

Jumping Mouse Journal

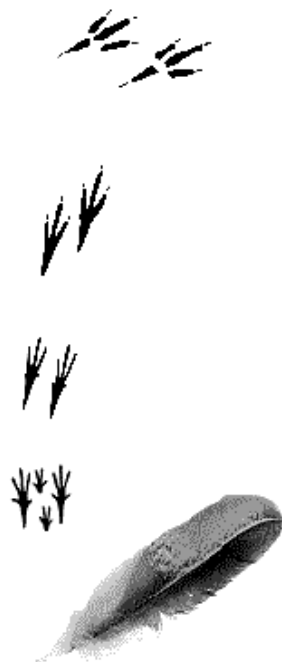
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Jumping Mouse Children's Center

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Who's Who?

JMCC Executive Director:
Dott Kelly

JMCC Assistant Director:
Catharine Robinson

JMCC Volunteer Staff:
Anita Fraser

Board President, Rotary Liaison:
Lloyd W. Cahoon

Board Vice-President
Randy Pendergrass

Board Secretary/ Treasurer:
Janel Carlson

Board Members
Henry Souza
Ernie Baird

Staff Therapists:
Dott Kelly, Catharine Robinson,
Anita Fraser

Interns:
Jay Prospal, Sue Grant,,
Linda Stranahan

Mission Statement

The mission of Jumping Mouse Children's Center is to provide a creative therapy environment for children and their families: starting from the place of the child, to help each child be understood, to increase resilience, to change family patterns, and to help the child reconnect in healthy ways in his or her life; and to teach the therapy model to those whose lives children touch.

The Director's Report

Jumping Mouse caretakers have set into motion a whole new leap in growth, tasks, and faith! You may have noticed our sign is up and work has begun on the house. JMCC will move in sometime in early 2005. Volunteers have been relentlessly offering their help on both of our projects—to work on the house renovation and to help us in our first coupon fundraiser. Some of you have called and offered to help paint, move us, dry wall. Others have been collecting and sorting coupons. Thank you. Your names are in our pockets!

The Rotary Club of Port Townsend has continued to carry us along. At this point in time they are our hands and feet, doing so much critical labor in support of the heart of our program. Thank you to the Rotary members; you are the adopted aunts, uncles, and grandparents of the children we serve.

People ask me all the time: "Are there really that many children in need in our community?" The answer is Yes, and growing. We are turning away at least 1 child for every 2 we serve. Our commitment to expand our services is timely as the families we have to turn away are increasing. Our new location, next door to Grant Street and its programs, will enhance the partnerships we have forged together.

This fall, we have two new interns in our program. Jay Prospal and Sue Grant are now fully engaged in serving families—Jay comes from Bothell and Sue from Tacoma. I am constantly grateful that we are able to attract such capable individuals who are willing to commute to our agency. Our internship program enables us to serve more children at one-fourth the cost it takes in typical agencies.

As we approach the holiday season, it's an auspicious time to thank all of you who carry our children along. Continuing to thrive as we become able to serve half again the children we currently serve, demands the partnership of many community people. You're it, and I thank you.

Sincerely,

Dott Kelly

Dott Kelly
Executive Director
Jumping Mouse Children's Center

Welcome New Board Members!

Henry Souza & Ernie Baird

The following poem was written by a 9 year old girl who was strengthening her own ability to apply her sensitivities to others.

The world is a song
and so are you.
Everything is a song.
The coyotes sing.
The wolfs howl.
The birds tweet.
The nature sings every day.

When nature is asleep
the moon comes out
and starts to sing.
It sings the children to sleep.
You can always hear it
no matter what.
It's a season of wonder and delight.
Kids awake and the sun comes out.
Nature sings again
and again and again.
Everything sings again.

Everyone is a song,
Even I, but that doesn't mean
we're all singing.
We all have our own way.



Jumping Mouse volunteers Barbara Clarke and Randy Pendergrass "sticking coupons" at Safeway.

Call For Volunteers

- Job:** Create New Home For
Jumping Mouse
- Location:** 1809 Sheridan
- Who:** Those with construction
skills (includes the ability to
work hard).
- Why:** We can serve more children
in need (20-40 additional
visits per week!!)

Contact: Ernie Baird, 301-5812

**For more information and current updates on all Jumping Mouse projects
visit us on the web at: www.jumpingmouse.org**

Dear Friends of Jumping Mouse,

The holidays approach us, with visions of Thanksgiving celebrated with friends and family, followed by Hanukkah, the Winter Solstice, and Christmas celebrations.

During this period, the staff and Board of Jumping Mouse will be busy with two major projects—remodeling our future home at 1809 Sheridan Street in Port Townsend and conducting our first, and aggressive, coupon fundraiser at the Port Townsend Safeway.

I primarily address the Safeway coupon fundraiser. Many volunteers and staff have been very busy collecting, cutting, and sorting coupons to make placing the coupons on the products at Safeway more efficient for our volunteer teams. The campaign runs from November 15 to December 31. The Safeway customer has the option—which we hope they exercise—of taking the coupon from the product, which we provide, and redeeming it at checkout as a donation to Jumping Mouse.

You have supported us in the past in many ways. Here is how you can help now:

- 1 Gather manufacturer's coupons for products sold at Safeway, and call Jumping Mouse at 379-5109 or me at 385-6009 to arrange a pickup.
- 2 Volunteer for our final "official" coupon sorting party scheduled for December 2 in the Marina Room at Point Hudson (in the same building as the Shanghai Restaurant). We also have smaller work parties which may suit you better. Again, contact Dott at JMCC or myself.
- 3 Volunteer for duty affixing the coupons to products at Safeway between 7:00PM and 9:00PM from November 16 to December 31. We will be doing this every night and you are most welcome to help. Again, call us to volunteer.
- 4 And most of all, **shop** at Safeway between November 16 and December 31, **look** for the JMCC label plus the coupon on products, and **redeem** them for the benefit of Jumping Mouse.

This is our most ambitious fundraiser ever and really stretches our relatively small band of volunteers. Your efforts in any of the options offered above will help make this a success. And the success in this case is measured by our being able to serve more children and their families with quality care.

Sincerely,

Lloyd W. Cahoon

President, Board of Directors
Jumping Mouse Children's Center



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Why Jumping Mouse?

The name comes from a Native American legend of a small creature that dreams of a new way. He journeys beyond the familiar world, mastering challenges with compassion and an awareness of his own limitations. In the process, he discovers his strengths and is transformed into an Eagle. Like the myth, our Center is devoted to offering tools that assist each child in meeting the challenges of daily life.

Jumping Mouse Children's Center is a 501 (C)(3) nonprofit organization and all contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Donations are accepted directly to JMCC.

JMCC is a member agency of
United Good Neighbors.

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Yes! I'd like to help Jumping Mouse Children's Center continue its important work.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$50 _____

\$100 _____ \$250 _____ Other _____

I would like to sponsor a child's therapy for 1 month (\$210) _____

I would like to sponsor a child's therapy for 1 year (\$2500) _____

I would like to be a sustaining member of Jumping Mouse and make a monthly payment in the amount of \$ _____

Please mail to: Jumping Mouse Children's Center, 1729 Spruce Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Thank You!