometown USA Special Inaugural Caring Heart Award, was presented to Mayor Royce Pollard.
 "Royce was genuinely at a loss for words," Wilson said. While not primarily a fundraiser, the event did result in \$11,000 in revenues that will go back to the agency's programs.



INNOVATIVE SERVICES NW
Nonprofit raising funds for new center

82.2 million already raised to build family services facility

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 Innovative Services NW is celebrating the grand opening of its new facility at 9414 N.E. Fourth Plain Road. The building, which cost \$7.3 million to build, will house the agency's day care, adult day care, and family services programs. The new facility is a state-of-the-art building with a modern design and a variety of services for children and adults. The agency has been operating since 1963 and has a long history of providing care and support to the community. The new facility will allow the agency to better serve its clients and provide a continuum of services from birth to end of life under one roof.



\$195,000 grant to benefit teens in foster care

By KELLY ADAMS
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Innovative Services NW has received a \$195,000 grant to help foster children.

The two-year grant comes from the Andrus Family Fund operating as part of the Surdna Foundation of New York. The money will fund a series of workshops for 16- to 19-year-olds in foster care. It will also provide individualized case management for those teens.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, only half of foster children were high school graduates within two to four years of leaving the system.

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Life/Neighbors
 In your neighborhood

Van Mall: Innovative Services NW on Sept. 19 celebrated the grand opening of its new facility at 9414 N.E. Fourth Plain Road. Called the Mary Firstenburg Family Center in honor of the family that donated \$1 million to the capital campaign, the new building will help the 43-year-old local nonprofit continue to serve more than 750 children, adults, and families with disabilities and other disadvantages.

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A sculpture called "Journey of Hope" by Jim Demetrio and his daughters, Christina Demetrio, was unveiled during the opening as well as the Zoe English Memorial Playground.

Clark County and the region
Adult day-care center gets new leadership

Agency hopes change will boost billing program

Clark County's new adult day-care center will be a major step in providing services to the region's aging population. The new center will be located in the Mary Firstenburg Family Center and will provide a continuum of services from birth to end of life under one roof.



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