



# The Pike Market Child Care and Preschool

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## GRAND OPENING OF NEW PRESCHOOL SPACE

Pike Market Child Care and Preschool marked the completion of a newly renovated location in the Market with a wonderful Grand Opening celebration on Sunday, January 29th.

Surrounded by blue and yellow balloons, Ellen Greene the Preschool's Executive Director was greeted with sustained applause and cheers as she welcomed over 150 guests to the Grand Opening ceremony. Ellen expressed special appreciation to Senator Ed Murray, Mayor Mike McGinn,

Marlys Erickson and the Market Foundation for the tremendous financial support received from the State, City and Foundation for the renovation. Mayor McGinn and Senator Murray stressed the importance of community support for high-quality early learning programs in Seattle and throughout the State of Washington. Marlys Erickson, Executive Director of the Market Foundation, successfully led the fundraising campaign for the renovation.

Senator Murray and Mayor McGinn

joined excited Preschool families, teachers, friends, donors, alumni and volunteers as they toured the vibrant Market-colored space. Guests visited four bright and shiny classrooms, a library, art studio, spacious kitchen, laundry, conference room, staff lounge and a room to accommodate the Preschool's future infant program.

Current and former Preschool students eagerly assisted the Senator, Mayor, Ellen and Marlys with the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

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Marlys Erickson

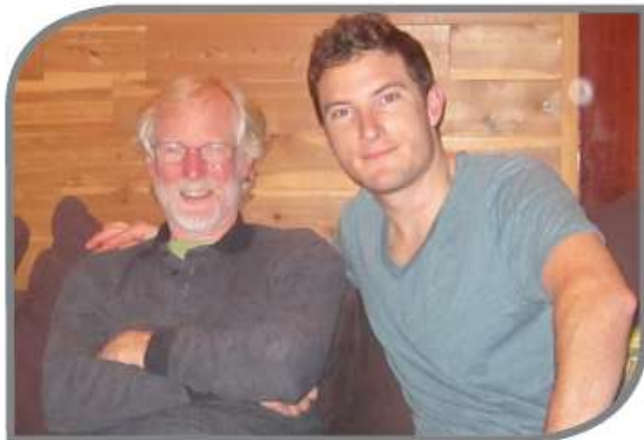
Marlys Erickson, Executive Director and the Market Foundation were honored at the Grand Opening ceremony for their fundraising assistance in making the new preschool a reality. Marlys and the Market Foundation secured financial support from the State of Washington, City of Seattle and private foundations for the construction of our new space. During the ceremony a plaque in the foyer was unveiled naming the area in honor of Marlys and the Foundation. Every day when our children, parents and staff enter the preschool they will be reminded of PMCCP's very special friends.

# Alumni Near and Far Support the Preschool

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Robin Lasater – Seattle, Washington



member Robin Lasater, son of the Shop's founders, making the best crumpets in Seattle.

Gary Lasater and Nancy McFaul founded The Crumpet Shop in the early 1980's. Nancy works in the shop on a daily basis, while Gary manages the accounting from home.

The Crumpet Shop, on the corner of 1st Avenue and Pike Place, has been supporting Pike Market Child Care & Preschool for more than two decades. PMCCP families regularly visit The Crumpet Shop where they see alumni

Currently living in West Seattle, Robin Lasater remembers helping out at his parents' business since he was a child. He recalls standing on a crate in front of the cash register, where he would take payments and make change with customers.

Robin attended PMCCP when the preschool still accepted "drop-ins" during the early 1980's. He said he felt comfortable at the preschool and recalls the cubicles where his personal possessions were kept safe. He also remembers eating cheese pizza - though not as cheesy as he would have liked.

The Crumpet Shop has been a generous sponsor of our annual Walk for Kids fundraising event for many years.

Make sure to stop by and say "hi" to Robin and Nancy at The Crumpet Shop next time you are in the Market area.



Josh Weiner – Boston, Massachusetts

His parents would often drop him off at his grandparents near the Market and he would then be brought by the preschool. Josh Weiner specifically remembers playing with his friend Pepper at PMCCP, who is now a dancer in New York City.

Josh loves and supports the preschool and believes that PMCCP is on the cutting edge of early childhood education.

A general rule that Josh lives by is to support schools that he has attended and organizations that have helped him grow. Josh stated that he "loves the mission" as he continues to support the preschool by contributing to the Annual Fund each year. Josh's parents, Kathy and Ken, have also provided financial support for PMCCP and Kathy has served on the board.

The preschool is not Josh's only connection to the Market area. He also worked in the Market for 5 years at Frank's Quality Produce. Josh has a deep appreciation of the Market and its community.

Josh is currently employed as an Associate at Summit Partners in Boston. He graduated from Stanford University and has also worked at McKinsey & Company and Xoco Fine Cocoa Company.

Josh credits a strong preschool experience at PMCCP as an important foundation to his success!



Dear Friends of PMCCP,

I am writing to let you know that after seven wonderful years as Executive Director of the Pike Market Childcare and Preschool, I will be moving on at the end of June 2012.

Our community is what makes this preschool so special—from the Market neighbors and faithful donors to the eclectic families, caring volunteers and extremely dedicated staff. The commitment of the entire community is impressive. I feel humbled, grateful, and proud to be part of such a unique organization that provides such an important service.

This is an exciting time for the school. Early this year we relocated downstairs into a beautiful, brand new space, designed specifically for young children. After 29 years of service in a building that is over 100 years old, we moved back to the level in the Market where the Preschool first began in 1982.

I recently met a former PMCCP board member who worked with the school for over a decade, shortly after it opened. It was delightful to hear her tell stories about the Blue Skies and Rainbow Birds like it was yesterday! She spoke of the Market community's support and the importance of quality early education for all children—The passion for the mission continues, and will continue, after almost three decades. It is a testament to the significance of our work and the strength of our school.

The organization is in a great place in many ways. Our progressive program is well respected and a leader in the field. Our staff is the best ever. With all this in mind, the school is well poised for me to be moving on. It is an exciting and a healthy time for new leadership to build upon PMCCP's strengths.

With your continued support, we look forward to a smooth transition. My last day will be at the end of June 2012, and the Preschool's Board of Directors has already started a well-planned search. I hope to take a little time next July to spend with my family before deciding my next steps, and will always stay connected to the Market family.

Thank you for making this such a wonderful experience.

*Ellen*



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## Board of Directors

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Pike Market Child Care & Preschool, a non-profit organization, believes that all children deserve access to high quality care in a diverse and supportive environment.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support Pike Market Child Care and Preschool visit our Giving page at [www.pikemarketkids.org](http://www.pikemarketkids.org) or contact Judy Jenkins at 206.295.0995 or [judy@pikemarketkids.org](mailto:judy@pikemarketkids.org)

Become a friend of the Preschool on our Facebook page – [pikemarketkids.org](http://pikemarketkids.org)

# Parent Profile

## “Wins the Lottery” at PMCCP



Chris Badgley

Chris Badgley is a single father. His daughter, Patricia, is enrolled in the Blue Sky classroom.

Once Patricia was accepted into Pike Market Child Care & Preschool in 2010, Chris said he felt like he had “won the lottery.”

Originally from Missoula, Montana, Chris came to Seattle in 1985 in hopes of making the “big time” with his band. Now, Chris is self-employed and a graduate of the University of Washington with a degree in history. Chris worked in the Market on a number of occasions. He recalls seeing children walk around the area,

but never realized a preschool was in the heart of the Market. Chris first learned about the preschool from a friend whose sister is an alumni member and highly recommended PMCCP.

The preschool addresses the belief system Chris has in raising children. From a values perspective, Chris believes the multi-cultural and urban experience is important for his daughter. He also states that the Market is a real community, where his Patricia has many friends.

Chris is very pleased his daughter is part of the Market – and we are too!

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## A Special Friend



Edith Kraemer

A refugee of World War II, an employee of the renowned Faberge, a world traveler; Edith Kraemer is also a wonderful friend to the children at Pike Market Child Care and Preschool.

Born in Germany, Edith was forced to leave her home country in 1939 on one of the last Kindertransports before WWII began. She particularly remembers being taken from her father's arms and put on the train. She was taken to Holland, then shipped over the North Sea to England. While attending school in England, Edith was hit with devastating news. She was informed that England was at war with Germany and she would never see her father again. Edith attended Europe's only Jewish boarding school, Carmel College, near Oxford in England. She began work as a junior clerk at a real estate company and also provided child care for children 3 to 5 years old.

In 1946, Edith came to New York at her uncle's appeal. She boarded a former Swedish troop ship for her 10 day journey to the United States. In New York Edith lived with her sister until

she began providing child care again, and then received room and board in return. She has lived in many exciting places around the world including Australia, Hawaii and New Zealand. While in New York, Edith was employed at Faberge, one of the most illustrious jewelers in the world, for the first five years she worked with Peter Carl Faberge, Faberge founder.

In 1990, Edith moved to Seattle. When asked what sparked her interest with the preschool Edith indicated she saw the children walking in downtown Seattle on a number of occasions. Edith's unusual childhood has motivated her to support the needs of our children.

Edith Kraemer has been a steadfast donor to Pike Market Child Care and Preschool since 1998 and recently informed preschool staff that she has also included PMCCP in her estate plans.

If you would like to join Edith in providing future support for children at the Preschool through a planned gift, contact Judy Jenkins at 206.295.0995 or [judy@pikemarketkids.org](mailto:judy@pikemarketkids.org)



### Fonte's Donates \$11,000 for Classroom Supplies

On January 10th, Fonte Café hosted Pike Market Child Care and Preschool and the Moon Beam class for a special celebration. Fonte Coffee Roasters owner, Paul Odom, presented a check for \$11,000 to the preschool. This generous donation came from the proceeds of Fonte's 2011 "Limited Edition Holiday Blend," and will underwrite a year's worth of school supplies at PMCCP.

Paul Odom believes PMCCP is the perfect sized organization to partner with Fonte. "As a father of two and an ardent supporter of children's programs, Pike Market Child Care and Preschool is dear to my heart," stated Paul. "We are thankful for the espousal we received from Seattle and beyond. The overwhelming support during the holiday season has helped make a difference for so many children."

The Moon Beam class attended this event at Fonte Café along with several PMCCP staff and board members. The children enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies and had a fun time.

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Thank you to all our friends who purchased Holiday Blend coffee – your support was tremendous!

Job Announcement  
Executive Director

Pike Market Child Care and Preschool is seeking an Executive Director. Visit our website at [pikemarketkids.org/community/](http://pikemarketkids.org/community/) to view the job description and application procedure. The application deadline is March 16, 2012. No phone calls please.



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