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"Spotlight On"



You may not know **Phillip Thelin**, but if you've been to a Puget Sound Buddy Walk in recent years you know his talent. He's the amazing bagpiper who has led the walk around the Seattle Center for years. His grandfather, Bill Ross, was the first to start this tradition at the original Puget Sound Buddy Walk, and now Phillip continues the legacy his family started. We wanted to get to know the man with the bagpipes so we decided to ask him a few questions:

What do you think of when someone says DSC? *I think of the friends I have met through the DSC over the*

Puget Sound Buddy Walk - Success!

The **20th Annual Puget Sound Buddy Walk** was held on Sunday, October 2nd at Seattle Center. The sun was shining and so were the smiles on the faces of our over 1,400 attendees who enjoyed kids' activities, resource booths, vendors, food trucks and our special program commemorating the 20th year of the Puget Sound Buddy Walk, all of which have been held at Seattle Center. We welcomed back 17 of our past self-advocate speakers as our special honorees along with many people who have been instrumental in the Puget Sound Buddy Walk through the years. **Phillip Thelin, Marcie Mineard and Margaret-Lee Thompson** delighted the captivated crowd with their personal stories. A special thanks to **Brian Calvert of KOMO News**, our emcee, for keeping the program running smoothly. After the walk, **The Fab Three**, a Beatles cover band, kept the crowd on their feet dancing to their favorite Beatles' tunes.



We want to acknowledge all those who made this event possible - our sponsors, including presenting sponsors **Seattle Center** and **HMG**; the **Boeing Klown Klub**; **Garrison Titan 501st Legion**; our volunteer photographers **Tom Ellis** and **Andy Dibeh** whose photos can be downloaded for free by clicking

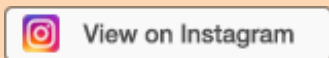
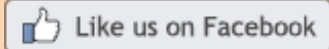
on their names; our amazing volunteers and last but certainly not least the 2016 Puget Sound Buddy Walk committee of **Rita Cruz, Maura Dunn, Mayumi Frame, Caitlin Hanney, Justin Hanney, Wendy Hawley, Leanne Lengle, Brian Michael, Lynne Palmisano** and co-chairs **Linda Michael** and **Becky Ronan**. (We are already looking ahead to next year and are always looking for additional committee members!)

Thanks also to our team captains and all those who donated or raised

years. I met them when I was young and still stay in touch with them. It has given me opportunities to advocate. I remember putting together New Parent packets with friends at my house and then distributing them with Miss Kitty.

To read our entire interview with Phillip, check out the entire [post](#) on the DSC website.

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Support the DSC While Shopping



**Please check the DSC
online [Events
Calendar](#) regularly!**

funds. **Noah's Super Team** took the first place fundraising honor with **Kate's Crew** coming in second. We greatly appreciate your efforts! The Puget Sound Buddy Walk is our largest annual fundraiser and we rely on the funds raised here to support our programs and events throughout the year. If you haven't had a chance to make a donation yet, it isn't too late!



DSC Friends Meet-Ups

*DSC Friends Meet-Ups are hosted by the DSC at **no cost** to you! Please join us and have fun!*

Babies/Toddlers (ages 0-3)

Contact: [Caitlin Hanney](#)

Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00am-noon

Roos World of Discovery

108 Central Way, Kirkland, WA 98033

<http://www.roosworldofdiscovery.com/>

Come join the Babies/Toddler group for some fun at a new indoor play space in Kirkland. While kids play in a safe environment, parents can connect, too.

RSVP: [Caitlin Hanney](#)

Kids (ages 4-7)

Saturday, October 22nd, noon-2pm

Kenmore Lanes

7638 Bothell Way NE, Kenmore, WA 98028

<http://kenmore50lanes.com/>

What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon than bowling with friends!! Both kids and parents alike will have a blast!

RSVP: [Alison Winfield](#)

Tweens (ages 8-12)

Contact: [Jessica Evertt](#) and [Sonja Braunlich](#)

Saturday, October 29th, 5:30-8:00pm

Halloween Spooktacular Dance

North Kirkland Community Center

12421 103rd Ave NE, Kirkland, WA

Come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume because we are teaming up with Kirkland Parks & Community Services for their Halloween Spooktacular Dance

RSVP: [Jessica Evertt](#) by Oct. 14th

Teens (ages 13-19)

Contact: [Sue Adelman](#) or [Maura Dunn](#)

Be looking on Facebook for Meet-Up details.

Moms' Night Out

Saturday, October 22, 7:30pm

Courtney Criss' house located on the border of Kirkland, Bothell, and Woodinville, right off 405

Serving Greek food

RSVP [Courtney](#) for the address

and look for the event on Facebook

Saturday, November 19

Facebook - DSC Friends 0-3

Do you have a child in the 0-3 age group? If so, we'd love for you to join our NEW Facebook group called "DCS Friends 0-3." This is a place for parents to connect locally with children of common ages. Please [join](#) and introduce yourself/children. You never know what connections you will make.



We also will be rolling out Facebook groups for our other Friends' groups in the coming weeks.

Got Questions For DDA?

Evelyn Perez, Assistant Secretary of Washington's Developmental Disability Administration, and Michelle Bauchman, DDA Region II Administrator, will take questions and share updates.



Topics include:

- Provider One and overtime
- Supported Living provider shortage
- Individual and Family Services waiver
- The renewal process for federal waivers

WHEN: Tuesday, October 11, 7 to 8:30 pm
Highland Community Center, Art Room
14224 Bel-Red Road Bellevue, WA 98009



2017 Legislative Priorities - You're invited

The 27th Annual Legislative Forum
Nov. 21, 2016, at the Doubletree Suites
16500 Southcenter Parkway
Seattle, WA, 98188
Sign in at 6:30pm; program starts at 7pm

The Washington State Parent Coalitions for Developmental Disabilities have agreed on the following priorities:

- The state should be accountable for recruiting, retaining and reviewing qualified providers.
- The legislature needs to adequately fund Supported Living Services.
- The coalitions support adequate funding and policies for the early intervention system to identify and serve all eligible children.
- The coalitions support an automatic increase in the DDA budget to cover employment services for students with I/DD transitioning from high school.

Services are not services if you cannot access them!

Washington State Parent Coalitions strive to identify the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families and work toward solutions to meet those needs.

Click [here](#) for handout with more detail and talking points.

The IFS Waiver Enrolling Now

If your son or daughter is on the No Paid Services Caseload and has a need that could be met by the individual and Family Service Waiver, call DDA and request IFS services. Click [HERE](#) for more information.