

# SOUTH SOUND PARENT TO PARENT'S

## champions of courage fundraiser

When life gives you lemons... squeeze the day!



### SSP2P IS THE CONNECTION

*South Sound Parent to Parent (SSP2P) provides valuable services to families residing in Thurston, Mason and Grays Harbor counties, who care for loved ones with special needs. Families are more likely to feel grief, anxiety, guilt, isolation and depression because their daily routine includes an exhausting amount of challenges. Parents need people who care about them and their children, who can be good listeners, who they can turn to for emotional support and well-informed advice and who they can call on for help in solving problems - SSP2P is the connection! As the connection, over 4,500 families accessed SSP2P for services in 2019-2020.*

### COURAGEOUS FAMILIES VIRTUALLY INTERCONNECTED

*Since mid-March 2020, with innovative strategies and swift adaptation of services, SSP2P's Helping Parent program pivoted to offer all services in a virtual model including increasing the frequency of support groups to weekly, virtual family fun events, drive thru parades and educational webinars for parents. Social connections are essential for families caring for a loved one with special needs. It is imperative to encourage parents they are not alone and there are others out there who can relate with similar circumstances to lend support. **Since 2021, the Helping Parent program has served over 2,000 families.** This data is monumental showing a projection of a **78%** increase in families served when compared to last fiscal year!*

### INVEST IN THE CONNECTION

*We hope you will join us in supporting our cause by making a donation. Your contribution will be a wonderful addition - save the date for **August 14, 2021** for our outdoor summer auction event at the Olympia SSP2P parking lot. Opportunities and engagement in social connections, even virtually, create bonds, connect families and empower parents. Let's make sure to keep SSP2P's Helping Parent services an integral part of our community because, as stated by one mom, "...no one should feel alone and because someone helped me." Thank you for your consideration!*

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## CHAMPIONS OF COURAGE

*Last years event at the Hands on Children's Museum showcased a super hero themed evening with Spider-man and Elsa the Snow Queen roaming the museum. Over 250 guests who attended our family-oriented fundraiser, adorned with super hero masks, browsed over 100 silent and live auction items while munching on delicious appetizers from SPSCC Catering. Thanks to our generous supporters and sponsors, the event raised over \$40,000!*



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