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# Fragile Times



## IN MEMORY OF ALAN NAIMAN



Alan Naiman was so touched by the plight of kids living on the streets in downtown Seattle that he left a lucrative career in banking to become a social worker with the Department of Social and Health Services. He was known by his colleagues as an unassuming man who cared so much about the youngsters he served that he took some of them into his home as foster children and established scholarships for their education. He lived modestly—so much so that few of his friends had any idea of Alan’s wealth. When Alan discovered that he was terminally ill last year, he decided to leave his estate to charities that serve the children he had cherished all his life. One of those charities was Pediatric Interim Care Center.

Alan’s kindness allowed PICC to complete the payment of our building, giving babies a safe place of their own for many years to come. We are so grateful to Alan, not only for his legacy, but also for the life he devoted to children. We hope you will join us in honoring his memory.

## PICC GRADUATE JOINS STAFF

Sahvanna Jansen came to PICC 20 years ago when she was an infant prenatally exposed to cocaine. Today she’s a nurse’s aide at PICC, taking care of another generation of babies with a hard start in life. Sahvanna has had a lot of experience taking care of younger siblings at home. She’s one of Mike and Debbie Jansen’s twelve children—six of them adopted after receiving care at PICC. Recently featured in a Q13 FOX story about PICC, Sahvanna said, “I don’t know what would have happened to my siblings and me without PICC.”



In addition to working part-time at PICC, Sahvanna is attending Pacific Lutheran University. She’s looking forward to a career as a special education teacher. Sahvanna is one of 3,175 PICC “graduates” who are proving what PICC has always taught. With a healthy start and a good home, these young people do just fine. The drugs are gone, and the future is theirs to make.

P E D I A T R I C I N T E R I M C A R E C E N T E R

*A baby  
fills a  
place in  
your  
heart  
that you  
never knew  
was  
empty.*

Pediatric Interim Care Center is a qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for tax purposes.  
Our federal tax identification number is 91-1485176.

## PUTTING OUR BABIES' SAFETY FIRST



Every three months our nursing staff practices what we do if we had to evacuate the nursery in an emergency. The nurse's aides put on their special evacuation aprons and tuck the babies in the infant-sized pockets. The R.N. on duty supervises the operation and makes sure all the babies are safe. In a real emergency, she would then call an ambulance to take them to a nearby fire station. Evacuation supplies have been stored at the fire station, so the staff could continue to care for babies there. The drills are all about safety, of course, but the bonus is that the babies seem to enjoy them. They love being in the aprons and often fall asleep before the practice emergency is over.

Kelly DenHeyer  
Director of Nursing

## A SPECIAL VISITOR

PICC had a celebrity visitor last spring. Actress Jodie Sweetin, star of *Full House* and its sequel *Fuller House*, spent a day with Barbara Drennen, visiting the nursery and taping a video to be played at PICC's Annual Luncheon in May. Jodie also donated two personal backstage tours of a *Fuller House* taping to be auctioned at the luncheon. With a bit of star power from Jodie, the luncheon raised \$94,000 for PICC's babies.



## SACRIFICES MADE IN PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY



PICC has always felt a close bond with the Kent Police Department. Our first building was just around the corner from KPD, and over the years we realized just how fortunate we were to have the police officers watching over us. Officers would often stop by after their shifts just to see how the babies were doing. When it came time to build our new center, Barbara was anxious to stay close to KPD, and we felt blessed to find our new location just down the street. When it came time to move, Kent Police and Fire officers volunteered to carry the babies to their new home. Because the Kent police have meant so much to PICC, we were especially saddened by Officer Diego Moreno's death in the line of duty last summer. When his funeral procession passed by the nursery, our staff took the babies outside to pay their respects to the fallen officer and all our grieving friends. The next day we found this message on our Facebook page:

*"I'm a Kent Police commander wife, and I was so incredibly touched today by your nurses and volunteers being outside PICC with all the babies to honor Officer Moreno! We were so touched by this gesture of love and community!"*

## WALK FOR THE BABIES

Thank you to the hundreds of walkers, donors, and volunteers who made our 2018 Walk for the Babies such a wonderful day. The 5K walk-a-thon October 6th raised \$27,663 for the babies.

Congratulations to our top fundraising teams and captains:

1. Team Baby Steps, Danielle Bainter
2. Team Pink & Blue, Donna Potter
3. Team Slow But Steady Steps of Hope, Diane Luton
4. Team Lil Dubs 2, Teresa Kuramoto
5. Team Pioneer, Nikki Lohman
6. Team Jansen, Debbie Jansen

Special thanks to Kent Station and our sponsors: M & M Construction, Mutual of Enumclaw Insurance, Commencement Bank, McMullen & Ochs, Road Runner Sports, Duke's Seafood and Chowder, and Walmart (Bonney Lake, Puyallup, and Federal Way).

**Mark your calendar for next year's walk, Saturday, October 5, 2019.**



## FROM THE MAILBOX



Here's a small sampling of the touching messages we have received over the past few months:

Facebook post from parent Allie Vann:

*"Almost 6 1/2 years ago my daughter was at PICC ... My husband and I were lucky enough to adopt her at 22 months old. She is now 6 years old, and I am happy to report she is happy, healthy and at times a bit of a pistol! She's in 3rd grade—a full 2 grade levels above where she should be—and she is more than thriving. Thank you so much for everything the center does!"*

Card from PICC volunteer Jane McNassar, retiring after 20 years:

*"You have done so much good in so many ways for all the dear newborns that have passed thru PICC. I'm so proud to have played a small role there these past 20 years... My Tuesdays at PICC will always hold a special place in my heart."*

Note from nurse's aide Brooklyn Leick, leaving to attend nursing school.

*"I feel so incredibly blessed to be a part of the PICC family and am so grateful for the last 2+ years that I have been able to work with babies... Thank you for creating such an amazing place."*

## EMERITUS BOARD

PICC's Board of Directors has established an Emeritus Board to honor former and retiring members of the board who have served with distinction. In the years ahead, the Emeritus Board will provide a structure to retain the advice and experience of these outstanding board members.

The founding members of the Emeritus Board are:

Harry H. Hansen, Board President 2012-16; Board Member 2002-2017

Thomas B. Leonard, Board Member 2002-2017

Hal R. Russell, Board and Finance Committee Member 2004-2017

Nancy M. Tyrie, Board Member 2011-2017, Development Committee Chairman

Dr. Wilma Hepker, Board Member 2000-2012, Board Secretary

Ken Kilbreath, Board Member 1999-2007, Board President during Capital Campaign

Dr. Cathy Jo Linn, Board Member 2004-2009; Capital Campaign Chair

Dennis J. O'Block, Board Member 1995-2005 and 2009-2015; Capital Campaign Committee





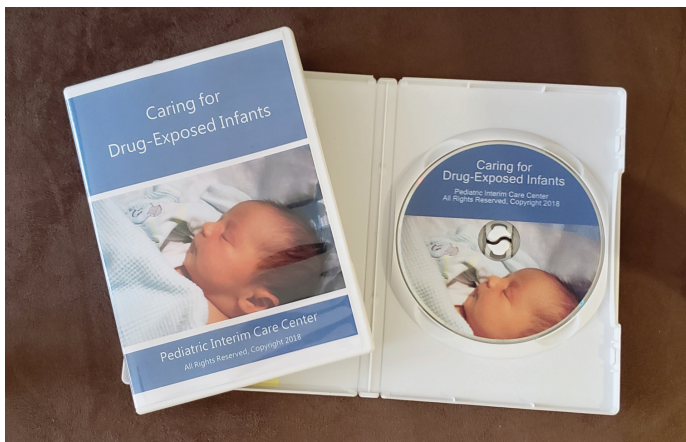
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*Giving a safe  
and healthy start  
to drug-exposed  
infants since 1990*

NEWLY RELEASED DVD!



PICC's new educational video for caregivers of drug-exposed infants is now available on our website, [picc.net](http://picc.net). In the 30-minute DVD, PICC co-founder and Executive Director Barbara Drennen distills what she has learned in her many years of caring for these babies. She provides a step-by-step guide to recognizing the signs of the different drug exposures, managing the babies' symptoms with therapeutic handling, and guiding the children as they grow.



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MISSION

Pediatric Interim Care Center's mission is to provide safe, short-term medical care between hospital and home for prenatally drug-exposed and medically fragile infants, to provide educational services to the community, and to always be a voice for the child.

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