

Here's to SPRING

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The days are getting longer, the snow is going away, and sandals have even started to make an appearance. And just as we have been transitioning into warmer weather (I write this on a beautiful sunshiny morning), we are switching gears here too.

April 25th marked our 2024 finale of the DeStig Cinema Series at the Mariner Theater with What About Bob? It was very well attended and it was so wonderful to get to share so many laughs with our neighbors. There were lots of new faces in attendance, it was a great way to end the series this year.



And while that indoor activity is coming to an end for the season, we have started planning our outdoor activities for the summer. Starting with our participation in the 31st annual Safe and Healthy Kids Fair on May 4th, at the Homer High School. Where Rudy will be present with his team to provide kids with some positive coping techniques, while fostering healthy conversations with parents about the services provided by the Child and Family department.

Then on May 18th, we have the Torch Run on the Spit to raise funds with Alaska law enforcement for The Special Olympics. Join Pride Program Manager, Shane Kilcher, and crew on the spit OR you can just send money, it is a pledge drive after all. You can donate or register at <https://p2p.onecause.com/letrak/event/homer>. Here's hoping for some spring sunshine for our good people spreading warmth in the community.

EXPLORING NEW NETWORKS AND GETTING THE WORD OUT

SPBHS has long been a member of the Homer Chamber of Commerce. After recently reconnecting with membership specialists at the Chamber, we will be taking advantage of their advertising network to help spread the word about joining our team, and recruiting individuals excited to live and work so close to the frontier at the end of the US Highway. We will also be attending Chamber events to coordinate with local businesses and foster potential corporate sponsors, as we develop new funding streams to help support our mission and vision. It's planting season at SPBHS, and we are excited for the harvest that cultivating these new relationships can bring!

Happy Spring, Everyone!

Ashley Moore

Development Director



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brian Partridge, President
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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 4th- Safe and Healthy Kids Fair
May 16th- Board Meeting
May 18th- Law Enforcement Torch Run Pledge drive for the Special Olympics
May 31st- Teen night at the SPARC hosted by the SPBHS Child and Family Department



Isn't that the music shop guy!?

Some of you may recognize Ashley from his music store here in town, or know his voice from the mini radio show he used to host. And while he has been a music performer since 1989, and a music instructor since 2009, he actually has an 11 year history with SPBHS as well.

In 2013, Ashley started in the Child, Adolescent, and Family department as a part time DSP. He

later took a full time DSP position, then became a Case Manager until 2017, when he became a Child Protective Services Specialist for a year before opening his music shop. He did one more reunion tour with the children's department in the summer of 2019 to help for a few months, before leaving to focus on his music shop.

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In 2020, Ashley joined the SPBHS board of directors. His passion for helping people, knowledge of the community, historic knowledge of the agency, and understanding of business finance as a business owner himself made him a good match for the team.

Not content to continue contributing from the 30,000 foot level any longer, Ashley resigned his seat on the board to return to the hallways of the agency he once called home. "Moore Music is now in a place where it doesn't need my constant attention, and I have missed getting to be a part of the positive change that SPBHS provides to our corner of the world."

Ashley is now on-board as our Development Director, where he'll be putting his networking skills to use, deepening the community's connection with the agency, and broadening the footprint SPBHS has in terms of local awareness, branding, and fundraising.

What is a Development Director?

Sure sounds like someone in charge of training.

Actually, the role of the Development Director is to:

- Maintain an online and print presence in the local and broader communities
- Planning and evaluating fundraising campaigns and activities
- Coordinating and recruiting staff and volunteers to grow and manage fundraising activities
- Identifying and building relationships with, and stewarding potential donors, foundations, grantors, and other funding partners.

Beyond the jargon, the role of the development director, is fostering relationship between the agency, and our community.

Celebrating 20 Years at SPBHS!

An Alaskan vacation. That's how so many stories are started. And for COO Carla Meitler, that's how her story in Alaska begins. Carla and her husband Tony were on vacation from the Seattle area, and fell in love with the mountains and ocean. Suddenly they were looking at land and applying for jobs.

In May of 2004, having an extensive background in corporate finance and banking, Carla was hired as Finance Manager under then CFO, Leta Simons. She faithfully held that position for what she approximates to be four or five years before being promoted to CFO, then in 2015, she became the Chief Operating Officer.

In her tenure at SPBHS, she oversaw the transition from a paper filing and billing systems, into our now integrated electronic filing and billing system we currently use. She worked diligently with leadership to help SPBHS reach CARF accreditation. She has worked under four different CEOs, and has herself been interim CEO twice. You will always find her office door open, she's often one of the first people in, and the last people out. And we thank her for her service to the agency, and our people.



Did you know?

May has been observed as Mental Health month in the United States since 1949. It was started by the National Association for Mental Health (now known as Mental Health America) .

The theme for 2024's Mental Health Month is: Where to Start

For anyone struggling with the pressure of today's world, feeling alone, or wondering if they can feel better, this is Where to Start.

Safe & Healthy Kids Fair 2024

FREE!

Fun Activities

Exhibitors

Hot Dogs

Resources

Bike Rodeo

**FREE Bike
Giveaways**

Helmets required &
available for purchase
onsite

Homer High School

Saturday, May 4

11:00am - 2:00pm

May the 4th
be with you!
COSTUMES
ENCOURAGED



Be Safe
Have Fun
Do Good
& Pass it On!

LEAVE
YOUR DOGS
AT HOME

CONTACT: SafeAndHealthyKidsFair@gmail.com

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SPBHS Child, Adolescent, and Family Department is set to host Teen Night at The SPARC on Friday May 31st!

AT THE SPARC
EVERY FRIDAY

FREE

TEEN NIGHT

This is a FREE night for our Homer teens (7th-12th grade) to play & hang out in a safe, drug-free environment. They have access to all our equipment (and once we're able to bring roller skating back, it will be available as well)!

**** PLEASE bring clean indoor shoes to change into in the entry area, and all minors must have a liability waiver on file signed by parent/guardian. ****

STARTS 2/16/24 from 9:00-11:30 pm

600 STERLING HWY (ON HMS PROPERTY)

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SPBHS

Our Mission

The Center Partners with individuals, families, and communities to enhance the health, productivity, and social engagement by offering compassionate and evidenced-based services in the areas of developmental disabilities, mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders.

Our Vision

A dynamic organization committed to outstanding care with and for communities, valuing integrity, and respect for all.

We Believe

In the Individual's right to self-determination
In the individual's right to be treated with dignity, kindness, and respect.
In innovative response to obstacles.
That cooperation is founded on respect, honesty, and forgiveness, as well as the opportunity to change.
In forging partnerships that create synergy within the community.
That diverse opinions enrich outcomes.
In collaboration, commitment, teamwork, and problem solving
That integrity and personal responsibility are core to ethical behavior.

SERVICES

The Center— Individual, group, couples, and family therapy. For children, young adults, and adults. SPBHS takes all insurance and offers a sliding scale for anyone without. Additionally, medication support, YHDP, ASAP services, case management, and our administrative offices are all housed at The Center.

Journeys— Adult mental health rehab services. Individual and group day support across multiple settings including in home, in the community, and at our Parkside Building. Case management, IPS, and other services are also available through Journeys.

Child and Family Services— Youth (ages 4-21) mental health rehab services are available for children and families across multiple settings including in home, in the community, in schools, and in our Center offices.

Pride— Child and adult Intellectual and Developmental Disability Services. For any individual with a State Waiver, we offer Day Hab, Supported Living, and Family Hab services across multiple settings in home, in the community and at our Parkside Building.

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