Michelle Palmer Named Executive Director

Wendt Center Staff and Former Clients Featured in the Washington Post

The Wendt Center is delighted to announce that Michelle Palmer, LCSW, has been named Executive Director of the Wendt Center. Michelle has been involved with the Center in various capacities for years and has served as Interim Director for the past six months.

"I am thrilled and honored to be the Executive Director of the Wendt Center," says Michelle. "I have long admired the services provided by the Center to help people heal from emotional pain inflicted by trauma or loss."

Wendt Center staff and former clients Cindi Day and Tai-Vaughn Moore were featured in an article entitled "Adjusting to A Life That Includes Grief." (Washington Post "Health and Science Section" Tuesday, January 15, 2013.) Click here to read the article.

Forget-Me-Not Garden Is Here!

A beautiful new feature has been added to our website. Visitors can now upload photos of loved ones and write messages to honor them in the Center's Forget-Me-Not Garden - an online gallery of shared remembrance. Video messages can also be uploaded and shared. We hope this will give our supporters and the community a meaningful, wonderful way to remember and honor a loved one who has died. You can visit Forget-Me-Not Garden from our website at www.wendtcenter.com and click on the "Forget Me Not" icon.
Supports C.H.I.L.D.

The Wendt Center received a grant from United Way to support group and individual therapeutic services in two schools under our C.H.I.L.D. (Child Healing to Improve Learning and Development) program. As part of C.H.I.L.D., the Center provides therapeutic services on site to children and youth who have been exposed to trauma in school and other community-based settings.

Do your shopping to benefit the Wendt Center!

Click here to find bargains on-line! Through the Wendt Center's partnership with Recoup, 10% comes back to support our services! Happy shopping! Click here.

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Admin Night
February 27
March 27
April 24

Volunteer Training
March 16

Camp Forget-Me-Not/
Camp Erin DC
June 21- 23

Camp Applications
March 1 - available
April 15 - deadline for submission
May 18 - training

Memorial Butterfly Release
June 2013. TBA

For questions about volunteering, contact Kecia Hill
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For questions about camp

Conversation with Intern Sharon Kenthack

Each year, the Center welcomes a cadre of graduate interns who spend the year working and learning alongside our clinicians to develop and perfect their skills. Many different life routes are travelled by these interns before they arrive at the Center. Below is a window onto the journey that brought Sharon Kenthack - one of five current interns - to the Center this year.

For roughly 25 years, I worked in sales. I had earned a BA in psychology and wanted to continue my education, but I did not have the means at the time. I left my first profession to devote time to raising my family. I always remained deeply interested in human behavior and fascinated by what motivated people to behave in a particular way. As years passed, my interest did not wane, but external events did not allow me to pursue my goal until 3 years ago, when my children became more independent. Sufficiently freed to pursue an MSW, I also learned about the Wendt Center from other colleagues who had interned here and from some of my professors, who only had wonderful things to say about the Center. I applied for an internship and got it.

I feel that this is the best place to learn skills that will best serve clients and their needs while giving me a lot of clinical experience. Being older with more life experiences has provided me with a deeper understanding of and compassion for why people behave as they do. People live in systems that can either have a positive or negative influence on their lives. Everyone does the best they can with the tools they have to work with. I've learned that if you give people the time, they just want to be heard. After my internship, I want to find employment where I can surround myself with seasoned clinicians so that I may continue to learn as much as I have learned here at the Wendt Center.
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