

Lt. Governor to Present Washingtonian of the Year and Washington Organization of the Year Awards

Seattle, Feb 11, 2019 (IssueWire.com) - Lt. Governor Habib will present the Washingtonian of the Year Award and the Washington Organization of the Year Award at the state Capitol.

This year, Mimi Siegel will receive the Washingtonian of the Year Award for her 40 years of service leading Kindering, the largest and most comprehensive neurodevelopmental center in the Northwest.

On Siegel's selection, the Lt. Governor said, "When Mimi joined Kindering, it was a modest non-profit in Bellevue serving a small group of local families. Now, Kindering changes lives by the thousands throughout our state with its enlightened approach to intervention through education and therapy for children with disabilities. In her career, Mimi has exemplified the compassion, confidence, and determination that makes us proud to recognize her as 'Washingtonian of the Year.'"

The 2019 Washington Organization of the Year is Treehouse, a Seattle-based nonprofit organization known for effectively reducing the graduation gap between foster youth and their peers in Seattle and throughout the state.

"Treehouse was selected for the Organization of the Year Award based on its tireless commitment to building a more equitable system for foster kids throughout our state," said Mike Flood, VP of Community Relations for the Seattle Seahawks and Chair of the Association of Washington Generals. "Treehouse's efforts to create a world in which every child – regardless of where they grow up — has the opportunity to pursue their dreams gets to the heart of what this award represents."

The Association of Washington Generals, a non-profit organization codified into state law by the Legislature in 2005, will host the annual awards ceremony at which the awards will be given.

Date: Tuesday, February 19

Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm

Location:

Legislative Building Columbia Room, Washington State Capitol
416 Sid Snyder Avenue SW
Olympia, WA 98504

About Treehouse

Founded in 1988 by social workers, Treehouse is Washington's leading nonprofit organization addressing the academic and other essential support needs of more than 7,000 youth in foster care. We're committed to every youth in care statewide achieving a relevant credential, living wage job, and stable housing. With fierce optimism, we fight the structural inequities that impact all of us. Learn more at www.treehouseforkids.org.

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