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Mayor Mike McGinn Visits Lake City Community Hubs; Listens to Concerns

Children's Home Society of Washington's North Seattle Family Center a stop on the Mayor's tour of Lake City

SEATTLE – April 22, 2010 – On Saturday, April 11, Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn visited CHSW's North Seattle Family Center (NSFC) as part of his tour to meet community members and learn about issues and opportunities to make Lake City a better place.

The Mayor visited the Center during a time when the Latino family group and teen parent groups that were meeting. Approximately 100 individuals were present. The Mayor shared with the parents how much their diversity contributes to Seattle, as well as discussed the Youth and Family initiative, a plan that identifies challenges youth and families face to collectively mobilize towards solutions so that all children in Seattle can succeed. The Mayor encouraged the audience to participate in the community caucuses that are happening around the city right now.

Though on a tight schedule, Mayor McGinn was very interested in what parents had to say and enjoyed posing with a few of the children. One of the participants greeted him and said, "We need more funding for family centers!" to which the mayor smiled and replied, "I promise, we'll do the best we can."

In addition to the NSFC, Mayor McGinn also visited the Lake City Neighborhood Service Center, the Lake City Library, Lake City Community Center, Lake City Village (the "greenest" affordable housing development), North Helpline (community food bank), McDermott Place (a new building for homeless veterans and individuals) Little Brook Park, and Jackson Park - Youth Tutoring Program.

About the North Seattle Family Center

The North Seattle Family Center is Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW) is Washington's largest statewide non-profit children's organization, serving over 39,000 children and their families each year. CHSW's mission is to develop healthy children, create strong families, build engaged communities, and speak and advocate for children. The NSFC allows children and families to access parenting education classes (such as Play and Learn groups), health and nutrition programs, life-skills education (like ESL or computer training classes), youth and school success activities, and emergency assistance support. To learn more, visit childrenshomesociety.org.

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