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## THE FACTS



Haring Center Auction // Benefiting the Experimental Education Unit

**WHO** The Haring Center for Research and Training in Inclusive Education is an integrated early childhood program dedicated to improving the lives of children with special needs as well as their families. The center, located on the University of Washington's Seattle campus, is part of the UW College of Education and the Center on Human Development and Disability.

The Experimental Education Unit, (EEU) is one of the Haring Center's three units. At the EEU, scholars, education and services professionals, and graduate students work with the school's 250 children, who range in age from birth through kindergarten. All EEU programs promote the development of children's cognitive, motor, communication and social interaction skills through specific educational and therapeutic interventions. These programs always include the side-by-side learning of typically developing children and children with various developmental delays or disabilities.

### WHEN

Saturday, May 16, 2015  
Doors open at 5 p.m.

### WHERE

Experimental Education Unit  
University of Washington  
Seattle Campus

**WHAT** Now in its 14th year, the Haring Center auction is a must-see event, featuring fabulous items for the bidding and a four-course gourmet dinner and appetizers prepared by Wild Ginger! All the food served is donated by Whole Foods Market and the wine is donated by Two Mountain Winery. During the Silent Auction, we feature a "Wine Taste + Buy" with 20 wineries. Our event includes a "Restaurant Row"; no bidding involved; simply, put your bid number down for the value of the item and it's yours. Most importantly, 100% of the value of all items goes back to the EEU.

**WHY** These donations allow us to keep our doors open, by bridging the gap in funding provided by the state and grants received. We rely on funding from individuals, corporations and foundation donors. Our auction goal is \$1,000,000.00. In 2013-14, the total budget for the EEU was \$1.4 million; 35% of that budget came from funds raised at the auction.

## LAST YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dinner with the UW President and Mrs. Marti Young in their home with the Director of the Haring Center and the Dean of the College of Education

A trip for two to Rome on first-class round-trip airfare and the opportunity stay in the UW Rome condo for one week

A Waterfront Crab Boil for 20, and several group dinners

Sought-after wine experiences that included Leonetti Wine

We have 600 silent auction items and 25 live auction items and 2 raffles