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## **Parent Trust for Washington Children's Tenth Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party to Benefit Parent Education and Family Support Programs**

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Parent Trust for Washington Children's **Tenth Annual Mad Hatter Tea Party** will be held Saturday, November 7, 2009 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Seattle. The Mad Hatter Tea Party is Parent Trust's biggest annual fundraiser and community event.

The Mad Hatter Tea Party is a **one-of-a-kind event** that features silent and live auctions with auctioneer John Curley, a light luncheon, entertainment, and children's activities. This year over 350 guests will enjoy visiting with the friendly *Alice In Wonderland* characters, becoming spellbound by Louie Foxx the magician, and getting creative at the Children's Creation Stations. Children's Creation Stations will include face painting, hat making, spin art, jewelry crafting, and more.

Each year the **Laura Smith Brown Children's Champion Award** is also presented at the Mad Hatter Tea Party. Parent Trust presents the Children's Champion Award to an individual or organization that has shown outstanding leadership in protecting children from harm, strengthening families, and promoting parent leadership. Some past recipients have included Governor Christine Gregoire, Senator Patty Murray, Representative Ruth Kagi, and the Northwest Children's Fund. This year **William H. Gates, Sr. will be the honored recipient and will accept the award at the event.**

Funds raised from the Mad Hatter Tea Party go toward **Parent Trust's life-changing parent education and family support programs** that serve over 14,500 families in *every* county in the state of Washington. Founded in 1978, Parent Trust is dedicated to teaching families skills to promote early learning, improve family bonding, develop new family and life management skills for both parents and children, and prevent child abuse and neglect.

The Mad Hatter Tea Party's presenting sponsor is Green Diamond Resources, Inc. Supporting sponsors include Boeing Company, Buelow Investments, LLC, American Family Insurance, Robert K.P. Chow M.D., Beacon Law Advisors, and Blackberry. In-kind sponsors include Renaissance Marriot, Southwest Airlines, Costa Cruises, Parent Map, The Adventure School, and Louie Foxx Entertainment LLC.

For more information about this year's Mad Hatter Tea Party or to purchase tickets, visit **[www.madhatterteaparty.org](http://www.madhatterteaparty.org)** or call 206.233.0156 x231.

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