

*"As a representative of all of the current and future residents at St. Andrew's Housing Group, I want to say thank you -- thank you for giving us hope."*

*-- "Jane" resident & speaker  
2007 Auction Special Appeal*

Limited Space Available ...

# Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament



**Friday -- June 15, 2007**

Dan Rivisto has rescheduled his first poker tournament of 2007 for FRIDAY, June 15, 2007 at his home in Seattle!

Proceeds benefit St. Andrew's Housing Group.

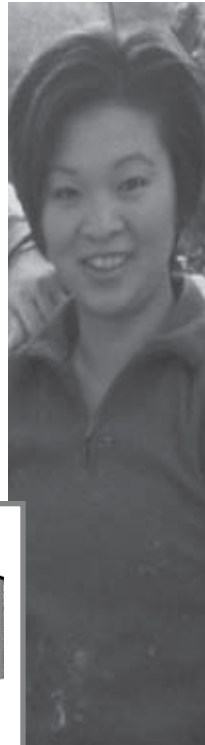
Tournament is set with a \$50 buy-in and suggested \$50 donation. Play starts in the early evening, includes casual dinner and drinks, and continues until tournament play is over. Guests are also welcome to come, eat and watch the game. We have space for 50 players and 25 guests ... so register soon!

Visit [www.sahg.org](http://www.sahg.org) for more information

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# Friends of St. Andrew's Housing Group

*"A home is not a mere transient shelter: its essence lies in the personalities of the people who live in it." - H.L. Mencken*

Bi-monthly Donor Newsletter

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## Now We're Looking for an Affordable Home ...

We have been blessed to call **Saint Andrews Lutheran Church** home for almost 18 years. While we are sad to leave the comforts and safety of our amazing "home", we have outgrown our available space and have started the daunting search.

This time, the staff of SAHG is looking for an affordable office to call home. Our first preference is to remain in the Bellevue Metro area. Ideally, we are looking for 2,500 to 3,300 sq. feet, 5-6 private offices, a larger conference room, space for additional work stations, storage, a kitchenette and a copy room. If you have any leads to affordable spaces, please don't hesitate to contact anyone in our office at 425-746-1699 or send an email to [jenniferd@sahg.org](mailto:jenniferd@sahg.org).

## Staff Changes at SAHG

After five years with SAHG, **Jason Francis**, director of Fund Development, has announced his plans to leave the organization at the end of June to pursue a Master of Art's degree from the University of Nebraska.

Jason started at SAHG in 2001 as the Office Administrator and Volunteer Coordinator aspects and moved his way into the Fund Development department. Jason expanded the department into a team of two and repeatedly bested the department's fund-raising goals.

Jason, along with his wife Linda and daughter Michaela, are excited about their new home and the adventures that await them in Lincoln, Nebraska!

Jason, you will be missed!



## "Home Grown" Success

On April 21, 2007, SAHG's 14th Annual "Home Grown" Auction was one to remember! Nearly 300 of our friends and supporters gathered at the Redmond Marriott Town Center and proved that we all know how to have a good time and raise money, with a gross income of \$235,000! The 2007 Auction committee did an amazing job of visualizing and actualizing a beautiful event.



For many, the highlight of the evening was hearing from "Jane" during the Special Appeal, a resident escaping from abuse who found security for her family in a unit at a SAHG property. She spoke highly of the new opportunity she was given and how she felt truly blessed to be part of SAHG and its annual event. I can only speak for the staff, but it is safe to say that her story completely encompassed the reason why we are proud to do what we do!

Plans are underway to plan the 2008 Auction ... with Brenda Dresel taking the reins as the Auction Chair. We are eager to fill a couple of open positions on the committee. Please contact Jenn Daly at 425.726.1699 if you have the time and energy to give!

## Housing Development -- Keeping Busy!

**Mine Hill, Issaquah** -- A list of small final-construction tasks are almost completed at Mine Hill in Issaquah, one of our most recent rehabilitation purchases. Mine Hill provides 28 units of affordable housing. Currently all of the residents are back in their units. Tasks to accomplish before the grand opening celebration include the installation of a new playground on premises for the many families that call Mine Hill home. **We would like to thank the Bellevue Rotary for their recent contribution of \$1,000 toward the inclusion of this playground.**

**280 Clark, Issaquah** -- Plans are finalized and financing is currently being pursued to transform the site at 280 Clark from a 32-unit older market-rate rental site to a 38-unit revitalized community. In addition to complete apartment rehabilitation, an older duplex on site is being torn down and will be replaced with eight new-construction three-bedroom flats and a community gathering place. SAHG is excited about all that 280 Clark is expected to become.

**New Project** -- SAHG's Housing Development staff is busy pursuing three separate affordable housing developments on King County's Eastside ... look for the announcement of a new project this summer!