

Dwellings



Housing Hope Newsletter
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COMMUNITY OF HOPE



The annual East County Community of Hope dinner brought together 200 people and netted over \$42,000 for Housing Hope's work in East Snohomish County.

At the event, guests heard from Shante, a resident of Housing Hope's Monroe Family Village.

Shante has overcome addiction and homelessness, and with the stability of Housing Hope, is thriving in East County. During her speech, Shante said "Today, I'm almost 4 years clean, and my daughter is thriving. After what I've been through, I want nothing more than to help people, just like so many people at Housing Hope did for me along my journey." Thank you to all who attended!

AN EVENING IN NORTH COUNTY

In February, 40 Housing Hope supporters raised over \$12,000 at Housing Hope's first ever Evening in North County event at the Bonefish Grill in Marysville! The event was led by the North County Regional Board, and featured an incredible four-course meal with wine pairings all generously donated by the Bonefish Grill.



At the event, Stef, a family support coach at Twin Lakes Landing shared that families are already growing and thriving at the new property, and she is in awe of the incredible transformations she's already seeing.

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Save the Date

Voices of Hope
April 22, 2 p.m.
St. Cecelia Catholic Church,
Stanwood

Stone Soup
May 16, 2018
Missed your invitation? Contact
events@housinghope.org!

Did you know

Many companies match charitable giving, sometimes dollar for dollar! Check if your company matches gifts to make your gift stretch further.

Have an old vehicle you're trying to get rid of? You can donate it and proceeds will benefit Housing Hope! Visit www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/HOUH for more information.

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Top: A view of the new Twin Lakes Landing property from Twin Lakes Park in Marysville. Left: a new Housing Hope family visits their new home. Right: Kamille Norton from Marysville City Council cuts the official ribbon in December 2017.

TWIN LAKES LANDING



Hope for homeless families in North Snohomish County

Welcome to 50 families who now call Twin Lakes Landing HOME! Of these 50 families, 38 are transitioning out of homelessness, and most recently lived in cars, shelters and other temporary housing. Beyond safe, stable housing, Twin Lakes Landing will provide adult life skills classes, child development services and job training programs for homeless and low-income families and individuals.

An amazing community is already forming at this new property. Many special interest and support groups have formed, including Sober Connections, addiction support groups for women, empowerment meetings, seminars, a safety committee and College of Hope classes.

It's only been a few months, but we're already seeing families transform and strengthen. People are coming together, the community is coming together, and our staff is coming together to rally around these residents. Thank you for your support!

Pictured above: Left: A single father and his daughter on the Twin Lakes Landing playground. Right: The Twin Lakes Landing playground on a frosty day this winter.

HOPEWORKS SOCIAL ENTERPRISES



Congratulations to HopeWorks' newest internship graduates! Veronica from CafeWorks and Austin from GroundWorks put in an enormous amount of work over the past few months. In their internships, each learned valuable customer service, communication and teamwork skills. Additionally, at CafeWorks, Veronica learned food service and cafe skills, and at GroundWorks, Austin learned technical landscaping skills. These skills will serve them both well in their futures, and we are so proud of them!

Recently, United States Senator Maria Cantwell visited CafeWorks to celebrate an increase to the Low Income Housing Tax Credit that she had championed. Senator Cantwell spoke with community leaders as well as Sara, one of our amazing CafeWorks interns. Thank you for visiting, Senator Cantwell!

Pictured: Senator Cantwell meets with Sara, CafeWorks intern



Exciting news! HopeWorks Station Phase II is about to break ground! Over the next year, this new building will be constructed next to HopeWorks Station Phase I at 3331 Broadway. It will be home to 65

new affordable housing units that will serve people transitioning out of homelessness including, veterans, families, and youth. It will also feature our cafe and youth job training program, as well as our new food service social enterprise.

EDUPLYMENT

EduPloyment has started 2018 strong! EduPloyment meets participants at the level of their readiness, with coaches helping them gain confidence and skills for employment. Once someone is ready to get and keep a job, their chances of escaping poverty and homelessness increase dramatically. This innovative program works not only with Housing Hope residents, but also participants from partner agencies. Recently, the program began a new partnership with the Domestic Violence Services shelter, and has had six interns from shelter programs in general in the past few months. Other new partnerships in the past few months include Northwest Staffing, Goodwill, an Apprenticeship Navigator at Everett WorkSource and Lawyers Fostering Independence.



Jacob, an EduPloyment graduate

GRANTS UPDATE

Housing Hope and HopeWorks have received several generous grants recently! Thank you to: Alaska USA, Amerigroup Foundation, Bank of America Foundation, Bank of Hope, Banner Bank, Crane fund for Widows and Children, Employees Fund of Boeing Puget Sound, Enterprise Community Partners, Everett Clinic Foundation, Henry M Jackson Foundation, Horizons Foundation, Margery M Jones Trust, Medina Foundation, Muckleshoot Charity Fund, Murdock Trust, Norman Archibald Charitable Foundation, Opus Community Foundation, Paul M Anderson Foundation, RealNetworks Foundation, Safeco Insurance Fund, Sisters of Providence Gamelin Mission Fund, South Everett Mukilteo Rotary Club, The Boeing Company, Umpqua Bank Charitable Foundation, Union Bank Foundation, Wells Fargo Priority Markets Program, Whitehorse Foundation, and the Windermere Foundation.

Recently, we were awarded a grant from Amerigroup Foundation to support health and nutrition at Tomorrow's Hope Child Development Center and College of Hope. This grant will help us provide more fruits and vegetables to Housing Hope children and families. Thank you so much for your support!



Thank you Amerigroup Foundation for your support!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Its 3:40pm on a Tuesday afternoon at Lincoln Hill Village in Stanwood and the door to the community room swings open. Small groups of elementary school children file into the room talking about their day at school while removing their coats and backpacks. After snacks are gobbled up, folders come out of the backpacks, books are taken down off the bookshelves and the noise level increasingly rises. In the middle of all of the pandemonium is Beth Bryant calmly reminding children to sign in for the day and asking if anyone has homework.

Beth is a regular volunteer after school homework helper at Housing Hope's Lincoln Hill Village. She worked for the Stanwood School District for over 30 years teaching 3rd and 4th grade at Stanwood Elementary school. Since retiring, Beth has missed teaching and loves giving back by volunteering with children at Housing Hope.



Beth Bryant, Housing Hope Volunteer

So many parents in crisis are working hard to stabilize their families and put food on the table, and that leaves little time to help with homework. For these children, Beth has become a trusted adult in their lives, and is always there to lend a helping hand with homework, or to listen to their stories. Beyond just supporting the children in their school work, Beth truly believes in them and listens to their hopes and dreams. She pours her heart into her volunteer work with Housing Hope, and we are so lucky to have her as a volunteer!

REMEMBERING FLOYD JONES

Did you know one of the simplest ways to support Housing Hope is through your will? You don't need to be 'wealthy' to leave a legacy of hope. Even donating just 1-2 % of your estate can have a huge impact!

Floyd Jones was a supporter who did just that. After a full life of 90 years, Floyd passed away in January. Though he grew up as a sharecropper's son in Arkansas, as an adult, he was very successful in business, as well as incredibly generous. Housing Hope will receive a gift of over \$4 million from Floyd's estate, which will create an endowment fund for HopeWorks, to honor Floyd's memory by supporting its mission in perpetuity. Floyd often said, "philanthropy is sweetness for the soul." We're very grateful he shared that sweetness with the participants we serve.

Legacy gifts, at any amount, can support our work well into the future. Contact nategreenland@housinghope.org to explore how you can continue to support our work well into the future.



Floyd Jones pictured with Ed Petersen at our 30th Birthday Celebration in September 2017

LASTING HOPE

July 2017 - January 2018

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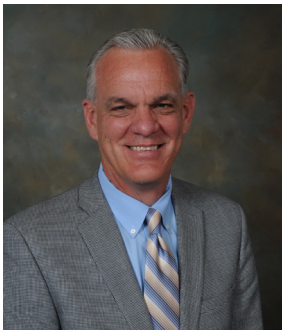
Twin Lakes Landing has come alive! The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was a great day for everyone involved in its creation, but much more so for the 50 households that moved into their new apartments that day. Of these 50, 38 were homeless living in tents, sheds, dilapidated trailers and cars. Try to imagine yourself, with a child, living in these conditions. Imagine how you would feel moving into a new affordable apartment of your own with warmth, safety, a toilet, a stove, all the things we need for well-being.

The peaceful setting at Twin Lakes Landing is palpable, with the lake reflecting trees near the shore, birds chirping in the background and waves lapping gently on the lakeside. This is truly a beautiful place for healing and restoration.

The response from our new residents has been very encouraging. They are coming together to form morning coffee clubs, single-father and single-mother support groups, substance addiction support groups and even gatherings of previously homeless individuals without children who are mixed into this diverse residential community.

The local community response is equally encouraging. Community members continue to surround them with welcome baskets and flowers, free books, pantry supplies, transportation to the food bank and more.

Our Family Support Coaches are seeing a steady stream of residents seeking counseling and assistance on matters broader than you can imagine. College of Hope life skill classes have begun on site and residents are engaging with our Child & Family Specialists and Education & Employment Specialists to continue their stabilization and healing.



At Twin Lakes Landing, it is so impressive to see residents who have greater vulnerabilities than we have ever seen before coalescing into a community that cares for one another and are eager to assist one another with their challenges. These families are just at the beginning of their journeys out of poverty, but it is impossible not to believe that they, indeed, will succeed!

As always, I am grateful to you, our supporters, for making all of this possible. Thank you for being with us.