Rowan, 3

Rowan came to Sherwood to improve his gross motor skills. Gross motor skills are bigger movements, and at Rowan's age include walking, kicking, jumping and climbing stairs. In the first three months of Motor Therapy sessions with Sherwood's Early Intervention Program, Rowan gained strength and stability and can now confidently step in and out of a hula hoop and attempt to balance while standing on a soccer ball.

Sherwood was founded in 1957 to serve children who were not included in public schools because of their cognitive disabilities. Schools and society have become more inclusive, yet there still exist unmet needs and barriers. The right education, training; and support can enable people with disabilities to reach their potential and become contributing members of their communities. Today, Sherwood continues to identify and offer services to meet the needs of children and adults with disabilities. These services include Early Intervention for infants and toddlers and Vocational Services for high school seniors and adults. The Sherwood team travels hundreds of miles each day to work with clients of all ages in the communities where they live, work and play.

Early Intervention Program (birth to three)

Therapy and Education services for infants and toddlers with a diagnosed disability or delay
Providing support to help reach developmental milestones wherever the child is
Parent Coaching Model in the child’s natural environment for optimal learning and success

Vocational Services Program (high school seniors and adults)

Together, as a team, we utilize Sherwood’s Vocational Services Steps to Success:

STEP 1
A Career Path Plan is Developed
Identify interests and goals

STEP 2
Job Training
Evaluate skills and abilities

STEP 3
Job Support
Develop resume, fill out applications, and attend interviews

STEP 4
Job Placement
Find the right job, on the job support/coaching for long-term success

“I have my own place. Independence, yay!” - C.E. (Sherwood Vocational Program Member)
Dane, Speedway Chevrolet

Dane has been a member of the Monroe Speedway Chevrolet family for two years as a Wash Bay Attendant. From sudsing down a vehicle to exporting trashcan waste, Dane keeps a smile on his face and shares his exuberant personality with everyone he passes. The service manager, Chuck, highlighted the fondness for Dane's “positive attitude” and that he “fits in so well” with their team and culture.

On average, Sherwood supports

- 108 people per month with Vocational Services
- 4,050 average number of miles traveled every month to provide critical in-home Early Intervention services
- 275 children receive services monthly
- 260 hours of specialized training provided to Sherwood Early Intervention Staff
- 13,118 in-home services to families including speech, occupational, physical and feeding therapy, special education, deaf education and family resources coordination
- 85 & GROWING! average number of businesses & sites secured for jobs and volunteer opportunities for people with disabilities
- 165 people received employment, career exploration and community inclusion services in 2018-2019
- $11.88 average hourly wage of employed Vocational Services program members
- 18 average hours worked per month of employed Vocational Services program members
- $163,981 of tax payer dollars per child over their entire education

Every student who does not enter special education services at age 3 saves...
Community Outreach

Sherwood takes pride in serving all people with disabilities and their families, regardless of the severity of the disability, those in rural areas and non-native English speaking communities. We strive to remove as many barriers to accessing services as possible and have staff who are bilingual in Spanish and American Sign Language because it is vital to provide services that are culturally relevant.

We are proud that all services are provided in the communities that clients are members of. In 2019, the Snohomish County Council passed Resolution #19-024 recognizing and valuing “the services provided by Sherwood to our community”.

Sherwood was recognized by the community and named “Best Non-Profit” in Snohomish County by The Daily Herald in 2017 and 2019. Silvana Five and Dime, Sherwood’s social enterprise, has also been named best Second Hand store in Snohomish County for 2017, 2018 and 2019 and generates critical dollars for Sherwood.

As a leader in the field of services for people with disabilities, Sherwood works to educate the community on person first language, inclusive practices, and disability etiquette.

"My son Daniel was diagnosed with Hypertonia at the age of 4 months old. His arms would extend back his whole body was rigid, he wasn’t hitting his gross motor milestones, he couldn’t roll over. It was hard as a parent to see that and then feeling helpless. So to have the support and be able to move forward through that was huge and today he’s made so much progress.” - Alissa (Sherwood Early Intervention Parent)
Every dollar spent means:

Knox can climb the steps at home!
Akira can rent movies and enjoy meals with friends!
Rosie can communicate her needs to her parents!
Stefan now has a job with full benefits!

Financial Report July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Expenditures $3,719,028 *
- Payroll $3,011,827
- Professional Fees $133,543
- Travel & Training $180,789
- Printing & Advertising $42,436
- Miscellaneous $350,433

Support & Revenue $4,198,888* 
- Government Contracts $3,455,421
- Program Fees $473,464
- Contributions $150,572
- Miscellaneous $119,431

*Audited

“Sherwood immeasurably improved the life of my daughter and our whole family. My daughter was developmentally delayed and received services for Physical, Occupational, and Speech therapies and social skills. From the first moment they came to the house, I no longer felt alone and scared. The positivity, fun and support was incredible and every bit as important as the therapy. To have a team to ban together and support, not only my daughter, but our family got us through what was otherwise a very difficult time. Receiving therapy at home made things so much easier and better equipped me to continue the activities from therapy throughout the week to reinforce learning. I am delighted to say that my daughter is now meeting appropriate benchmarks in her development. I do not believe this would be the case without the incredible efforts of the most dedicated and compassionate individuals and the second to none programming Sherwood offers.  I will be forever grateful to Sherwood and its staff.”  - Anne (Sherwood Early Intervention Parent)

Greta, 2 1/2

The coordination of care from all of Greta’s Sherwood Early Intervention specialists and in-home care have been a blessing to her family. Mom, Christie, likes the flexibility of services. When Greta needs additional help, Christie can increase the in-home visits as needed.
Susan, Pacifica Senior Living/Cedar Springs
Susan likes her job and smiles as she says, “I feel like family” and that “it’s reassuring that I feel safe.” As Susan moves from building to building to complete her tasks, she happily greets each resident in the hallways and courtyard prompting instant smiles in return. Susan earned “Employee of the Month” for May 2019.

“I partner with Sherwood because I whole-heartedly believe in the work they are doing and see the impact within our community.” - Tracy DeLorm, DDS (DeLorm Family Dental)

“I see the staff partnering with fellow community members and businesses to raise awareness on the critical services they provide. They are genuine in their approach and truly make a difference. Coastal Community Bank is proud to support Sherwood!” - Melissa Hemrich (Coastal Community Bank)

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