

# Wendt Center *today*

July 2011

Summer Edition

## Partnership with Thomas Circle Singers



[The Thomas Circle Singers](#) have selected the Wendt Center as beneficiary of their 2012 concert series. We look forward to working with TCS throughout this year. More information coming soon!

## Save the Date!

The Wendt's 36th Annual Benefit will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Four Seasons in Georgetown. Guest Speaker is Victoria Kennedy. Click here for more [Benefit News](#).



[Victoria Kennedy](#)

## Wendt Center Partners With ArtStream in Grief Puppet Show



The Wendt Center partnered with [Artstream Inc.](#) in June to present a free puppet show called "Pursuing the Runes" at our Southeast Office. The puppet and live-actor performance explored loss and longing through metaphor and epic adventure, incorporating Norse mythology and upbeat music to bring it to life. Watching the show and participating in the interactive dialogue that followed allowed the attending children and their families to explore their own feelings of grief, loss, and longing in a creative and non-threatening way. We look forward to working together again with Artstream, Inc. in the near future.

## A Joyful Reunion: Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future



(Left to right) Rima Calderon (past Board member), Jill Hall (Board member) and Susan Ley, Executive Director of the Wendt Center.

## VOLUNTEERS: You did it!

Thanks to all our Camp volunteers for making our 2011 Camp so wonderful.



Special thanks to:

**Mickey Cook, Sandra Barnes, Kia Scipio, Ladd Everett and Elizabeth Kelly** for behind-the-scenes camp admin work;

**Jackie Bottash, Joseph Eddy, Joshua Silberman, Pam Lieber, Jessica Perlman, Oran Gan, Leon Wells and Samantha Madhosingh** for transporting supplies to and from camp;

**David Johns** for recruiting so many male volunteers;

**Megan Riley** for donating materials and preparing all of the camper signs.



Kudos to all volunteers who participated in the Camp fundraiser! You raised almost **\$22,000** so kids without means can come to camp!

**Thank you. We couldn't have done it without you!**



*Tom Hughes (Board member) and Susan Ley (Executive Director) welcome the guests.*

Almost 50 past and present Board members and special friends attended our First Annual Board Reunion, held on May 25 at the home of **Elizabeth and Michael Galvin**.

It was a lovely occasion to meet - or renew relationships with - the Center's past and present Board and Committee members -- some from as far back as 1980. Current Board Member **Tom Hughes** addressed the gathering, as did Executive Director **Susan Ley**, who spoke about how our programs have evolved and described exciting elements of our vision for the future.

### **Camp 2011 was the "best EVER! . . ."**

... so said many of the returning volunteers about this year's [Camp Forget Me Not/Camp Erin DC](#) experience. 52 campers and 75 volunteers participated. About half of the children had lost their mother, the other half, their father. In some cases, they had lost both.

We saw these campers make a carefully orchestrated journey through activities that provided a healing cycle of emotions: from protected self-exploration to candid, heartfelt -expression, from tears and sadness to pure, unfettered joy. And always the purpose was to bring them out of their sense of isolation, to build connections with others, and to *know*, deep in their hearts, that *they are not alone*. Thank you to all the volunteers who partnered with us to make this camping experience so unforgettable! If you would like to make a donation to support our camp, [Click here](#).

**Special thanks to the George Preston Marshall Foundation for their generous support.**



### Volunteer Happy Hour

JIN DC  
2017 14th St, NW  
Thursday, August 11, 2011  
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### New Volunteer Training

Saturday, September 17, 2011 9:00 am to  
5:00 pm

### Volunteer Appreciation

Thursday, October 6, 2011  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Candlelight Vigil Training

Tuesday, October 11, 2011  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

For more information on these events,  
contact Kecia Hill ([khill@wendtcenter.org](mailto:khill@wendtcenter.org))

### New Group

**Group for Sexual Assault Survivors** NE  
Office - Thursdays 5:30 pm

([Click here for more information](#))



WENDT CENTER  
FOR LOSS AND HEALING

[Website](#)

[Products](#)

[Services](#)

[Groups](#)

[Locations](#)

[Donate Now](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

## Fresh Faces for Our Satellite Offices

The Wendt Center's Southeast office was painted and new carpet installed. The Northeast office has reconfigured its space to include an area for support groups and/or meetings. Both offices are open and ready to receive new clients.

If you are seeking counseling or interested in joining a support group contact our Intake Coordinator at 202-204-5021 or email [anicolosi@wendtcenter.org](mailto:anicolosi@wendtcenter.org).