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## Program & Family Spotlight Listos Para Aprender

"I am so grateful for the Listos Para Aprender program because of the great benefit it has provided for my children, my family, and me." - Ramona (Morrison Parent)

Listos Para Aprender is a home visitation, school readiness program that provides Latino families with educational home visits, parenting groups, and community resources. Listos conducts developmental screenings to ensure children are on track for their age. The program also provides families with books and other learning materials that will help prepare children for school.



Listos changed Ramona's way of thinking. Before being introduced to Listos, she was raising her children as her parents had done - by instinct, without recognizing that a human being has the capacity and interest to learn at a very young age. Ramona did not understand what would be expected of her children in school, or what she could do to make sure they were successful when they began.

Ramona's Listos Parent Educator taught her about child development and showed her activities to support and enhance her children's learning. With guidance and advice, her children, 4-year-old Sophia and 2-year-old Rafael, already know things she didn't learn until first grade. Leo knows how to read in Spanish, count to 150, add and subtract, locate a place on a map, and explain why it rains. Rafael is progressing at a similar rate. At one meeting, Ramona exclaimed, "I can't believe that all of this has occurred while working with them at home before ever sending them to school."

For information about this and other Morrison programs, visit our website Morrisonkids.org.







### Join us for Quiz for a Cause Trivia Night to Support Morrison's Foster Kids

We are pleased to announce that <u>Laurelwood Public House and Brewpub</u> in SE Portland is partnering with <u>Quiz for a Cause</u> to support Morrison's Foster Family Care Network in a fun evening of pub quiz to benefit our foster youth.

On Tuesday, December 6th the event will be held at Laurelwood Public House, 6716 SE Milwaukie Ave. Portland, OR 97202, from 8 to 10pm. For more information email Deanna.Kavanaugh@morrisonkids.org.



## **Foster Joy**

If you understand that every child needs stability, comfort and love and if you enjoy the satisfaction that comes from helping a child move from a life of adversity and trauma to one filled with joy and possibility, consider being a foster parent.

Morrison supports our foster parents every step of the way. With our training program and ongoing consultation, we ensure that you and your foster child have every chance to succeed.

To learn more, contact Morrison Child and Family Services at 503-258-4200 or morrisonkids.org.

# Holiday Giving Campaign

It's that most wonderful time of the year!

When you participate in Morrison's 2016 Holiday Giving Campaign, you're giving a tangible gift of hope to kids in the form of toys, clothing, books, gift cards, and more. By holding a Holiday Giving drive at your home or office, you can help us keep the tradition and magic alive.

Take advantage of this opportunity to spread cheer and make wishes come true. To find out how you can be an inspiration during this holiday season, e-mail us at Deanna.Kavanaugh@morrisonkids.org.



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