

## Volunteers Bring Smiles

45th Street  
Bailey Gatzert Elementary  
Ballard Homeless Clinic at  
Nyer Urness House  
Central District  
Chief Sealth International  
High School  
Columbia City  
Dearborn Park International  
School  
Denny International Middle  
School  
Georgetown  
Greenwood  
High Point  
Highland Park Elementary  
Homeless Youth Clinic at  
45th Street  
Lake City  
Madison Middle School  
McDermott Place  
Mercer Middle School  
Meridian  
Pike Place Market  
Rainier Beach  
Roosevelt high School  
Roxhill Elementary  
St. Vincent de Paul –  
Aurora  
Van Asselt Elementary  
West Seattle Elementary  
West Seattle High School



Neighborcare Health celebrated National Children’s Dental Health Month with the help of some talented young volunteers. Two teams of 9th and 10th grade students from Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart dedicated four half-days of school to volunteering at our High Point and Rainier Beach Clinics. Activities were coordinated and directed by our own team of AmeriCorps members.

The High Point team created dental health games to engage young people seated in the waiting room. These included an egg carton flossing game, a *sugar board* display that visually demonstrates sugar content of common beverages, and a “Why Do I Brush?” display board.

At Rainier Beach the team set-up a prize wheel inspiring children to answer healthy dental behavior trivia questions.

Other activities included a board game that highlighted the amount of sugar in various everyday drinks, and a raffle for two free gift cards from Bike Works and free swimming passes to the Rainier Beach Pool.

The volunteers’ presence and enthusiasm transformed what can be an intimidating dental health visit into an inviting learning experience. AmeriCorps member Shahin Mortazavi says “Collaborations such as this are not only a great way of exposing young adults to health disparities in our communities but also a great way to promote a culture of service at a young age. **One of the volunteers mentioned that these four half days has convinced her to pursue dentistry.** It is very exciting for me to hear that volunteering can have such a big impact on their future and the future of the patients that they serve.” We want to offer a huge THANK YOU to Forest Ridge volunteers Christina, Tatum, Serena, Linda, Catherine, Rachel, Therese, Colleen and Linda!

One of our two Lindas, an international student at Forest Ridge, wrote to say “I really enjoyed the days that we worked at the clinic. This is my first time volunteering in the US. You helped me and taught me a lot of new things. This is a community service, and I know more about the society. I had fun learning dental health knowledge while playing with the kids. It’s a great trip and cool experience. Thank you!”

Thanks also to Bike Works for donating gift cards, and City of Seattle Parks and Recreation for pool passes. It’s always a good day to see people come together to support children in our community!



# Keeping Pace with the Meridian Center for Health



Construction on the Meridian Center for Health is moving right along, and so is the campaign to fund the \$22.5 million project.

Our goal for funding from private sources (individuals, corporations and foundations) is \$2 million, and in March of this year that campaign hit the half-way mark, passing the \$1 million milestone at a healthy pace.

We're on track to complete the project, and the campaign, by year end. If you'd like to learn more about the Meridian Center for Health, please contact Elizabeth List at 206-548-3264.

Thank you once more to those who have committed their support for the project. Here's our honor roll of gifts and pledges at \$1,000+

## **\$5,000,000**

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Thanks to the 181 donors who gave at under the \$1,000 level.

If your gift to the Meridian Center for Health is not recognized properly please contact Elizabeth List at 206-548-3264 or [elizabethl@neighborcare.org](mailto:elizabethl@neighborcare.org)





# Spring Dinner

## Be There for the Spring Dinner

Whenever there is a healthcare challenge for low-income families and individuals in the communities we serve, Neighborcare Health does its utmost to step and be there.

We hope you'll be there to celebrate at our annual Spring Dinner, on Wednesday, **May 6th** Neighborcare Health at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI).

Tickets can be reserved online at [www.neighborcare.org](http://www.neighborcare.org), and with only 350 seats they sell out quickly – so please register today.

**Thank you to our sponsors!**



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The mission of Neighborcare Health is to provide comprehensive health care to families and individuals who have difficulty accessing care, respond with sensitivity to the needs of our culturally diverse patients, and advocate and work with others to improve the overall health status of the communities we serve.

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The Seattle Foundation's **GiveBIG** is a one-day, online charitable giving event to inspire people to give generously to nonprofit organizations who make our region a healthier and more vital place to live.

Each donation made on The Seattle Foundation's website between midnight and midnight (Pacific Daylight Time) on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, will receive a prorated portion of the matching funds.

Donors will be eligible for random drawings for Golden Tickets, which include an extra **\$1,000** for the recipient of the Golden Ticket winner's contribution!

**To Make Your GiveBIG donation on Tuesday May 5th go to [www.neighborcare.org](http://www.neighborcare.org) and click the GiveBIG image, or search for Neighborcare Health at [www.seattlefoundation.org](http://www.seattlefoundation.org).**

**See inside to learn about our fabulous Spring Dinner on May 6th!**

To make a gift to provide health care to those who have difficulty accessing care, send your donation in the enclosed envelope, call us at 206.548.3260, or donate online at [www.neighborcare.org](http://www.neighborcare.org).