

Sebrena Burr & Rena Mateja Walker Burr
2009 Volunteers of the Year



“I believe it’s our job to leave this world better than we found it,” said Sebrena, mom of 5-year-old Rena Mateja.

She lives and breathes this responsibility as a spokesperson for Wellspring Family Services, a board member at Atlantic Street Center, Community Representative for Head Start programs locally and nationally, and a role model for her daughter day-in and day-out.

Sebrena first came to Wellspring Family Services for help with housing when her daughter was just a baby. Now, three years later Sebrena and Rena Mateja are stable at home. They are also two exceptional advocates for children and families in the community.

Mom Sebrena is a spokesperson in our community for families who struggle to make ends meet. Sebrena has shared her story and advocated on behalf of other families at the Groundbreaking of our family support center, Seattle Rotary’s 100-Year-Anniversary Gala, and the City of Seattle Housing Levy Press Conference.

Meanwhile, daughter Rena Mateja is busy collecting pennies and dollars to “help homeless babies”. She asks everyone she meets to participate – her mom’s doctors, her classmates, neighbors, and family. To-date she’s completed three penny drives and collected more than \$200 to benefit homeless kids at Morningsong. In November, Rena Mateja is planning a birthday party where she will dedicate her birthday gifts to homeless kids at Wellspring Family Services.

Together, this mom-daughter-duo says they’re “just doing their part”.

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