

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of Family Support Center Day
DEPARTMENT: CMO/Human Services
PRESENTED BY: Rob Beem, Human Services Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

In 1993 the Center for Human Services and the Shoreline/Northshore Public Health and Safety Network came together to develop a new cutting edge program to serve young families with children from birth to five. With funding from the King County Children and Families Commission the Center for Human Services opened the doors to the Shoreline Family Support Center in the spring of 1994.

The Shoreline Family Support Center provides services to over 1,000 families each year. The Center mission is to strengthen, empower and increase social support for all families. Their services include information, education, resources and referrals to families in need from many cultures and ethnic backgrounds. During a visit to the Family Support Center on any given afternoon and into the evening you would see the parents, grandparents and children engaged in English Language Learners (ELL) classes, citizenship classes, homework tutoring, parent support groups and family activities. In the current year, the City of Shoreline provides financial support to the Family Support Center as a part of it's overall funding for the Center for Human Services.

This year the Family Support Center is celebrating its ten-year anniversary as a focal point in the community for new and successful family programs. A representative from the Family Support Center will attend the Council meeting to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney N/A



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, in 1994 members of the Shoreline Community and the Center for Human Services determined that our citizens needed the services of a family support center in our community; and
- WHEREAS, the Center for Human Services and the Shoreline/Northshore Network successfully sought funding from the King County Children and Families Commission in March of 1994; and
- WHEREAS, the Shoreline Family Support Center provides services to strengthen, empower and increase social support for over 1,000 families each year by providing information, education, resources, and referrals that are richly diverse and accessible; and
- WHEREAS, the Shoreline Family Support Center works as a partner with families to help them develop knowledge and skills to strengthen their families; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline provides financial support to the Family Support Center; and
- WHEREAS, for the past 10 years the Shoreline Family Support Center has been a focal point in the community for new and successful programs that assist families to function independently continues to strengthen and empower families;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2004 as

SHORELINE FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER DAY

in honor of a decade of outstanding service, commitment, and dedication to the citizens of the Shoreline and urge our citizens to wish the Shoreline Family Support Center much success during their 10-year celebration.

Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of Shoreline