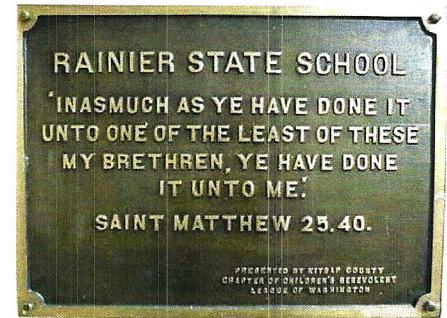




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## FRIENDS OF RAINIER SPRING NEWS LETTER 2016

**PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:** Spring at Rainier School is abloom with an abundance of activity to report on. Resident activities are being added through The Rainier Arts Center. Additional activities include the upcoming First Annual Fashion show, sustainability programs, and frequent off campus interactions. FOR has been working closely with Rainier Staff to support their efforts to further enhance the lives of our loved ones at Rainier School.

FOR supports Action DD's efforts as the political entity in the RHC coalition and has contributed as per guidelines of their newly established 501(C)(4) status. We encourage individuals to contribute directly to Action DD to help ongoing lobbying efforts – having a presence and voice in Washington's Legislature is critical to maintaining our RHCs as a vital part of the overall Continuum of Care for Washington's DD residents.

A Forest Management plan is being developed on DD Trust land adjacent to Rainier School. A presenter from the State will provide additional details pertaining to the planning and implementation of this timber harvest plan.

Please join us at our next general membership meeting on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30AM – 1:00PM in the Bill Leonard Room. We can discuss these topics further and provide any updates. We will be joined by a number of presenters to provide further insight regarding these topics.

**KING 5 SUSANNAH FRAME RESPONSE:** FOR has joined with our Allies to sponsor the development of a video that is professionally produced and targeted to convey the Message that RHCs are a Vital part of the Continuum of Care. Come see the video and learn more about the RHC Coalition's public relations strategy and what you can do to add to the discussion.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** The budget process is being worked out in Olympia at the time of this Newsletter's writing. A legislative update will be provided at the FOR meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**RAINIER ART CENTER OPEN HOUSE:** An Open House will be held at the Rainier Arts Center immediately following the FOR general membership meeting. Come see art projects sponsored by the Pierce County Arts commission and other art works that residents have created. Rainier staff members have a number of additional projects in the works such as the upcoming Fashion show, an environmentally designed rain garden, and a Mandela display of art works.

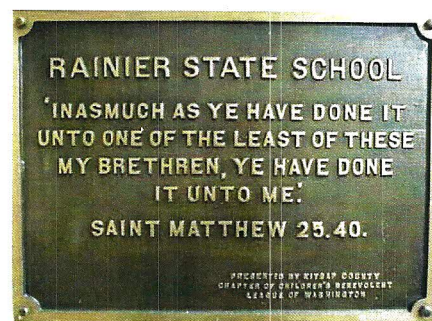


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#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- Fashion show scheduled for Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:30PM – 3:30PM
- Rainier Arts Center Open House March 20<sup>th</sup> after FOR meeting

**WEBSITE UPGRADE :** Visit our upgraded website [www.friendsofrainier.org](http://www.friendsofrainier.org)

We are working to add additional content and resources. Donations can now be made through the PayPal function on FOR's website.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS:** A big thank you to all FOR members who have volunteered to take on a job and a responsibility as well as all of those who have pitched in to be involved in FOR events.

**GRATEFUL TO STAFF:** FOR is grateful to staff members and administration of Rainier School for all they do every day for residents of Rainier School.

#### **NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SUNDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 11:30AM – 1:00PM BILL LEONARD ROOM, RAINIER CAMPUS**