

October 11, 2023

Happy Fall Everyone!

It seems like yesterday that I sent out my last newsletter. I just looked—it was St. Patrick's Day! Wow, where did the Spring and Summer go?

One Year Anniversary

Last week our staff, mom and baby alumni, family and friends gathered for a time of celebration. What were we celebrating? The opportunity to provide loving care and support to 48 babies and 25 of their moms. We were celebrating changing the trajectory of 73 lives, not to mention the impact on our employees and volunteers. Here's a video clip put together by our own Emma Cunningham, who in addition to greeting visitors in our lobby, handles all our social media plus a blog.

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Phase 2 Remodel Complete

Bouten Construction did it again! They finished our Phase 2 remodeling project in early September, once again, they were on time, on budget and again provided way more value than what we paid them. Our entire 12,000 square foot facility has now been totally remodeled over the past 3 years—every square inch! In addition to the value we received from Bouten, we received \$75,000 in donated custom built cabinets from Ted Pancoast Woodworking of Kettle Falls, Washington. We received \$25,000 in the form of a new garden court from Josh Wall of Wall & Company Landscaping. Here are some pictures of our new space and garden court.



Pilot Project and WSU Study

We signed a two-year contract with the Washington State Health Care Authority on August 31, 2023. This contract came about due to SB 5178 which created the Maddie's Place Pilot Project, and which was signed by the Governor on May 17, 2023. WSU has committed 5 of its researchers to studying our outcomes at Maddie's Place (for both our infants and our moms). WSU's report will be submitted to the State in September 2024, hopefully in time for the State Legislature to pass legislation to provide sustainable funding for Maddie's Place in the future.



Staffing

Dr. Randi Edwards, a local pediatrician, became a full-time employee of Maddie's Place in September. Here she is signing a contract with Shaun.



In addition, we now have 70 paid staff. To gear up for our additional space, we've hired 7 RNs and 15 Infant Care Specialists since September 1st. The state amended our license in July so we can now treat up to 16 infants at a time and provide free room and board and wraparound services to up to 13 of their moms.

Recognition and Press

In addition to several articles in the local Spokesman Review and Journal of Business, we've had coverage on KREM TV, KXLY TV and KHQ TV. We've had film crews on site from Premera Blue Cross, Alliant, and Coordinated Care. In July we had a film crew on site for 2 days. As a result, Maddie's Place will be featured next month in a documentary that will air nationally on ABC, called "The Silence Must Be Broken—Women Lost in the Opioid Crisis". We'll let you know when we get the final word on when the documentary will air. We've also been advised that this documentary will air on PBS in 2024.

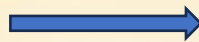
Thank you for Your Support

In addition to letting you know how busy we have been, our Board of Directors and team at Maddie's Place want to thank you for making all of the above possible. Without your financial support, we would not be here today. It's that simple.

Without your support, we would not have gone from treating our first baby to our 48th baby!



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We are so excited for Year 2 at Maddie's Place. How many infants and moms will we have the privilege of serving? How many lives will we be allowed to change? Thank you so much for your incredible partnership on this journey!

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