the encore campaign seeks to create a beautiful, welcoming, healing space for children of Pierce County. It will allow the quality of our services to improve and increase the number of families we are able to serve.

Because beauty and space matter

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After a successful campaign to move our domestic violence shelter to a beautiful new home, it is time to focus on our kids. The Encore Campaign will provide funds to completely renovate the two floors at 405 Broadway left vacant when the shelter moved. The renovation will include age-appropriate classrooms for children, professional offices that provide privacy for clients of the legal program, and an updated heating system.

In over 35 years of operating a domestic violence shelter, we’ve seen how children suffer long-term effects from witnessing or experiencing violence in the home. Without intervention, scientific research shows how adverse childhood experiences lead to behavior issues as these children become adults.

There is hope. It is possible for children to heal and create new life stories. The tools we use to provide positive outcomes for children are:

- Trauma focused counseling
- Kid’s therapy (called Kid’s Club)
- Therapeutic art
- Family events to promote parent/child bonding
- Mom’s groups help women understand their children’s emotions and reactions

The Encore Footprint

The mural will symbolize the constancy of the natural world. It does not come and go. It’s always there. Its ways of changing are constant, predictable, and dependable. Growth and rebirth are certain. It has cycles and rhythms we can count on, day after day, year after year. Our clients can count on those cycles and rhythms as they take their journey toward healing.

Client Story

A recent story shared by our therapist, Malissa, illustrates why serving children after they leave the shelter is so important.

A 12 year old involved in the children’s program during his family’s shelter stay has been able to participate in after school programs now that we can mix community and shelter kids. He was upset about leaving, not wanting to miss out on participating in the program. We told him he could come back and he was really excited! When he came to shelter, he was withdrawn and had low self esteem. He is not into sports and prefers to read and draw, which his stepfather made fun of harshly.

In group, he shares his talent for drawing and serves as a role model for other kids—and his self esteem has skyrocketed. He has even intervened when other children in the program talk about violence in inappropriate ways.

Giving Opportunities

We will have an incredible mural in the hallway of the children’s program that will delight the kids and offer you naming opportunities. A Pacific Northwest mural allows you to honor a special child, animal, or person you love.

Naming Opportunities

- $5,000 and up
  Largest Creatures (elk, bear, orca, etc.)
- $2,500 to $4,999
  Medium Creatures (eagle, otter, deer, etc.)
- $1,000 to $2,499
  Small Creatures (raccoons, fish, birds, etc.)
- $500 to $999
  Tiny Creatures (frogs, salamanders, mice, etc.)
- $250-$499
  Tiniest Creatures (butterflies, insects, etc.)