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#### **Fall 2019 Newsletter**

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## Thank You, Christ The King

We would like to thank Christ the King – Bellingham for making the annual Cascade Connections agency picnic a huge success! On June 29th, staff, clients, family, and supporters gathered at Pioneer Park in Ferndale for delicious food provided by Rusty Wagon, and activities and games organized by CTK's hardworking volunteers.











# **Amy Goes to Concert**



Amy, a client at Cascade Christian Home, recently had the opportunity to see Raffi, a favorite musician of hers, perform live!

For months leading up to the concert, Amy talked on a daily basis about going to see Raffi. Finally, the day arrived and Amy and her staff, Cheryl were off



to Seattle's Moore Theatre. Upon arriving in Seattle, there were some obstacles as far as parking and walking on uneven surfaces, lines and cracks on the pavement as well as stairs and steep ramps that would cause Amy some anxiety but she was able to manage her anxiety with minimal help from staff. During the concert, Amy laughed, sang along to most of the songs, and clapped her hands despite the crowd and noise coming from others attending the concert. At the end of the concert, Amy was able to meet Raffi and take pictures with him. Raffi talked to Amy and gave her some stickers. Amy told Raffi that Baby

Beluga was her favorite song, and he sang it for her as

she sat and listened. Raffi hugged Amy and thanked

her for coming to see him.

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A few years ago, Amy would have struggled to overcome her anxiety and enjoy the day. Amy has gained so much independence, and we are all so happy that she was able to attend this concert.

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### **Congratulations to Larry for His Retirement**



Please join us in congratulating Larry on his retirement from job coaching services!

Larry began working with Cascade Connections in 1998. He was already employed as a dishwasher at Red Robin at the time, a job which he kept for several years. After that, he rediscovered his love of working outside and maintained jobs such as cleaning horse pens and feeding animals.

Since 2008, he has been self-employed with his weeding business which kept him quite busy. Those lucky enough to employ Larry throughout his weeding years were amazed with his "weed-whacking skills". The weeds never stood a chance.

Looking forward into his retirement, Larry will be enjoying plenty of community inclusion activities such as library visits, walks in the park, and of course, a trip for pie here and there!

If any of you happen to see Larry around, make sure to congratulate him and thank him for sticking with us for over 20 years of services through Cascade Connections.



## **Vocational Services Department Has Moved**

Cascade Connections' Vocational Services Department has moved. While we had many great years in the office on State Street, our needs had changed over time and a move was in order.

The new address for the Cascade Connections Vocational Services Department is:

4350 Cordata Pkwy #201 Bellingham, WA 98226



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**Memorial Donations in Honor of Joanne Tripp:** Janet Driscoll

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