



*tessera*

*dreams are different ... people are the same*

Dear Friend,

Tessera will be hosting its first annual Honoring Caregivers Luncheon on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue. We are inviting you to be a table captain for this inaugural event.

As a table captain you will be encouraged to fill a table of 10 (including yourself) – we hope to have an attendance of 250 and are looking for 25 table captains to help us reach our goal! You may choose to buy a table for \$1000 and fill it with your friends. Or you may wish to recruit people to buy seats for \$100 at your table. Don't think you can fill a table? Perhaps you and a friend or colleague can fill a table together.

Enclosed are all the tools you will need to ensure your success as a table captain. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us for assistance. We would be happy to meet with you in person or over the phone to discuss ways to make your table captain experience a successful one!

Tessera creates lifelong learning experiences for individuals with autism and other related developmental disabilities so that they have every opportunity to reach their full potential. Your partnership supports Tessera's commitment to promoting and developing educational programs; residential living opportunities; and community-based inclusive recreational activities.

Thank you for sharing in our mission and making this a successful event!

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Nitz Weiss  
Executive Director

## **Honoring Caregivers Luncheon Fact Sheet**

Tessera cordially invites you to support this luncheon.

### **Our Mission**

To create lifelong learning experiences for individuals with autism and other related developmental disabilities.

### **Event Summary**

An educational luncheon supporting Tessera's commitment to promoting and developing educational programs; residential living opportunities; and community-based inclusive recreational activities for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities.

### **Date**

Thursday, October 15, 2009, Hyatt Regency – Bellevue

### **Time**

11:30 Registration, 12:00N – 1:30pm

### **Tickets**

Tickets may be purchase in advance to reserve a seat through a table captain or the website for \$100

### **Speaker**

Lynne Stern Feiges, author: Sibling Stories: Reflections on Life with a Brother or Sister on the Autism Spectrum

### **Table Captain and Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

#### **Sponsorships:**

Barb Fotheringill

[barb.fotheringill@essera.org](mailto:barb.fotheringill@essera.org)

#### **Table Captain:**

Monique Scher

[monique.scher@tessera.org](mailto:monique.scher@tessera.org)



If you are new a new Table Captain.....  
Here are a few tips for success

Take a moment to look through your packet and to learn more about Tessera and the luncheon. If you have any questions email Monique Scher at [monique.scher@tessera.org](mailto:monique.scher@tessera.org) or call at 425-301-5048.

- **Make a list of potential guests for your table.** Potential guest might include friends, family, neighbors, and business contacts. Look through your address book, professional, recreational and civic club list. Some people find that the best approach is to call first. Others write first hen follow-up with a phone call. Do what works for you, what you are the most comfortable with and what you do best.
- **Announce the Luncheon at meetings you attend.** Consider putting an announcement about the luncheon in your association newsletter, and ask people to contact you for more information.
- **Be confident and upbeat.** Don't be apologetic because you are asking friends and associates for money. You are asking them to join you in helping with education, recreation and housing for youth and young adults and families living with autism!
- **Keep lists of who will attend so that you may remind them prior to the luncheon.**
- **Follow through, follow through, follow through!**
- **Many corporations match employee gifts to charitable organizations.** Ask your guest if their employer or spouses' employer has a matching gift program. If so, ask them to fill out the matching form and bring the form with them to the luncheon.

**Turn in a list of confirmed guest no later than October 1, 2009.**

Please find replacements for those who cannot attend. Email Tessera with any changes after the deadline.

# Tessera – Honoring Caregivers Luncheon

## Table Captain Roster 2009

Guest list must be received by October 1, 2009

1. Table under the name of: (person or company): \_\_\_\_\_

Table Captain Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please designate a table captain if you will not be sitting at the table \*

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_