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Parents as Teachers kick-off reception spurs ticket sales to Jubilee
Organization’s founder, local luminaries slated for lauding at annual conference

ST. LOUIS, MO – July 1, 2019 -- This year marks the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Parents as Teachers program, a non-profit, internationally-recognized home-visiting parent education program.

And at its 2019 International Conference here, the organization will host a Jubilee underneath the St. Louis Gateway Arch to recognize people who have work to ensure the well-being of children and families through their commitment to Parents as Teachers.

Parents as Teachers will host its annual conference from Oct. 14 – 17 at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Arch hotel. To be honored as trailblazers at the Jubilee will be PAT Founder Mildred Winter, former U.S. Senator Christopher “Kit” Bond (R-MO); Arthur Mallory, former Missouri Commissioner of Education; Carolyn Losos, Parent Educator; former U.S. Senator and Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne (R-Idaho); and Dr. William Mehojah, Jr., director of the U.S. Office of Indian Education Programs, a.k.a. the “Father of FACE” (Family And Child Education) program.

Parents as Teachers recently hosted a 35th Anniversary Jubilee Host Committee Kick-off Reception at the Sheraton Westport Chalet to jump-start Jubilee ticket sales. Constance Gully, Parents as Teachers president and CEO, along with Board Chair Patricia Kempthorne, welcomed a crowd of mostly Parents as Teachers board and committee members to the event.

"Tonight’s gathering allows us to reflect on our legacy, and gives us a chance to re-energize you around our key mission... to ensure that all children will develop, learn and grow to realize their full potential," Gully told the crowd.

Kempthorne reiterated Gully’s sentiments and added: “We entered this anniversary year with a renewed commitment to community engagement and a pledge to recognize those persons and institutions that have aided in our success. We plan to formally acknowledge their contributions at our Jubilee.”
Each encouraged the crowd to help the organization sell tickets. To purchase tickets or tables of 10, or for sponsorship opportunities, visit www.parentsasteachers.org or contact Bart Holland, at 314-432-4330.

For more information about the Parents as Teachers 2019 International Conference or to become an exhibitor, visit parentsasteachersconference.org.

About Parents as Teachers
Parents as Teachers (PAT) builds strong communities, thriving families, and children that are healthy, safe and ready to learn by matching parents and caregivers with trained professionals who make regular personal home visits during a child’s earliest years in life, from pregnancy through kindergarten. The internationally-recognized evidence-based home visiting model is backed by 35 years of research-proven outcomes for children and families. PAT currently serves nearly 200,000 families in all 50 U.S. states, 115 Tribal organizations, six other countries, and one U.S. territory. Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc., is a non-profit organization headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri.

Ret. U.S. Senator and former Missouri Gov. Christopher “Kit” Bond (center) shares a moment with (from left) PAT staffer Kerry Caverly, board member Dr. Francis Rushton, staffer Alison Gee, and newly appointed board members Lori Connors Tadros and Sara Jane Blackmon at the 35th anniversary Jubilee Host Committee kick-off Reception.
PAT Board Members Lesli Rotenberg (left) and Maxine Clark, founder of the Build-A-Bear Workshop
From left: Arthur Mallory, Constance Gully, Barry Palmer, Jane Nelson and Kit Bond.
Board Member Tom Melzer (center) shares a moment with Kerry Caverly and Barry Palmer.
Guests enjoy a scrumptious buffet at the 35th Anniversary Jubilee Host Committee Kick-off Reception
Board members Susan Lipstein and Kwesi Rollins
Board member Carolyn Losos (right) chats with Bill Reichmuth and Betty Ann Schwartz
PAT President/CEO Constance Gully (left) and Patricia Kempthone, Parents as Teachers National Center board chair
PAT staffers Bart Holland, Christie Olden and Allison Kemner