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2008 Benefit Dinner Success!

On October 10th, QWO hosted it's 4th Annual Benefit Dinner raising over \$26,000 to benefit families of people with DD. Held at the beautifully decorated Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, this event was led by KOIN Local 6 News anchor, Jeff Gianola and special reporter, Eric Taylor. With over 160 people in attendance (44 of which were new to QWO), we were able to share the work God is doing in the lives of the people we serve through this ministry. Highlights of the evening included the competitive oral auction, Bruce Sussman's live video at Martha's Place, hearing from parent Ginny Brown and other guest speakers & time spent socializing with friends and family. A very special thanks to our planning committee members: Nona Scott (Chairman), Terri Buckmaster, Debbie Hamelman, Greta Schindler, Byrnace Ristow & Shirley Glos!



The Power of Respite Care

Do you ever wonder why QWO spends so much of its time focused on providing respite care? Both local, state, and national studies prove a caregivers' regular use of respite care produces the following six major outcomes: 1) it relieves familial stress; 2) it allows free time for caregivers to reassess and improve caregiving environments; 3) it avoids the need for placement of individual with DD in an institution or professional care environment; 4) it empowers caregivers to trust and accept support from outside of the family; 5) it promotes independence and normal life transitions for both the individual with DD and their caregiver; and 6) it provides new experiences to people with DD. At QWO, we believe it is our mission to reflect the love of Christ through the provision of services that strengthen families of people with developmental disabilities. Providing

quality respite care is proven to exponentially strengthen caregiving families, keeping the family unit intact and allowing caregivers to provide the most nurturing environment for people with DD.

To learn more about respite care, [click here](#).

Discovery Visits Pumpkin Patch & Apple Farm

Fall's here...brilliant leaves, cold mornings, football, little ghosts running around, pumpkins, and apple cider! Guests at [Martha's Place](#) and [Discovery](#) are taking full advantage of Oregon's Fall beauty. In October, guests have enjoyed numerous trips to local apple orchards, pumpkin patches, harvest parties, and are even hosting their own Halloween parties at Martha's Place. Our guests will be handing out candy goodies to neighborhood trick-or-treaters and enjoying festive activities this Halloween weekend. We'd love for you to become involved in these activities or future ones; just [contact us](#) and we'll get you signed up.



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