



Dear Families, Friends, and Supporters of Tavon Learning Center,

Welcome to 2020! As we enter into a new decade Tavon Learning Center is continuing to thrive. We are serving over 100 members and have a lengthy waitlist. We are looking at creative ways to address the waitlist while remaining financially strong.

Our other area of focus is building the Tavon Community. Community for our members, our families, and the organization as a whole. You should have received an email last week asking for your ideas on how to create a sustainable future for Tavon. If you were not able to participate don't worry, I will be sending out the link to the survey again. We are thankful for your ideas and support!

-Therese

Therese's Tip: Does your employer match donated funds? If so your monthly donations can be submitted to your employer for matching.

Visit our Website

Annual Dinner and Auction

Our Annual Dinner and Auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds from the auction allow us to continue to provide quality programming for our members.

We would like your help in any of the following:

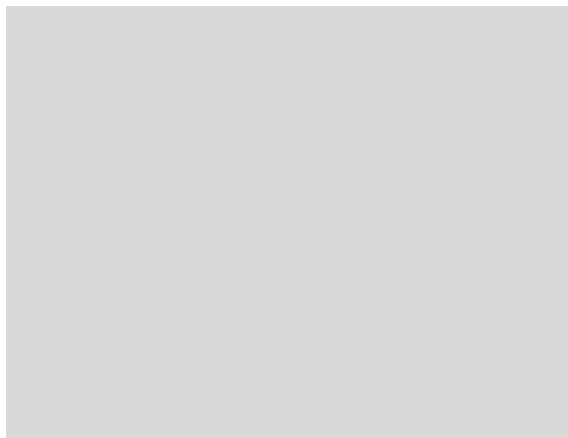
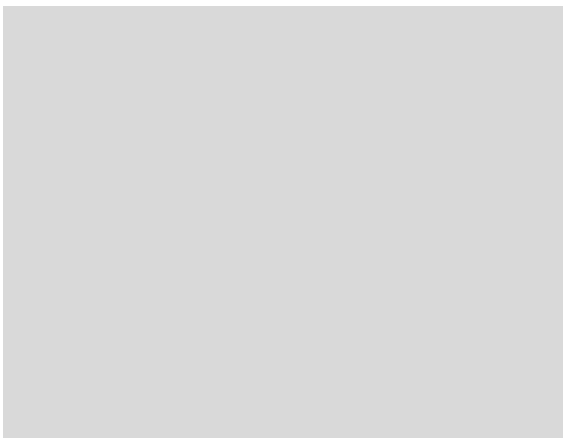
- **Auction Sponsors:** Next time you're out shopping at your favorite stores, would you be willing to ask if they want to be a business sponsor?
- **Wine Sponsor:** Do you have a connection with a winery that would like to donate free or discounted wine for the auction?
- **Procurement Team Members:** Would you be willing to help us ask for items to be donated?
- **Auction Items:** Would you like to donate items to be auctioned?

If you said yes to any of the above questions, email or call Therese!

therese@tavoncenter.org

(425)999-2269

[CLICK HERE](#) for live list of item ideas!





Volunteer Highlight

Connie

Connie is a retired paraeducator and came to us looking for a way to stay connected to the community. We are so grateful for her wisdom and experience that she shares with us. She is at Tavon Tuesday and Thursday mornings through lunch. On Tuesdays, she helps with one on one instruction in Functional Academics.

Connie is kind, reliable, upbeat and positive. We are so thankful she found us!



Member Highlight

Sarena

Sarena has such a zest for life. She is full of energy and always has a smile on her face. She has a desire for self improvement and is continuously working on bettering her skills. She has a "go with the flow" attitude.

She is an incredible friend to many at Tavon and is always wanting to help. She's been attending Tavon for about 5 years. She loves to dance to Justin Timberlake, Bruno Mars, and High School Musical. Be sure to say hi next time you see her!

A Note from the Gardens Director

Happy New Year to the Tavon Community! I am excited to announce exciting changes in our Programming. The Garden Program will now be called the Nature-Based Learning Program, "Nature" for short. Over the first quarter of 2020, I will be handing off the management position of the Nature Program to our wonderful staff, Tia. I will still be here at Tavon, with more time to focus on my original role as Gardens Director. The Nature group will still work with me to get members out in the garden and greenhouse, as well as other special projects. The name change is simply an effort to be more reflective of what the curriculum encompasses (especially off-season) and allow for the new manager to feel more liberated in the scope of what she plans. One of our biggest goals for the Nature Program is to focus our learning on exploring the natural world and a big part of this is getting outside! Along with curriculum, activities, and animal care, each day will have an element of outdoor exploration. In the case of severe weather, Tia will find creative ways to bring nature indoors. Also, with Functional Academics programming now off-site, Nature has its very own classroom in the trailer! The curriculum in the Nature Program will expand from garden related topics into areas such as natural history and sciences, biology, and geology. With her background in education, love of the natural world, outstanding creativity, and enthusiasm to share, we are excited to see what Tia brings to our Nature-Based Learning Program.

-Casey

Staffing Update!

Sam is now Assistant Program Director.

Fernanda is back part time, Thursday mornings.

Maddie is now Daily Living Manager.

Tia is Nature Based Learning Manager.

We are looking to hire another **Peer Coach**. If you know of someone who would be a good fit to the Tavon Team, please let Holly know.



Birdy is new to our Tavon Team. She loves art and painting as well spiritual discovery.

She uses poetry as a therapeutic outlet but prefers to keep it private.

Birdy is a friend of our Katy and has been inspired by Katy's growth through Tavon. Birdy feels lucky to be here and is looking forward to helping in any way she can.

Marcus is moving into the role of Behavior Support Specialist. As you saw last month, Lane took over his role as Functional Academics Manager.

Marcus' new role will involve being able to implement more individualized behavior plans to help members be more successful at Tavon. He may be contacting you to share ideas to help members be more successful. He will also be working on revising our intake process as well as being in better contact with parents, caregivers, and family members.

Calendar of Events

Save the Date:

April 20- Spring Fling Dance with Bridge of Promise, The Alyssa Burnett Center, and Bellevue Parks Department.

May 9- Tavon Learning Center's Annual Dinner and Auction

Date TBD- Summer BBQ

September 13- Fall Festival

The January Calendar is posted on the website under the members tab and under the parent/guardian tab.

If viewing on a phone, try turning your phone side ways. You can zoom in by putting two fingers together on the screen and then spreading your fingers apart.

You can also view the calendar [here!](#)

Featured Question

Q: What is Tavon's weather policy for closures?

A: We follow the Issaquah School District for inclement weather. When ISD is closed, we are closed. When ISD is on a delay, we operate at normal hours.

You can also look for an email from Holly or check social media. If we are closed for a full day because of weather, you are not charged for those hours.

Because billing is done at the beginning of the month, wait to pay until you receive a revised invoice. If you have already paid, you will be credited the amount for the next month. If you pay via respite, your hours will be refunded for the time we were closed. Processing takes a bit of time so please be patient while this gets sorted out.

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