

Since 2000

# SISU CHILDREN'S FUND

SPRING 2015

## You Make The Difference

I recently came across a saying, "Life is better when you are happy. Life is best when other people are happy because of you."

How true that statement is. We see this all the time with the charity. It is amazing sometimes how a small, inexpensive item can mean a difference to the child and family. A Firefly Go Seat for an infant needing support (see picture), a van lift repair for a wheelchair, therapeutic headphones for a special listening system are all items under \$500. We have had many requests for iPads for nonverbal children, and the joy they express when they can actually communicate with their parents and others is indescribable.

Therapeutic horseback riding scholarships and a parenting class for parents with special needs children at Bellingham Technical College are programs that continue year after year as the requests are submitted.

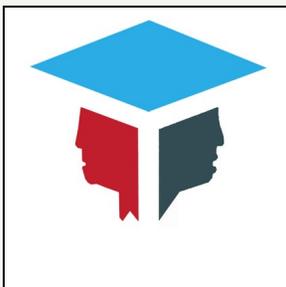
In the past we helped a two year old get a cochlear implant for her hearing as she was born without an ear, and the doctors believed bilateral hearing was necessary. Now Alijah is 5 years old, and she is having an ear created for her, which will help with her outward appearance now. In another year or two, she will have the new ear connected and the implant will be removed. The parents have insurance, but the co-pays are unbelievable, so we are helping with the copays. The parents have moved out of state, so we will not be able to help with the future surgeries, but we were happy to be a part of this young child's life.

Without support from each of you, we would never be able to help these children and make their life the best it can be. Thank you!



## Scholarship Information

This is the time of year we receive applications for scholarship money. There is a \$1,000 scholarship for a graduating senior to continue their education. If there is a student under the age of 25 attending Bellingham Technical College, we offer a \$2,500 scholarship. Both of the scholarships requirements are that the student must have or had a medical problem or physical disability. We wish to help them achieve skills for self-support and know someone believes in their ability. We received three excellent applications so all three were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. More information in our next newsletter.





## DeWaard and Bode Appliance Center

The month of April was designated to honor Sisu Children's Fund. When customers purchase an appliance most really want DeWaard and Bode to dispose of their old appliance. Whatever funds are generated by the disposal of the old appliance are donated to a charity each month, and in April Sisu Children's Fund was chosen. We are pleased to have this community support by a local merchant. Frank and Barbara only wish they could have waited until now to replace their old refrigerator, except the refrigerator decided when it was time to say goodbye.



### All the ways you can help Sisu Children's Fund

If you are not able to attend the play on June 11th, consider purchasing a raffle ticket for \$5.00 each. We are only selling 500 tickets, so your chances are really good to win one of the special prizes. Remember, you get to choose the cruise you want to go on whether it is Alaska, Mexico, Caribbean or New England/Canada. This is a cruise for two people with a value up to \$2,5000. If you win the second prize you still get a great prize. The queen size quilt is beautiful and handmade. This has a value of \$600.

Or attend the play and have a fun evening out. We always have good appetizers, many really special silent auction items, and of course a first rate musical play directed by Terri Grimes. When you purchase a ticket to the play for \$35.00, this will include one raffle ticket.

Do you have an item to donate for the silent auction? Would you like to have your business be a sponsor for our event? Contact any board member or [sisuchildrensfund@gmail.com](mailto:sisuchildrensfund@gmail.com) if you wish to donate.

All of our board members are selling tickets, but you can call 671-8766, or email us at [sisuchildrensfund@gmail.com](mailto:sisuchildrensfund@gmail.com) if you wish to purchase either a ticket to the play or raffle tickets.

All proceeds go to helping our local children dealing with medical problems or physical disabilities. Our sponsors of the event provide funding to cover the costs so your contribution all goes to help the children.





## Sisu Children's Fund Presents an evening of Music and comedy

June 11, 2015

Thursday

6:00 P.M.

Bellingham Theatre Guild  
1600 H Street

Help children in Whatcom and Skagit Counties dealing with medical problems or physical disabilities.

Enjoy an evening at the musical comedy "**The Drowsy Chaperone**" directed by Teri Grimes.

Start the evening with beverages and hearty appetizers plus a silent auction.

During the performance intermission enjoy desserts and coffee.

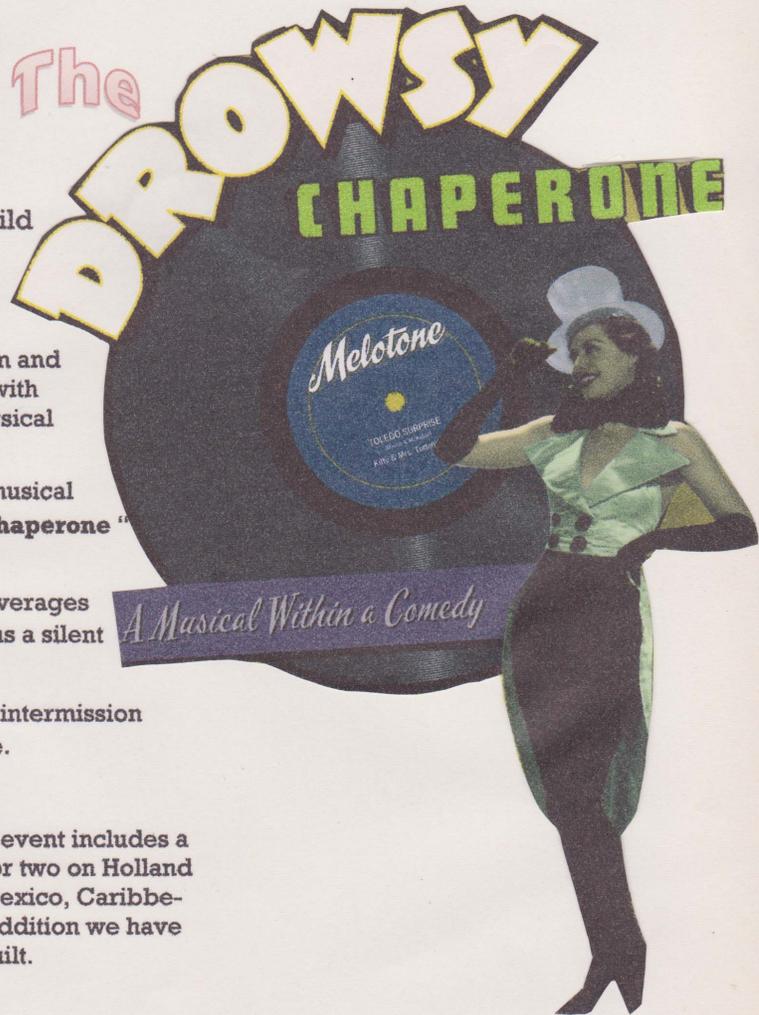
Your **\$35.00** ticket to this event includes a raffle ticket for a cruise for two on Holland Cruise Lines to Alaska, Mexico, Caribbean, or New England. In addition we have a gorgeous queen size quilt.

Drawing at intermission.

For tickets: call (360) 671-8766 or

Email at: [sisuchildrensfund@gmail.com](mailto:sisuchildrensfund@gmail.com)

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# Sisu Children's Fund Raffle \$5.00



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We are a 501(c)(3) charity  
financially assisting children  
with medical or physical  
problems.



This beautiful quilt is in pastels with a truly white background to accommodate all decors, The coloring in the picture is not representative exactly of the quilt. It will be on display the night of the theatre event.

# Special Recognition

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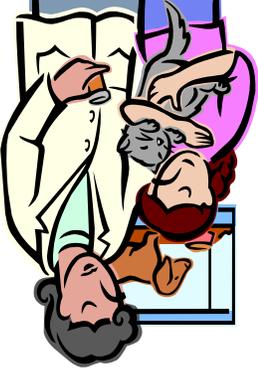
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