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SAHG Seeks Summer Volunteers

If you or someone you know is interested in helping with SAHG's Resident Services Program, please call Rachel Mathison at 425.391.2300 ex. 20 or e-mail at Rachelm@sahg.org

Resident Services Wish List

Want to help SAHG expand its services to more residents? Consider donating the following items :

Board Games and Puzzles

Children's Books

Scrap Booking Supplies

Art Supplies

Bingo Prizes (i.e. lotions, kitchen supplies, toys, games, etc...)

Outdoor Games or Supplies

Gardening Supplies

Educational Materials

Financial Planning Resources

Gift Cards to Target, Fred Meyer,

Grocery Stores or Craft Stores

Financial Support

SAHG gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:

Grants

\$25,000 from **Boeing Employees Community Fund** for the painting of Highland Gardens in Issaquah.

\$10,000 in general operating support from **Bank of America**

Donations

in memory of **Dorothy Benckert** from Kathy & Brian Gilles, Transworld Shipping Service, Inc., John & Deborah Reis, Mimi Samuels and Anne & Steve Enquist.

St. Andrew's Housing Group

spring 2009

SAHG Ramps Up Resident Services

On February 23rd, SAHG welcomed Rachel Mathison as the new Director of Resident Services. In the short two months since Rachel started at SAHG she already has accomplished an enormous amount of work towards building and expanding the Resident Services Program to at least seven properties in 2009. Here are just a few exciting things going on in the world of Resident Services:



Young residents enjoy activities at Johnson Hill

1. Monthly field trips with Ellsworth House residents: Each month, Rachel and the residents together will select a fun outing for the seniors at Ellsworth House in an effort to build connectedness among residents and engagement with local community. So far, the residents have:

- Shared the importance of affordable housing with legislators at the Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day in Olympia (February 24th)
- Visited the Olympic Sculpture Park in downtown Seattle
- Enjoyed lunch at a Chinese Restaurant in Bellevue together

2. The search for more Resident Services staff: Rachel is busy exploring very inexpensive ways to get staff members to run programs at various properties. Bellevue College has agreed to send SAHG free work study students to provide 10 hours/week of help with children's programs at Highland Gardens, Rose Crest, Chalet and Andrew's Heights. Additionally, SAHG was recently awarded stipend volunteer positions through for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps and AmeriCorps. Each of these will provide a full time volunteer for one full year with very minimal cost to St. Andrew's Housing Group (\$5,000 - \$16,000 for the entire year).

3. Development of Programming: Currently there is an active Resident Services Program at Highland Gardens in Issaquah and Ellsworth House in Mercer Island. Rachel is rapidly developing programming for five additional properties. Programs include after school tutoring and craft/cooking activities for kids, financial planning and skill building classes for adults and summer camps for kids offered at two of the properties. Additionally, there will be fun programming throughout the summer at the other five family properties.

SAHG Takes a Night to Imagine

Over 240 individuals gathered on April 25th at the Redmond Marriott in support of St. Andrew's Housing Group and its annual auction: Imagine! With more auction items than in any year prior, a heartwarming special appeal and a bit of wine, the Marriott buzzed with energy and excitement.

Despite the economic climate, there remained an air of competitive giving and people gave generously and abundantly. SAHG is pleased to announce that this year's auction grossed \$185,000, which will allow SAHG to aggressively continue to develop new units of affordable housing on the Eastside with resident services to support existing and future residents.

Thank you to our generous sponsors, donors, new attendees and everyone who made this event not only possible, but successful. The spirit of community among SAHG supporters is truly unparalleled!

Mark your calendars for next year's auction on April 24th, 2010. We are excited to announce that we have outgrown our space at the Marriott and will be moving to the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue. Get it on your calendars now, as this will be (as always) an event you will not want to miss!



Linda Hall, former ED, Sue Bliven, Director of Finance and Assets, and Clare Moe, former Board member, enjoy the auction.



Jerome Burns, former Director of Housing Development, and his wife Lori Proulx-Burns catch up with Marni Wright, SAHG's Board President, and her husband Charles.

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"SAHG has always placed an importance on providing housing that our residents can proudly live in. Our (building) sites are carefully chosen to be close to employment opportunities, good schools, and public transportation. The buildings are designed with care utilizing the talents of first-class architects. The staff and board members all convey the sense of caring for the individuals who live at our properties." - Judy Gowdy, Board member

"SAHG seeks to partner with other concerned entities (local governments, businesses, etc) to ensure these worthy families/ individuals are included in our local communities and have the opportunity to participate fully to deliver the value they bring to our society. SAHG's mission is to deliver for our neighbors a safe and comfortable living experience that is affordable at all income levels."
- Jack Morrison, Board member

Why is St. Andrew's Housing Group's work important to Eastside communities?

We asked our Board of Directors what they think ... here is a sample of some of the answers:

"I've only been a resident of Redmond for a little over 8 years, and truly value the proximity to my job, my neighbors, the shopping, and recreational activities. The folks that reside in our communities, and those that are still looking for affordable housing, should have the opportunity to enjoy the same 'quality of life' components that make the Eastside a great place to live." - Jim Long, Board Vice President

"A society is measured by how it treats its most vulnerable members. The Eastside has a reputation of being relatively well off compared to the rest of the region, yet we too have citizens who live paycheck to paycheck or under worse circumstances. Many of those we greet every day who bag our groceries, style our hair, teach our children and protect our neighborhoods and property do not earn wages sufficient to live in our housing market. SAHG provides a way for these people and even our most vulnerable neighbors to stay a part of our community in safe, attractive, well made and 'blended in' housing. Without a doubt, that enriches all of us."
- Linda Bergam, Board Secretary

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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