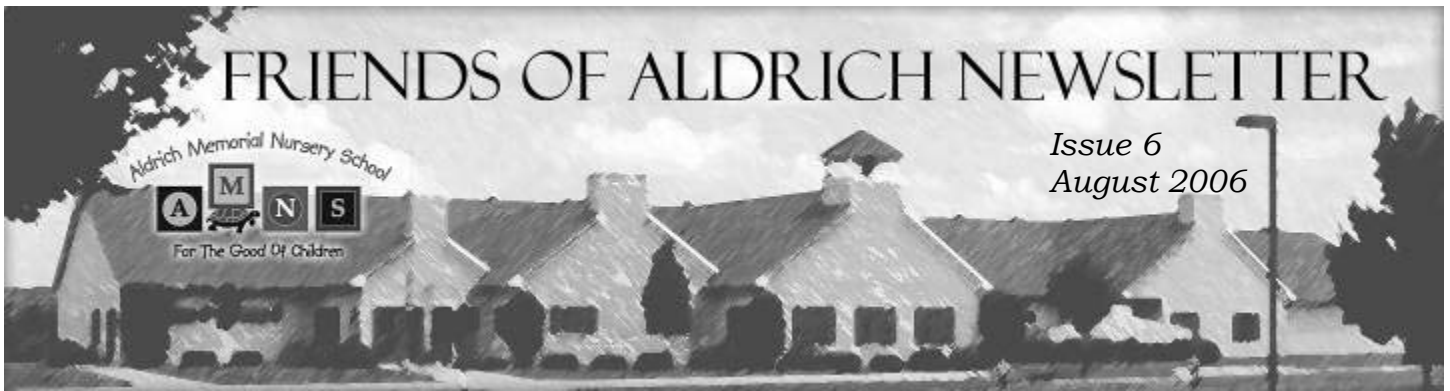


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## 43 Years for The Good of Children



If you have had anything to do with Aldrich in the last 43 years, you probably have heard of Colette Miller. She was a teacher during that time with 13 of those years being full time. She also taught Aldrich Outdoors, the summer program, worked in the office and was on the board of directors. She served as an assistant teacher and also as a lead teacher mentoring many new teachers. Colette has a passion for signing ASL (American Sign Language). Not only did she use it with her own classes, but one year she taught enrichment signing classes for all Aldrich classes. This past fall she taught a mini course of signing.

Colette loves teaching; she loves children. A favorite tenet of Colette's is, "I see behaviors which are inappropriate as mis-learned ways and my role is to help children learn appropriate

ways." Colette continues to work for the Good of Children in many ways. One of which is being a tutor through the Reading Center in Rochester.

Even though Colette will be missed as a member of the regular teaching staff here at Aldrich, we know that we are not saying good-bye. We are thinking of many ways including subbing that Colette can still be a part of Aldrich.

## "Aldrichland, A World of Fun!"

### Annual Carnival 2006

The annual Aldrich carnival was held on Saturday, May 6, and once again it was a huge success! There were a variety of activities including pony rides in which children and families could participate.

Many parents and friends donated items, volunteered hours and purchased tickets which helped to make the event a huge success grossing over \$14,000. This money, after expenses, will benefit the Aldrich financial assistance and other school programs.

Last year 33 families received financial assistance to attend Aldrich.



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# Trading Places

After 13 full and wonderful years as the Aldrich Director, Dorey Johnson has taken a step back from her full time duties. Thankfully, Bonnie Stauff, the former Assistant Director of six years has stepped into her position and will serve as the interim Director for the 2006-2007 school year. Dorey will stay on as the new Assistant Director. The switch was effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Together, Dorey and Bonnie make a very effective leadership team. Dorey has been with the school 18 years, 13 of those as full-time Director. In the years of her term, she has brought consistency, thoughtfulness, fairness and clear direction to the position. It's definitely a bonus that she will stay on in the part-time Assistant Position.

Bonnie has been at Aldrich 17 years, six of those as part-time Assistant Director and part-time teacher. Bonnie has shown already to be an asset as the new Director, jumping into the duties with enthusiasm and extra hours. She leads with thoughtfulness and fairness and is a warm and caring person. She will do the school proud in her new position.

These two leaders have been an integral part in maintaining the school's reputation as a quality institution and Aldrich has thrived under their direction. Bonnie and Dorey are both knowledgeable leaders, exemplary role models and dedicated to the success of Aldrich. All at Aldrich appreciate the work they do as the leaders of the school.



Bonnie Stauff, Director



Dorey Johnson, Asst. Director

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## The Aldrich Endowment Fund

Over the past years, the Aldrich Board of Directors has worked to create and strengthen a legacy that would benefit the children of our community.

After seeking advice from the Rochester Area Foundation and others, an endowment fund was created to build a foundation. It is from this fund that we can aid families with financial need and give more children the opportunity to experience an Aldrich education.

This fund is held by the Rochester Area Foundation, which allows ongoing contributions and growth. In addition, RAF has marketing tools and the expertise to manage our fund well into the future. This endowment fund also allows for a structured approach for donors who consider Aldrich in their estate planning.

Previous events, such as the Emeralds & Endowment Gala and the Ageless Art Benefit, have been extremely successful in strengthening the Aldrich endowment fund. Last year alone, over \$8,900 was raised for the fund, bringing the total held in the fund to just over \$25,300!

As members of the Aldrich community, we all look forward to the continued growth of this fund and to the opportunities it provides for children. The Board of Directors is already hard at work planning the next benefit, which will be held November 11, 2006 – plan to attend another exciting Aldrich benefit!

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# Aldrich Garden Dedication

On May 11, 2006 many current and former Aldrich teachers, staff, board members, families and friends gathered to dedicate the Aldrich Garden aptly named *Aldrich: A Place to Grow*.



The turnout was impressive considering the blustery, cold day that felt more like March than May. Highlights of the presentation included children planting seeds, a song, "Love Grows", performed by children participating in that day's stay and play Lunch Bunch program and the unveiling of a stunning, engraved fountain donated by the family of Lindsey Anne Ronningen.

Thank you to everyone who dug into this project. The garden has definitely come into full bloom. If you have not seen it recently, be sure to visit. It is heartwarming to watch the children drawn to this delightful sensory experience located by the school's east entrance.

Again, thanks to everyone across the years who made this wonderful gift that will keep on growing come to life.

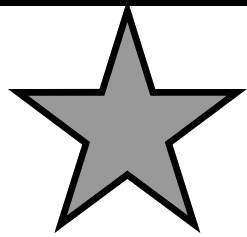
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## Facility Update

Keep an eye out for facility improvements this fall when you head back to Aldrich. As you walk your eager youngsters into the building be sure to admire:

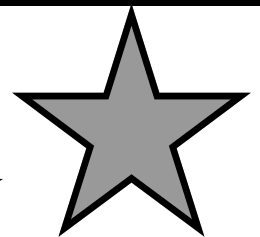
- New handicapped-accessible concrete ramps leading from the freshly patched and re-stripped parking area to the sidewalk.
- A brand new concrete sidewalk installed at the west end of the building to replace one that was cracked and had seen better days.
- A bigger and better Playground 1! The fenced playground area was expanded and additional concrete was poured near the building to allow young speedsters a larger area to play with wheeled toys.
- Safety improvements to Playground 3! New playground edging has been installed and the play area re-graded to keep the gravel in the large play area from finding its way onto the walkway.
- Indoor improvements include replacement of worn tile flooring in Classroom 2 and carpet stretching in Playroom 1.
- Classroom 1 is slated for improvements to better accommodate concurrent classes. The committee is seeking the input of the classroom teachers and interior design resources to assist in modifying the existing space to best meet our teachers' and students' needs. Watch for changes in the next year.

A big thanks goes to the staff, teachers and board members who volunteered to be the facility committee. Your hard work is appreciated!



# Ageless Art

## a Benefit Event



On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Aldrich will be hosting its third annual benefit, entitled "Ageless Art," at the Plummer House. The proceeds from this social event will go toward the Aldrich Endowment Fund. The night will begin with wine and hors d'oeuvres provided by Catering by Design, followed by live and silent auctions of work donated by local artists.



The evening should add up to unbelievable memories and a strengthened endowment fund, which will provide financial assistance for future children to attend our wonderful school. Invitations will be mailed soon. If you do not receive an invitation, know of someone who would like to attend, or you would like to donate a piece of art, please call the office at 289-3097. We hope you will join us for this amazing event!



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## ALDRICH in the COMMUNITY

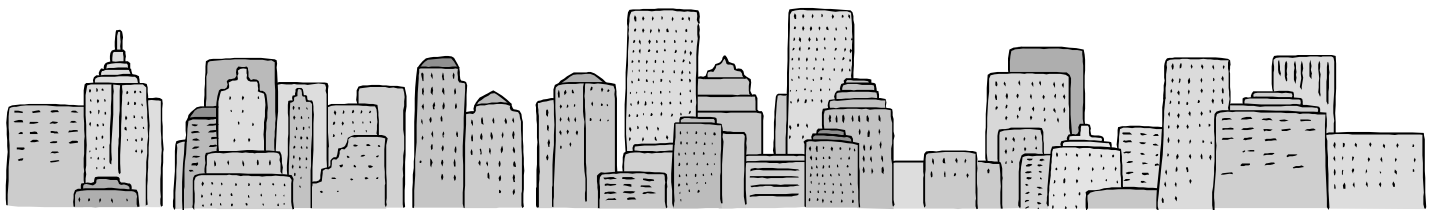
Aldrich participates in the community in a variety of ways.

- During this past school year five college students from Winona State University, Rochester Community and Technical College and Crown College had a teaching experience at Aldrich.
- Two high school students from Century H.S. spent a semester with an Aldrich class.
- Throughout the year Mayo pediatric residents come to observe.
- Food was collected for Channel One, and toys for the Salvation Army.
- Each staff person was given the opportunity to contribute to United Way.
- Aldrich decorated a mini tree for the Festival of Trees and participated in Family Fun Night in April.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Aldrich will receive \$5100 from the Community Development Block Grant for the 2006 – 2007 school year. All of the money will go toward financial assistance for Aldrich tuition. Many thanks to the City Council for awarding this funding.



# Adult Education



Continuing to learn about nurturing the growth and well-being of a child is an important goal that we share here at Aldrich. Because of that, staff development and parent education are part of Aldrich's mission.

In addition to off site conferences, some of the opportunities provided on site this past year include:

1. Several tapes from a video series entitled ***The Whole Child*** which provide essential information about children's physical, emotional and cognitive development; offer techniques to use in difficult situations; and show how to help children develop to their fullest potential. After teachers viewed the videos there was lively discussion, and parents had/have the opportunity to check out the tapes. The tapes include:
  - a. **Dealing with Feelings** – which offers activities that promote emotional health in family relations, self-expression and dealing with stress.
  - b. **Let's Talk About It** - which deals with language acquisition and methods for increasing language competence
  - c. **Growing Minds** - which shares various approaches to developing mental ability
2. **The Nurtured Heart Approach**, a comprehensive non-punitive method of dealing with challenging behaviors in young children was presented by parenting coach Tina Feigal, M.S. ED.
3. **Love and Logic** authors, Foster Cline, M.D. and Jim Fay, believe that "effective parenting centers around love: love that is not permissive, love that doesn't tolerate disrespect, but also love that is powerful enough to allow kids to make mistakes and permit them to live with the consequences of those mistakes." Love and Logic references added to Aldrich's Helmholtz check-out library include:
  - a. the book, ***Parenting with Love and Logic***, by Cline and Fay
  - b. **"Helicopters, Drill Sargents and Consultants"** a CD by Fay
  - c. **"Four Steps to Responsibility,"** a CD by Fay
  - d. **"Painless Parenting for the Preschool Years,"** a DVD by Fay.

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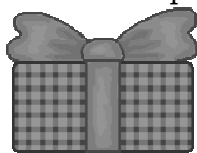
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# Facts from school year '05 - '06

- The number of children attending Aldrich at one time = 495
- The number of children with special needs who attended Aldrich through the Rochester Public Schools = 18
- The number of children who were here through Child Care Resource and Referral Learning Readiness = 59
- The number of children who were here through Child Care Assistance = 6
- The number of children who attended Aldrich through Interfaith Hospitality Network. = 2
- The number of children who attended through Aldrich's financial assistance = 33

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