

Summer 2016: Community Partnerships
RESOLUTION

“The action of solving a problem, dispute, or contentious matter.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mediator In-Service
August 11, 5:30 pm

Mediator In-Service
September 12, 5:30 pm

3-Day Negotiation Training
Sept 21-23, 8:30 am-5:30 pm

5-Day Mediation Training
October 28-30 and November 4 & 5, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

MARALISE HOOD QUAN

PARTNERING IN THE COMMUNITY

Partners make the world go around! Differences are a good thing. Celebrate strengths. Support one another to overcome weakness. Invite partners to do what they are good at. And all the while working towards a common vision – this is what living in community is all about.

Thank you for partnering with us and helping us to transform disagreements in our community into respectful, creative, and honest conversations. This allows all of us the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

As I watch the butterflies, hummingbirds, other birds, squirrels, worms, slugs, white and black flies interact with my container garden of greens, strawberries, peas, and squash grow on my deck... It reminds me about lessons of differences and partnerships. Happy summer to all!

Differences are a good thing!

SAVE THE DATE!

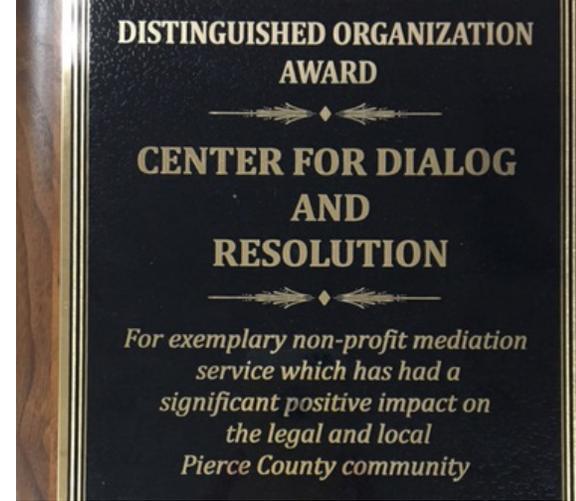
CELEBRATE DIALOG!

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 20, 7:30 A.M.

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Visit our website at www.centerforresolution.org/events-2/become-a-sponsor/

Love the Center and want to help?

Become a table host! Contact us at 253.572.3657



Maralise Hood Quan accepts Partner of the Year Award from Pierce Conservation District | The Distinguished Organization Award presented to CDR

EXTRAORDINARY ORGANIZATIONS, EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERS

2016 has already been an exciting year for the Center for Dialog & Resolution. CDR has been recognized and received awards twice! The **Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association** and **Pierce Conservation District** presented the Center with the Distinguished Organization Award and the Partner of the Year Award, recognizing the constructive changes made in the legal system and community by mediation and the spread of peaceful conflict resolution skills. CDR actively strives to fulfill its mission by providing innovative, affordable, and cooperative channels to resolve differences and improve relationships through empowering the community—and we don't do it alone!

A partner and grantor of the Center for Dialog & Resolution,

the **Greater Tacoma Community Foundation (GTCF)** is committed to “building a vibrant, compassionate, and engaged Pierce County.” Officially established in 1981, GTCF collaborates with individuals, businesses, and other partners to promote philanthropy and connect people in addition to working with nonprofits like the Center. Their vision—to create a thriving, engaged, and caring community—falls directly in line with CDR’s own vision of people in our community choosing respectful, positive, and peaceful ways to resolve differences.

This year, with support from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, CDR is working on expanding and refining its business process and practices in an effort to provide a better, wider



GTCF is committed to creating a thriving, engaged, and caring community

variety of services to the community. The Center for Dialog & Resolution is grateful for the support of the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation and looks forward to partnering with the community to help create an extraordinary future!

QUOTE CORNER

“Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It’s not something you learn in school. But if you haven’t learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven’t learned anything.”

– Muhammad Ali

“The power of one, if fearless and focused, is formidable, but the power of many working together is better.”

– Gloria Macapagal Arroyo (14th President of the Philippines, now member of the House of Representatives)

“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.”

– Anthony J. D’Angelo (MOC, American R&B and soul singer-songwriter, musician, and record producer)



Left to right: Beth Do, Amanda Bucy, Sonia Wells, Whitney Stafford, Maralise Hood Quan, Keisha Patterson, Jen Unger, Emma Ferguson, Will Henderson



CDR NEWS

The Center for Dialog & Resolution continues to change and adapt. This summer we said goodbye and congratulations to another of our beloved staff members, **Whitney Stafford**. Thank you, Whitney, for your dedication, insight, and care of the Center and the people who walk through its doors. Originally from Texas, Whitney Stafford, Business and Operations Manager, brought her knowledge of finance, real estate, and communication to the Center over two years ago. She has been instrumental in the delivery of quality services and creating the peaceful, welcoming environment of the Center! Whitney leaves us to have her second child and enjoy more time with her family. She will, of course, be back to MEDIATE!

The Center has also had the chance to bring in staff from



Dan Barkley

our mediator community. **Dan Barkley**, Mediator & Training Coordinator, comes to the Center after working as a teacher

and then a lawyer on behalf of school districts, at-risk youth, and special needs children. Something he is most passionate about is supporting mediators and working with them to develop their skills. "I've been a teacher, a coach, and I've directed about a dozen plays, so I suppose guiding others' learning is my most natural skillset," he says. "I just love talking about how mediation concepts come to life in practice!" When not working at the Center, Dan writes, furiously follows current events, and is a devoted supporter of the Seahawks, Texas Longhorns, and Washington Huskies.

BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Rai Nauman Mumtaz serves as Community Outreach Coordinator, Building Supervisor, and Member Services Representative at the University Y Student Center, Student Representative on the Governor's STEM Education Innovation Alliance, and Chair of the UW Tacoma Alumni Council. He joined the Center board because he "sought to play a role in shaping the programs, services, and educational enrichment opportunities that the Center offers to the community." When asked why he cares about the Center, Nauman replied, "I find that listening to understand instead of listening to respond is an undervalued quality in today's society. Our ability to develop skills to mitigate conflict internally, and without having to continuously utilize the legal system as a medium to find a solution, is a feature that I find to be useful in many instances."

OUR MEDIATOR COMMUNITY

New Certified Mediators

Monica Anderson • Tom Cena • Moifair Chin • Dan Platter • Laura Wulf

New Practicum Interns

Amanda Bucy • Beth Do • Michelle Graham • Kathleen Leedy
Necashaw Montgomery • Carl Newhouse • Angela Nommensen
Linda Price • Sonia Wells



Left to right: Will Henderson, Beth Do, Emma Ferguson

BRINGING THE COMMUNITY... TO CDR!

This summer the Center for Dialog & Resolution is bringing in the community! CDR is partnering with the University of Puget Sound in an all-new program and inviting two interns, **Emma Ferguson** and **Will Henderson**, to work with the staff of the Center.

Emma, a native of Chicago, is majoring in Politics and Government, with a minor in Gender & Queer Studies. When not hard at work, Emma loves dogs and is active at Dogspotting. She chose to work with the Center because of a desire to learn about mediation and the nonprofit world. From San Rafael, Will is also a Politics and Government major. With an emphasis in International Relations, Will became fascinated by international conflict and

decided to take the opportunity to study conflict- and ways to resolve it- on a smaller scale at the Center. In his free time, Will has learned Arabic and enjoys surfing and basketball.

In addition to our summer interns, CDR also has a community intern, **Beth Do!** Beth comes to us from New York. She graduated from Case Western Reserve University, majoring in Art History and minoring in French and Francophone Studies. After a recommendation from a friend, Beth became curious about conflict resolution and visited the Center. Impressed by mediation and the skills of the individuals she met, she made the commitment to spend her summer working and learning at the Center!

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ADDITIONAL LINKS

**Greater Tacoma
Community Foundation**
www.gtcf.org

**Center for Dialog &
Resolution News Updates**
[centerforresolution.org/
category/news](http://centerforresolution.org/category/news)

**UPS Experiential
Learning Program**
[www.pugetsound.edu/
academics/experiential](http://www.pugetsound.edu/academics/experiential)

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