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Expanding SAHG's Resident Services Program

Two new staff members joined the Resident Services Team in September.

It is a pleasure to have both of them working with SAHG. Sarah Coffey (Lutheran Volunteer Corps, left) and Erica Snyder (AmeriCorps, right) will be working as full-time Resident Services Coordinators over the next year, providing on-site services to children and adults across our properties.

September 21st marked the kick-off of the homework club at five of SAHG's properties. It has been a huge success, averaging between 10-20 youth participating at each site. With the addition of Sarah and Erica, the Resident Services Team now is poised to build a robust resident services program at most of our properties over the next 11 months.

Financial Support

SAHG gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

Grants

\$ 30,000 from the **Housing Trust Fund's Portfolio Preservation Fund** to support a Capital Needs Assessment of all of SAHG's current properties.

\$ 5,000 from **Key Foundation** and \$ 2,000 from **Sterling Savings Bank** to support the development of affordable housing in East King County.

St. Andrew's Housing Group

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Give the Gift of Housing to Family and Friends

As the holidays roll around, we are all faced with the task of finding meaningful gifts (within our budget) for all of those acquaintances, business partners, co-workers, neighbors and extended family members that we want to show appreciation for. This year, in lieu of the standard bottle of wine or cheese basket, how about giving the gift of housing?

St. Andrew's Housing Group is introducing a brand new Greeting Card Program designed to give folks the opportunity to make a gift of any size in honor of a friend or loved one. It is simple. You select from one of four greeting card options designed for business or personal relationships. You can select a message with a holiday theme, a general theme or you can include a personalized message. Indicate where you would like us to send the card and if you would like the gift amount to be shared, and we will do the rest.

As those around you are scrambling to find the perfect gift, your recipient will get a card from you and know that as you thought of them, you also thought of others. For more information, visit www.sahg.org.

SAHG's Work to Preserve its Current Properties

As St. Andrew's Housing Group's first project (Andrew's Arms) reaches 18 years in service, and the remaining nine properties age, SAHG's team is focusing great attention on preserving its existing assets. With guidance from the staff and our Asset Management Committee, SAHG's leadership has created a comprehensive plan to measure and improve property performance, reinforce its property management practices, assess current capital needs across its portfolio, and create a long-term strategy to ensure the viability of SAHG's properties for years to come.

In November, SAHG learned it was a recipient of the Housing Trust Fund's Portfolio Preservation Grant. With this \$30,000 award and reserve funds from many of the properties, SAHG will be able to complete a Capital Needs Assessment and Preventative Maintenance Plan to help guide and prioritize maintenance and capital repairs over the next 20 years. SAHG will share its process with other affordable housing providers through a presentation to the Housing Trust Fund next Fall.

Poker Tournament: A Good Gamble for SAHG

On Saturday, September 26th, Patrick Zanin and Dan Rivisto graciously hosted a Poker Tournament benefiting St. Andrew's Housing Group. **With a generous \$500 sponsorship from Clark Nuber PS**, careful planning by Patrick Zanin and participation by 21 generous players, SAHG raised \$2,000 to support the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

Thank you Patrick, Dan and Clark Nuber for making this event such a huge success! Are you interested in hosting a mini-benefit for SAHG? Contact Sara Cox at 425-391-2300 ext. 17 or sarac@sahg.org.

Day of Caring. Day of Beauty.

On Friday, September 11th, Highland Gardens was filled with a wonderful team of Microsoft volunteers for United Way's Day of Caring. The aim of the day was to re-paint as many of the 100+ support beams around the property as possible in an effort to match the exterior paint job it received this past spring. Despite extremely warm temperatures that day and the enormity of the task, the team did indeed complete the project with both energy and passion.

Many thanks to the hard-working team from Microsoft and Kurt Lutterman, who served as "Project Manager" for the day. Highland Gardens looks beautiful!





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They are **building** us a home.

Together, we are **creating** a plan for my success.

Now I am **providing** for my family.

All we needed was the **opportunity.**

Building. Creating. Providing. Opportunity.

Give the gift of housing and hope.

All it takes for a family to move from surviving to thriving is opportunity. St. Andrew's Housing Group is committed to creating this opportunity, and we need your help. SAHG is dedicated to building affordable housing and providing supportive services for low-income and homeless families in our community so that they can begin creating stability in their lives.

We ask for your support to expand the opportunities available to people in need on the Eastside. **Your gift toward SAHG's 2009 Fall Campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by W.G. Clark.** W.G. Clark is SAHG's general contractor for Andrew's Glen, our newest affordable housing development set to break ground in Factoria in early 2010. W.G. Clark shares SAHG's commitment to building quality affordable housing. With their match, your gift will have twice the impact this holiday season.

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mission

St. Andrew's Housing Group is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with limited incomes on King County's Eastside, empowering these families to succeed by providing housing and access to services while strengthening local communities and encouraging diversity.

vision

St. Andrew's Housing Group will dramatically increase the affordable housing supply in every community it serves, be recognized as an innovator in the housing field, and successfully support each individual and family who calls our properties home.

guiding principles

In everything we do, we will strive to:

- Transform our community, making immediate and long-term differences.
- Develop innovative solutions based on stability, integrity, and long-term viability.
- Partner with organizations and individuals to broaden our effectiveness.
- Engage the public in our work.

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