



**HOUSING
HOPE**
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Dwellings

**Housing Hope Newsletter
Summer 2019**



SUMMER BOUNTY!

Housing Hope residents at multiple sites have been planting vegetables in the community garden beds this spring and are enjoying the fruits of their labor!

This past year, we partnered with The Snohomish Conservation District, providing resources and educational materials to our residents about health and food stability. At Monroe Family Village alone, residents have created 13 raised garden beds, three of which are dedicated to growing food for the local food bank. It's not just your average tomato plants - the vegetables grown in our gardens reflect our residents, and feature produce found in common recipes from Mexico, East Asia, and the American South. Best of all, these gardens provide a place for our Housing Hope community to come together and connect residents from many different ages and backgrounds.

Access to affordable, nutritious food is very hard for low-income families and teaching residents to grow their own food can eliminate these barriers. Our partnership with the Snohomish Conservation District allows us to offer another valuable supportive service which helps empower residents to a happy and healthy life.

We were so excited to be selected as the 2018 Partner of the Year by the Snohomish Conservation District, an honor that recognizes our commitment to conservation and our partnership with the organization. Thank you!



Residents and staff working on our garden!

**Thanks for reading! Prefer an electronic newsletter?
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UPDATES



COLLEGE OF HOPE IS SEEING RECORD NUMBERS

of registrations on their website collegeofhope.org. We are so excited to continue to serve the community with adult life skills classes. Take a look at the new website to see all of our exciting changes!

We are looking forward to 1-2-3 Magic, our newest program coming up this fall. This is a nationally recognized parenting program running once a week for six weeks to help parents learn to manage even the most difficult of their child's behaviors.

College of Hope hosted a summer carnival at New Century Village and was excited to connect many adults and children with services to help their communities grow.

A big thank you to Key Bank Foundation and Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation for their recent support of our adult life skills program! Financial education improves financial literacy, behaviors and attitudes—all necessary for breaking the cycle of poverty. Housing Hope's College of Hope financial education program seeks to fill these knowledge and skill gaps by offering courses that address budgeting, understanding and building credit, and navigating financial aid for college, among other topics.

Learn more about our College of Hope services or get involved at collegeofhope.org.

SUPPORT WHILE YOU SHOP!

BIG LOTS is now open in Everett, and supported Housing Hope as part of its grand opening! When you shop at the new store located at 6727 Evergreen Way and redeem your BIG Rewards by October 5, Big Lots will donate \$5 to Housing Hope.

Don't forget to link your **Fred Meyer Rewards** to Housing Hope! Each time you make a purchase, a portion will be donated to Housing Hope. Visit www.fredmeyer.com/topic/fred-meyer-rewards for more information!

Have you signed up for **Amazon Smile**? Like Fred Meyer rewards, every time you make a purchase on Amazon.com, a portion will be donated back to Housing Hope! Visit smile.amazon.com for more information!

EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS STORY

Amber and Justin are a Housing Hope employment success story and are great examples of how this organization can transform and strengthen a family. Since moving into Housing Hope, Justin and Amber have grown in ways they never thought possible. Justin began an internship with GroundWorks Landscaping and Amber began an internship with ReNewWorks Home and Decor. In their internships, both learned valuable hard and soft job skills, as well as a foundation for future careers. Today, Justin has graduated from the HopeWorks training program and is a full time employee of GroundWorks. He was recently promoted to the position of maintenance technician and received a significant raise. Amber graduated from ReNewWorks training program in June with excellent references reflecting her professionalism and commitment to her work here. She is now pursuing a job in the interior design field with a newfound confidence that she gained during her training. This family has worked hard to move out of poverty and into a safe, stable future.

Learn more about our employment programs at housinghope.org/jobs



UPDATES

APPLICANTS WANTED FOR TEAM HOMEBUILDING! Have you dreamt of owning your own home? Join a small community of other owner-builders and create your neighborhood and your very own home together. For more information and to apply, please visit housinghope.org/team-homebuilding



The Sultan Team HomeBuilding group is making great progress and we expect completion and a key ceremony sometime this winter.



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Ramona Bell is one of our amazing donors whom we're highlighting this month. When asked how she started investing in her community through us, she said, "I found Housing Hope in 2012 when I was searching the web for a local charity to support. I was impressed with the breadth of Housing Hope's core programs. I was looking to help not only monetarily, but also through volunteering my time assisting with skill development, career planning, and other children and women's needs."

Ramona has held true to her vision. She personally contributes above our Circle of Hope level annually, she faithfully applies to have her giving and volunteer hours matched by Boeing (her employer), she raises money through Facebook on her birthday and more. She's also a certified John Maxwell trainer and has generously shared her time to provide free professional trainings to dozens of our staff members. Thank you Ramona for being a champion for our families!



Inspired to give?

Visit housinghope.org or scan this QR code with your smart phone to access our secure online donation page.

TOMORROW'S HOPE CHILDREN

HAVE been enjoying summer field trips! Recently, our ECAP class took a ferry to Whidbey Island to visit M Bar C Ranch. When they arrived at the ranch, they were able to play dress up in a small western town, take a pony ride, create art to take home and even visit cows in the pasture. Other Tomorrow's Hope classes are planning field trips throughout the summer including visiting the zoo to learn more about animals, visiting local parks for live music and exploring nature.



HOPEWORKS



HopeWorks Station Phase II is nearly complete, but we need your help crossing the finish line. Learn more and **donate today** at hopewrks.org/hws. Have questions? Want to take a tour? Contact nategreenland@housinghope.org. Save the date for our grand opening celebration on October 11 from 12 - 4 p.m.!



Recently, we celebrated seven graduates of our training program! These students participated in internship training programs at CafeWorks, ReNewWorks or GroundWorks, and now have the job skills and a pathway to a living-wage career in our community. Congratulations graduates!



Construction has been going strong all summer, and the building is planned to open in October. Follow our progress on Facebook or hopewrks.org, and join us at the ribbon cutting celebration this fall! Pictured: The final beam (with a tree on top!) was placed in Spring.



Thank you Trudi Inslee! Recently, Washington State's First Lady came for a visit at HopeWorks and met with Tina, a HopeWorks training program graduate and current ReNewWorks employee. Thank you for your visit Trudi!

KINDRED KITCHEN

INTRODUCING KINDRED KITCHEN!

Coming this fall, a brand new dining, catering and meeting location on Broadway in Everett! Kindred Kitchen, formerly CafeWorks, will provide hand-crafted espresso, scratch-made breakfast, lunch and quick-grab items, corporate catering services and meeting and gathering spaces. Kindred Kitchen will also be home to our Culinary & Barista Job Training Program for youth and young adults. Come visit us starting in mid-October in the new addition to HopeWorks Station at 3315 Broadway in Everett!

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Mike Ginder and Wendy Warner Ginder have volunteered with Housing Hope for over two years, helping out with numerous activities. This couple especially loves working together doing hands-on service like pressure washing, hanging shelves in pantries and storage rooms and helping with various repair projects. Mike and Wendy joyfully work alongside our maintenance team, digging in and helping to check multiple projects off of our team's list. Mike is happy to stop by one of our properties on his way home from work and do a quick project or two, or he and Wendy carve out time on a weekend to do more labor intensive projects together. Additionally, Wendy has been a huge help with various events like the Bunny Run and Reindeer Run, and they both are regular volunteers at Housing Hope's Sorticulture booth. Thank you Mike and Wendy!



GROUPS OF VOLUNTEERS COME IN ALL shapes and sizes. Regardless of if its a group of two or twenty-two, group volunteer projects have a HUGE impact on Housing Hope! Recently, we were thrilled to host volunteer groups from Life 360 Church, Mukilteo Knights 8th Grade Basketball Team, Smokey Point Community Church, Alaska USA Credit Union, New Life Church, Aviation Technical Services and Windermere Alderwood. These groups worked on projects ranging from mailing prep, to landscape maintenance and painting projects in our properties. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



Alaska USA Credit Union



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VOLUNTEER WITH HOUSING HOPE AND HOPEWORKS!

At Housing Hope, we treasure your gifts of time and talent, and our volunteers have a huge impact on our mission. For more information about volunteering with Housing Hope and HopeWorks, visit housinghope.org/volunteer-your-time and fill out an application.



EVENTS

COMMUNITY OF HOPE AND STONE SOUP

were huge successes this year! Collectively, over 800 guests attended this year's Community of Hope and Stone Soup galas. All told, these two events generated nearly \$300,000 for Housing Hope, a record amount! At both events, guests heard from Cole, a 15-year-old Housing Hope resident. Cole is the youngest speaker Stone Soup and Community of Hope have ever hosted, and he shared an inspiring message of perseverance and strength. During his remarks, Cole said "Housing Hope has changed my path in life. It's moved me forward. I know there are many children who grow up with homeless and addicted parents and end up with higher rates of homelessness and addiction themselves. I know the statistics, and I refuse to be one." Thanks to the support of Housing Hope donors, Cole and his family are safe and stable in a Housing Hope community.



Featured Speaker Cole, with his family support coach (L) and Housing Hope board chair Chris (R)

AN EVENING AT ADAM'S

Northwest Bistro and Brewery also broke fundraising and attendance records this year! On August 19, over 60 guests donated over \$19,000 for Housing Hope's work in East Snohomish County. A special thank you to Chef Adam Hoffman for opening his restaurant each year for this very special event, and his staff for volunteering their time. And, what a small world! Cole, the young man mentioned above now works at Adam's Northwest Bistro and Brewery and was able to participate in this event by making the delicious dessert that guests enjoyed! Thank you to all who attended and supported this event!



FORE! 140 GOLFERS JOINED

in for the Windermere Foundation's 25th annual golf tournament benefitting ChildHope, Housing Hope's child development program. The tournament is a critical fundraiser for the ChildHope Program. Thank you to each golfer, sponsor and supporter for a wonderful tournament, and 25 years of incredible support! A special thank you to tournament organizer Kay Frederickson, who has been organizing this event for many years! Thank you for your dedication Kay!

SAVE THE DATE!

Learn more about our upcoming events at housinghope.org/events

KIRTLEY COLE GOLF TOURNAMENT | September 12

SKYDIVE FOR HOPE | September 21

ERACE HUNGER 5K | October 5

HOPEWORKS STATION
GRAND OPENING | October 11

AN EVENING AT EMORY'S | October 28

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If donors raise \$2,000, CEO Fred will jump out
of an airplane! Find out more at
housinghope.org/skydive



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Dwellings Message

Fred Safstrom, CEO

WELCOME TO OUR

Summer Dwellings update! My thoughts continue to reflect back on Cole's message at our Community of Hope and Stone Soup event - "I know the statistics, and I refuse to

be one." This 15-year-old young man so impressed all of us with his resolute determination to overcome the experience of his family's homelessness and addictions, while maintaining a gracious and thankful heart through it all. He is a rock star and we are so inspired by him.

Both of these events also received record attendance, sponsorship and fundraising results this year! The support we receive from our community is both honoring and humbling. It is your support that makes all we do possible.

We've almost crossed the finishing line of our \$5.7mil goal for HopeWorks Station II with only \$140,000 left to raise, and construction is nearing completion with occupancy expected in September. We are planning a BIG celebration for this BIG accomplishment. I hope ALL of you will join us on October 11!

Exciting news as we plan to expand Twin Lakes Landing, with Phase II now entering the pre-development stage as we design the buildings and assemble financing. It is our expectation that groundbreaking will occur in the middle of next year with occupancy in mid-2021, providing even more housing for families in need.

We also began a collaboration with Everett Public Schools to help support the 1,255 homeless students and their families in the district. Currently, we are in a land use discussion with the Port Gardner Neighborhood and the City of Everett regarding the use of surplus Everett Public Schools land in support of these homeless families.

Additionally, we are receiving great support from South Snohomish County regarding our exploration of expanding our housing and services program south of 128th Street. We are strongly encouraged and excited about this opportunity.

Thank you once again for your support and I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer!

