

## Two welcome new additions to the Kids Co. Family

In June, Kids Co. received the happy news that **two Seattle Public Schools, John Muir Elementary and Queen Anne Elementary**, selected Kids Co. to be their onsite child care provider beginning this fall. These new additions to the Kids Co. family follow the opening of Kids Co. at McDonald last winter and bring the total number of Kids Co. child care centers up to ten.

The new sites are anticipated to increase the number of children Kids Co. cares for each year to 1,200, up from 1,000 the previous year. "This is an exciting period of growth for us," Jennifer Cooke, Director of Programs shared. "Our vision has been to increase the footprint of Kids Co.'s high quality child care operations in the area and serve more families. Without question, we are pleased by this turn of events."

Seattle Public Schools select child care providers through a competitive process. Each school convenes a selection committee to review applications, check references, and conduct interviews and site visits. The whole process, from the request for proposals to the announcement of the selection, is accomplished at a very rapid pace, often in the span of a little more than a month.

Kids Co. at John Muir and Kids Co. at Queen Anne will offer before and after school programs and summer day camp. Down the road, Kids Co. at John Muir may add a preschool track, too.



## The $\pi$ of Play: the FY'10 Annual Report

Heading into Kids Co.'s 23rd year, you think it would be relatively easy to describe just exactly what high quality child care is and does. However, describing it is anything but easy. "We," meaning the field and those who study it, are beginning to see that the benefits of high quality child care reverberate throughout life.

We are finding that the full impact of the quality child care experience is not measured in days, weeks, months, or even in years, but in decades. High quality child care affects a child's entire life. This "bigness" makes it difficult to describe, infinitely so when one takes into account the constellation of relationships that surround every life that are also impacted by it.

We call this "The  $\pi$  of Play," the theme of Kids Co.'s FY'10 annual report, and it is profound and powerful. I invite you to check out the stories in Kids Co.'s FY'10 annual report and see what we mean.

Warmly,

**Susan R. Brown**  
Kids Co. President and CEO



**P.S.** You will find the report at [www.kidscompany.org/sharing/ways-to-share-and-support](http://www.kidscompany.org/sharing/ways-to-share-and-support).

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# Meet the new program directors



Patrick Russell

**Patrick Russell** is the program director at **Kids Co. at Queen Anne**. A seasoned child care professional who knows the Queen Anne community well, Patrick was promoted into this position after a successful, five-year run as assistant program director at Kids Co. at John Hay. In his off-hours, Patrick is a working artist whose mediums are painting, jewelry- making, woodcarving, and mosaics.



Josh Sadow-Hasenberg

**Kids Co. at John Muir's** program director, **Josh Sadow-Hasenberg**, is new to the organization. Josh comes to Kids Co. having recently served as a site director for New Futures, an area nonprofit dedicated to helping children succeed in school and in life. Josh holds a Master of Arts in Public Affairs from the Evans School of Public Affairs and a Master of Arts in International Studies from the Jackson School of International Studies, both at the University of Washington, and he is English/ Arabic bilingual.

## ★ Come see the new sites! ★

Kids Co. at John Muir will be available to tour the evening of the John Muir Elementary Family Potluck Picnic on **Saturday, August 20th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** and will also participate in a mini-open house on **Tuesday, September 6th from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Kids Co. at Queen Anne Elementary will be available to tour the evening of the Queen Anne Elementary Potluck Picnic the evening of **September 1st, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

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## YES, KIDS CO. IS "THAT" OLD:

Kids Co. Alum Jake Bridge marries Roxie Kritzer (now Roxie Bridge!)



Kids Co. has reached a special point in its life, the point at which its alumni is now old enough to marry! On July 10th, Kids Co. at John Hay alum Jake Bridge married Roxie Kritzer in a ceremony on Whidbey Island. Jake, the son of Kids Co. supporter Rabbi Dan Bridge and the nephew of Kids Co. board member Jon Bridge, attended Kids Co. at John Hay during the early 90s. In two years when he graduates from the Washington State University School of Veterinary Medicine, Jake and Roxie, an attorney, hope to establish careers somewhere in the Pacific Northwest. What Kids Co. memories continue to linger with Jake?

*"Some of my best Kids Co. memories are playing kickball on the playground, the occasional field trip to the Queen Anne swimming pool, lots of delicious after school snacks, and amazing and fun counselors. I met some of my best friends at Kids Co., many of whom attended my wedding, and a couple were even my groomsmen...while in high school I filled in as a counselor on a couple of occasions when my friend Matt Reyes was working at the Queen Anne location over the summer. All in all, my time at Kids Co. was an extremely positive experience and played a huge role in my upbringing."*

# Scuttlebutt of the very best kind...



Ray Blakeney

**A HEARTY WELCOME** to **Ray Blakeney** and **John Hoverson**, the latest additions to Kids Co.'s Board of Directors. Ray is a program recruiting manager for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He serves on the boards of the Girls Scouts of Western Washington, College Access Now, and University of Dayton's National Alumni Association. John is the CFO of Washington Liftruck. He presently serves on the Washington Athletic Club board and has served on Holy Names Academy and Our Lady of Fatima School boards. It is nice to have you join us, gentleman!



Monica Turley



Jackie Quitugua

**SPEAKING OF WELCOMES.** **Monica Turley** is the new program director at Kids Co. at Adams. A Spokane-area transplant with 10 years of experience in the field, Monica holds a B.A. degree from Eastern Washington University in Early Children's Studies and Psychology. We also welcome **Jackie Quitugua** ("kit-two-gwa") who was promoted to assistant director at Kids Co. at John Hay. Jackie has been a popular teacher with Kids Co. at John Hay for five years.

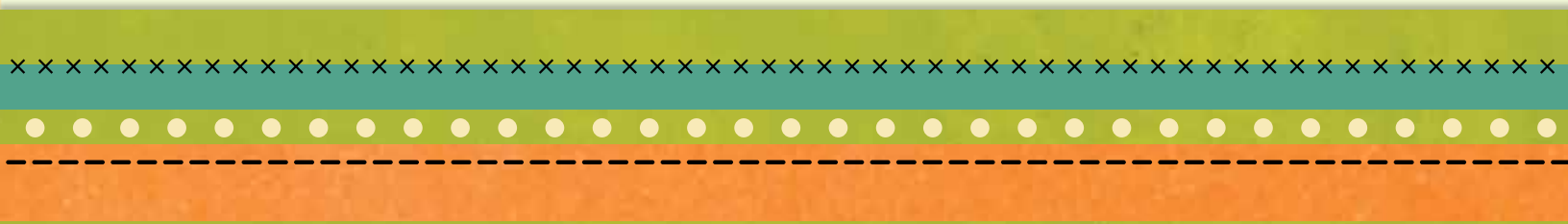


**A STANDING "O"** for Kids Co. which was awarded the "Best in America" seal by Independent Charities of America and Local Independent Charities of America. Of the more than one million nonprofits operating in the United States today, fewer than 2,000 are awarded this seal; Kids Co. is one.



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**AND ANOTHER STANDING "O"** for the Kids Co. at John Hay leadership team, headed by Nikki Bautista, whose after school program is now accredited the Council on Accreditation. Good job!



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## Seattle Firemen pay a visit: 2011 Summer Day Camp at Kids Co. at Graham Hill

