



# This Week from the Mayor



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Mayor Law cuts the ribbon at the site of the Family First Community Center. The mayor is joined by Tom Trompeter, CEO of Health Point, Doug Baldwin and Dr. Damien Pattenaude, Renton School District superintendent, and members of the state legislature, Renton City Council, Renton School Board and community members.

## Community partners unite to cut ribbon at site of Family First Community Center

WHENEVER I GET THE OPPORTUNITY, I like to talk about the [Family First Community Center](#), a beautiful new facility we are building next to Cascade Elementary School that will serve kids and families in the Cascade and Benson Hill communities.

Last Saturday, I had the honor to join Doug Baldwin; Dr. Damien Pattenaude, Renton School District superintendent; Tom Trompeter, CEO of HealthPoint; Renton City Council; members of the Renton School Board; and business and service club donors as we [cut the ribbon](#)



*The Family First Community Center will provide a wide array of services to the Cascade/Benson Hill community.*

at the location where the new center will be built in 2020. Local residents and students also joined us to celebrate a center that will offer free health and fitness services, athletic programs, STEM and ESL classes, arts, music and many other activities and vital services.

This new center is possible thanks to the vision and support of Doug Baldwin, collaboration between the city and the school district, and the generous support from local businesses, Rotary Club of Renton and state and county representatives.

With a price tag of \$15 million, we have already raised over \$10.3 million, with other commitments still in the works. Contributions can be made via [Renton Regional Community Foundation](#). Simply click the "Donate Now" button and select "Family First Community Center" from the list of funds.

The Renton City Council launched the capital campaign by pledging \$4 million and that was the impetus for these partners to join:

- » Renton School District, donation of land for new facility
- » First Financial Northwest Foundation, \$3 million
- » Doug Baldwin, Jr., Family First Community Center Foundation, \$1 million
- » Washington State Legislature, \$1.5 million
- » Starbucks' Foundation, \$151,000
- » Renton Car Pros, \$128,700
- » Tom & Karen Easton and their company, ATS Automation, \$121,000
- » Members of the Rotary Club of Renton, \$120,000
- » Seattle Seahawks, \$70,000
- » Individual donations: \$25,000



Doug Baldwin



Dr. Damien Pattenaude



Tom Trompeter



Charles DeLaurenti II

Saturday's ribbon cutting was the first time all the partners who have invested so much were able to come together, celebrate and explain why a center like this is vital for our community. Here is some of what they shared.

*"The city and all the various partners have been tremendous in their support and desire to get this project for the community and I'm so grateful for that. In my 31 years on this planet I've learned one thing: to do anything great you need a team. On behalf of everyone who has put in a lot of effort and their time, their own passion, their own love, their own everything into this project, thank you." - Doug Baldwin*

*"People don't often invest in just an idea, they invest in the individual. When you take (Doug) Baldwin's passion, vision and commitment, there's no surprise that you see the turnout here this afternoon. When we cut out our ego, when we cut out the politics and we cut out the bureaucracy, we can do great things for kids and we can do great things for this community." - Dr. Damien Pattenaude, Renton School District superintendent*

*"Today reminds me of something the late Rep. Elijah Cummings frequently said: 'Our children are the living messengers to a future we will not see.' This project, these people and this partnership are an excellent example of how we can come together as a community and create that opportunity for kids who will be around and for the people beyond them." - Tom Trompeter, HealthPoint CEO*

*"One of the original goals of our foundation was to promote the health, exercise, nutrition and education of our youth and to have a place for them to gather and feel safe. This is one step towards this goal and we are happy to join with Doug and the other members of this project." - Charles DeLaurenti II, First Financial Northwest Foundation chair*

We are all excited to be a part of a project that will improve the lives of many people living in our community. Stay tuned for a groundbreaking celebration early next year!

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