



Community Impact

NEWSLETTER

 SUMMER | 2025



580+
Attendance RSVPs



30
Event Sponsors



\$476k
In Funding Raised



STONE SOUP 2025

WELCOME TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

This past May, we welcomed over 500 people to our neighborhood for our largest fundraising event of the year; Stone Soup. Together, we raised over \$460,000 for affordable housing services, job training programs, and childcare across Snohomish County. This means that this year's Stone Soup was one of the most successful of all time! Thank you so much to each and every one of you that gave donated their time, talent, or treasure and made this event the success it is. Our residents and participants in our programs are the true winners as this funding will ensure a consistency in support and care for them in a world that deprives them of such consistency on a daily basis.

Thank you to those that filled out our exit survey and let us know what you loved and thought we could improve for next year. Survey results overwhelmingly showed that this year was a lot of people's favorites, and that feedback is so amazing to hear! We absolutely loved inviting everyone into our four regional neighborhoods to highlight the amazing work that is happening daily. This new way of highlighting our regions and giving them their own unique look, feel, and attention will be something we carry onward into the future for years to come. Our regional boards are gearing up for an amazing back half of the year, and we look forward to exciting moments, such as the Scriber groundbreaking event later this summer!

Events like Stone Soup would not be possible without the continued support of our local community and business partners. This year we saw the highest sponsorship investment ever, and over 100 new donors at this year's fundraiser alone. We know that there are some serious economic headwinds coming everyone's way currently, so this level of support is truly humbling, and we do not take it for granted. Thank you to everyone who donated, and to our Stone Soup sponsors for helping keep hope alive in Snohomish County.



Ramona's Renewal

HopeWorks Training Academy 2025 Graduate Experience

Ramona came to the HopeWorks Training Program with no formal work experience in over thirty years, something she felt continually insecure and misjudged about. Her oldest daughter told her, "Mom, it isn't that you can't work, it's that you don't know how to work." In relaying this sentiment to her WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Employment Specialist at WorkSource, Ramona was referred to the HopeWorks Training Program. She was encouraged that it would be a space to learn a lot of the "informal" job readiness skills, like showing up every day, juggling schedules, and transportation.

Being introverted and set in her ways, Ramona was hesitant to join the program; however, meeting Jerron, the Training Academy Instructor, quieted those fears immediately. "He was so cool, accepting, non-judgmental, kind, and encouraging. . . . He always made sure his classroom was an open and safe space, making sure we knew it was okay to not share anything we weren't comfortable with. I felt instantly safe." Tina, the Manager at Renew Home and Decor, came to talk with the class one day, sharing her own life experiences, which had "some striking similarities and parallels" with Ramona's. When it came time to choose a hands-on training pathway, Renew seemed like a natural choice, even though Ramona felt "terrified" that she was going to cause "mayhem" and "destroy the existing work relationships and environment."

On her first day, she was asked by another trainee to help dust the store. She was pleasantly surprised by this as she was expecting to jump right into furniture selling techniques. She of course said yes and away the two of them went. Her fellow trainee became her unofficial trainer and guide, showing her all the ropes. "It wasn't until the end of my time with Renew that I realized that selling furniture and running a store starts with making sure your store is in good order. That starts with showing up every day, being on-time, being dressed, pressed, and ready to go— with a proper demeanor, good attitude, an open mind, and a willingness to learn. I wish I had realized this sooner instead of the last week; however, better late than never!"

"What am I most proud of with my time? That I did it. I completed the program. I showed up every day, with a willingness to learn and an open mind, in hopes of gaining some new skills towards hopefully gaining employment. I pushed through and survived some of my own negative thoughts and judgements about myself, proving myself wrong in the process. I figured out, with help from my kids, how to ride public transportation to and from HopeWorks and how to make a 'work' schedule that worked for everyone in the family. I'm proud of the fact that I was actually successful at something and that no one was harmed by my presence (or by anything I did) and some even complimented me on my work ethic and positivity. I'm proud of the fact that I have some newfound skills that I can use to help me in life. I am truly grateful."

"I never thought I'd get as much out of HopeWorks as I have. . . . In the end, I hope new avenues, opportunities, and adventures open up to me, thus helping me land my first paying job in 30 years. I hope that I will continue to learn that I am worthy of life, liberty, and happiness and that I am not a throw away human, that so many have told me I was. I'm not just a surviving military widow with kids, but rather a fascinating person, who has had some incredible experiences and journeys in life. I just needed help redefining myself."

"HopeWorks has helped me find courage, self-confidence, and self-empowerment. I am beyond grateful. Thank you in more ways than you will ever know."

**Names and photos have been changed to protect the privacy of our HopeWorks participants.*



KINDRED KITCHEN

Summer Dinner

SAVE THE DATE:

July 24

JOIN US AS WE HONOR THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF OUR HOPEWORKS BOARD—PAST AND PRESENT—AS WE UNVEIL THE NEWLY RENOVATED KINDRED CATERING KITCHEN, MADE POSSIBLE BY A GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE GATES FOUNDATION. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER FOR THE CATERING KITCHEN OPERATIONS.

EVENING INCLUDES:

ARTISANAL THREE COURSE MEAL
CELEBRATORY SUNSET OF HOPEWORKS BOARD
EXCLUSIVE TOUR OF THE NEW CATERING KITCHEN
PLUS OTHER SURPRISES

KindredKitchen.com/SummerDinner

Summer Table Events

Come find us at some of your favorite events across Snohomish County all summer long. Make sure to stop by and say hi!

13
JUNE

Community Resource Fair

Snohomish County Recovery Coalition

18
JUNE

Street Fair

Everett Station District Alliance

19
JUNE

Juneteenth Freedom Festival

Cedar Valley Community School

21
JUNE

Everett Pride

Wetmore Ave, Everett

11-13
JULY

Sultan Shindig

Downtown Sultan at River Park

19
JULY

Kla Ha Ya Days 2025

Downtown Snohomish

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AUG

Arlington Farmers Market

Arlington, WA

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More Events Coming Soon

Keep an eye on socials for updates!

Want to see us at your next event?
Email caitlinrose@housinghope.org
to schedule.



VOLUNTEERS

Get hands on. Make a tangible, direct impact!

At Housing Hope, our volunteers help move our mission forward by supporting the many services and programs we offer to the individuals and families we serve. Interested in getting involved? Scan the QR code to the right or visit HousingHope.org/Volunteer to begin your journey.



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HOME & DECOR

3331 BROADWAY, EVERETT



Scriber Place

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

DATE:
October 1

TIME:
12pm

LOCATION:
5801 194th St SW, Lynnwood 98036

The background of the entire page is a repeating pattern of watermelon slices. Each slice is a different color: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. They are arranged in a scattered, overlapping manner. The slices have black outlines and small black seeds.

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