Dear ILC Parent or Graduate,

We at The Mount cherish the community created by our Intergenerational Learning Center (ILC) and the intergenerational programming that brings the very young and the very old together. You are a part of that community, and we want to hear your story about the impact of The Mount’s intergenerational programming on you or your child. Today The Mount enjoys an outstanding international reputation for this innovative program. In fact, a documentary film and word of The Mount’s intergenerational program has resulted in national and international media coverage and study visits from around the world over the past eight years.

By participating in the evolution of the program, you’ve been a part of inspiring this international movement to bring the generations together. Your story will help us document and celebrate a key impact of this program as the children and graduates have gone on to live their lives perhaps with greater empathy, compassion and acceptance of elders and those less able.

We’re so enthusiastic about your story that we’ve initiated the first annual Turner Intergenerational Essay Awards. We’re offering cash awards to encourage your participation with $6,000 in total awards. This award is in honor and in memory of Dyke R. Turner, the visionary architect who was key in inspiring and then designing the program and spaces back in 1991, in collaboration with Joan Whitley, Program Director, and Charlene Boyd, Administrator.

Essay Contest — Here’s how to participate:

• Write a 500 word (or shorter) essay on the impact that the intergenerational experience at the ILC and The Mount had on your/your child’s life. Specific situations or examples are helpful in illustrating this impact. See attached application for story prompt ideas.

• Submit your story with the attached form to The Mount by Friday, February 28, 5 pm.

• A selection committee will review the stories and choose a first, second and third place winner in each of four age categories ranging from current ILC students to 18 years and older.

• In early March we will announce contest winners — four first place winners will be awarded $1,000. Second and third place winners in each category will earn $250 awards.

• We will invite first place award recipients and their parents to attend our annual Intergenerational Giving Circle President’s Dinner on March 19, at The Sanctuary at Admiral in West Seattle.

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Whether your child is currently enrolled in the ILC or has graduated, your story will tell us something about how effective our program is in fostering comfort and meaningful relationships between generations. If you are 9 or older, we want to hear from you directly about how your experience at the ILC shows up in your life today, even if you graduated 20 years ago. Parents may submit a story for children up to age 8, and please incorporate your child’s thoughts, ideas and experiences as much as possible. Your story will encourage others to continue attending and supporting the ILC for generations to come.

Every story we receive will be archived as part of the ILC program’s history and will help to garner continued support as we collect this important outcome information. So, start now. Use the attached submission form to sign up for the award contest and send us your story. We can’t wait to read it!

Thank you so much for being a special part of this community that now celebrates over 30 years of bringing the generations together.

With gratitude,

Charlene K. Boyd,
Administrator

PS: We found you, but not all graduates are on our list. Please tell your fellow ILC graduate families about this opportunity. Please also link to our Facebook page (Providence Mt. St. Vincent) and share this opportunity with those ILC friends you’ve stayed in touch with.

To learn about how to join The Mount’s Intergenerational Giving Circle, visit our website at: providence.org/themount/IGC