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FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

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Nurturing children, ending abuse

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Dear,

Every dollar you give is important to us and the children who need our help. St. Luke's Foundation has set up a one-time **challenge grant** to benefit the Whatcom County Children's Advocacy Center Child Abuse Medical Evaluation Program at Brigid Collins. They will match donations on a dollar to dollar basis, up to $10,000. To **double** the value of your donation, donate to the Investing in Children Campaign before July 15th.

WHATCOM VITAL

St. Luke's Foundation for a healthy community

A recent loss of funding has resulted in this immediate need for community support. Help children hurting from abuse get the specialized medical care they need.

Each week, children like seven-year-old Olivia benefit from these medical services after a report of sexual abuse is made. Olivia was seen by a licensed medical provider trained in child sexual abuse medical exams at the Children's Advocacy Center and was immediately connected with an advocate and therapist at Brigid Collins for follow-up services. While it's been a challenging time for Olivia and her parents, Olivia is recovering well and no longer feels alone.

You can make the difference in the life of a child like Olivia. Click below on the "Donate Here" button to give through our secure donation site, "Just Give". Or send a check to Brigid Collins Family Support Center at 1231 N. Garden St., Bellingham, WA 98225.

A special thanks also goes out to the **Eleanor and Henry Jansen Foundation** for making a $2,000 match!

We invite you to be a part of the solution! Invest in a child today!

Warm regards,

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Gain experience or lend it

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Executive Director Sponsored to Attend National Leadership Conference

Leaders in the child abuse prevention and treatment field across the nation were invited to attend the National Children's Alliance conference, "Joining Hands to Protect Children", in Washington, DC this month. Byron Manering, Executive Director of Brigid Collins Family Support Center, was sponsored by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington to attend.

"By delivering our innovative model here at home, we demonstrate how one organization can become the catalyst for many others to take responsibility for ending the world's most destructive epidemic – child abuse," says Manering.

To find out more about leadership opportunities at Brigid Collins, contact Byron Manering at bmanering@brigidcollins.org.

Skagit Golf Benefit Event

The Skagit/Island Counties Builders Association, SICBA, is hosting its annual Charity Golf Tournament at Avalon Golf Course on July 15th. The SICBA golf tournament has benefited local charities for 25 years! This year, the charity chosen by the SIBCA committee is Brigid Collins Family Support Center. For more information on how to get involved, go to http://www.sicba.org/index.php.

Did You Know?

Over **7,000 Washington children** suffer annually from abuse or neglect.

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