

January 1, 2010



Greetings!

Happy New Year! January marks a time of new beginnings, and 2010 promises to be a lively year of growth and of re-building. For St. Andrew's Housing Group, this building is quite literal as we aggressively pursue the development of new affordable permanent rental housing communities throughout the Eastside. We are excited to offer you an opportunity to partner with us and boldly **impact the lives of families** in East King County through a contribution of items or service to *imagine*, SAHG's annual auction and dinner. It is an exciting time to invest in SAHG!

2010 marks the beginning of unprecedented growth for St. Andrew's Housing Group as we launch into a decade of **unparalleled expansion in response to growing community needs**. This year, SAHG will break ground on two new housing communities, adding 100 additional units of affordable housing to East King County. With additional properties in the pipeline, SAHG is poised to increase our property portfolio by 89% in the next five years! Additionally, SAHG has expanded our supportive Resident Services Program, designed to help residents thrive in permanent housing, restore their hope for stability, and prepare them for a future of self-sufficiency.

Through the annual auction, SAHG is able to raise the funds necessary to support this incredible growth. With your support, SAHG **leverages each dollar raised at the auction to create homes and restore hope** for low-income and homeless individuals and families in East King County. Through affordable, permanent rental housing, SAHG's welcomes residents into thriving communities, creating hope and improving lives.

Please join SAHG this spring in **making a difference on the Eastside through a donation to the auction** which takes place on April 24, 2010. For more information about the auction or the donation process, please refer to our event website at www.imaginehousing.org or contact Sara Cox at 425-391-2300 or sarac@sahg.org. To be included in the Auction Catalog, donations must be made by March 19, 2010.

Thank you in advance for your support and partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenda Dressel".

Brenda Dressel
Auction Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucy Sannes".

Lucy Sannes
Board Member/Procurement Chair

What is *imagine* all about?

It's about Home and Hope

Home: There's no place like it. But what if you don't have a home? What if you have been hit hard in this economic crisis and your home has been taken away? What if you are living with a physical or mental health disability and are not able to afford a home? What if you are a victim of domestic violence and have been living in shelters, looking for a long-term solution?



St. Andrew's Housing Group (SAHG) realizes that too many folks right here in East King County are living on the streets, in shelters or on family members' couches, without a solution that meets their need for housing. That's why SAHG's primary mission is to continually be developing new affordable housing communities on the Eastside to make sure that none of our neighbors are without a home. Currently, over 925 individuals in 10 properties have a quality, affordable home with St. Andrew's Housing Group.



Hope: Dreams really can come true. Many families and individuals living in St. Andrew's Housing Group's properties are thankful for the opportunity for affordable housing, but have lost hope that they will ever achieve true stability and self-sufficiency. That's why SAHG has developed a Resident Services Program, designed to provide on-site supportive services to residents. This Program helps children through after-school tutoring and reading assistance and provides adults with job search assistance, parenting support, financial planning tools, and life-skills courses. Through this program, children and adults gain the skills and confidence necessary to build self-sufficiency. As a result, hope is restored for a future in which dreams can become a reality.

imagine is an event designed to celebrate both the creation of homes and the restoration of hope as we imagine together a day when affordable housing is available for all who need it in East King County.

Event Information:

When: Saturday, April 24, 2010. Doors open at 6pm.

Where: Hyatt Regency Bellevue

900 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Cost: \$125/person or \$1,250/table

Who: Over 300 individuals throughout the Eastside, Seattle and beyond will attend *imagine* for an evening of competitive giving.

Why are we asking for your help?

- King County's Eastside has the highest average rents and home prices in the Pacific Northwest. (*Dupree & Scott*)
- Twenty percent of Eastside families live on a gross income of less than \$40,000 a year. (*2000 Census*)
- Families with children make up the largest (51%) portion of homeless households in shelters and transitional housing outside Seattle. (*2005-2006 Human Services Needs Update, Bellevue*)

What your donations do?

Proceeds from the dinner and auction fulfill one-third of SAHG's annual operating costs, allowing us to continue building and managing affordable housing units while providing a supportive Resident Services Program that helps residents attain self-sufficiency.

- SAHG serves over 925 individuals each year, with 10 properties in Bellevue, Kirkland, Issaquah, Mercer Island and Redmond.
- SAHG serves the poor, including those transitioning directly from homelessness, as well as the working poor. Currently, 38% of SAHG's residents are children, 46% are female-headed households and 10% of the households were formerly homeless.

Thank you for your support of St. Andrew's Housing Group!



**St. Andrew's Housing Group
Auction Item Donation Form**

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Donor Information (Please fill out with ball point pen and press firmly.)

* Denotes **required fields**. Thank you.

* **Donor or Company Name** (as it should appear in the auction catalog)

* **Donor Contact Person** (not listed in the auction catalog)

Donor Address (include city and zip)

* Donor Phone #	* Donor Email
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Donation Date	
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Solicitor Name	Solicitor Phone #
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Donated Item Information

* **Catalog Item Name** (as it should appear in the auction catalog)
Your donation may be packaged with other donations as deemed appropriate by the auction committee.
Due to space constraints, items may be used for future fundraising events for SAHG – Item is still tax deductible!

* Item Monetary Value	Expiration Date of Item	# of People Item is for
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* **Detailed Description of Item** (This will be used as part of the catalog description)
Extremely Important – PLEASE INCLUDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION

<input type="checkbox"/> Donor to Provide Gift Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> SAHG to Provide Gift Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Donor to Provide Promotional Materials <input type="checkbox"/> Return Promotional Materials to Donor <input type="checkbox"/> Willing to Donate Item Twice	<input type="checkbox"/> Delivery by Donor <input type="checkbox"/> To be picked up by Solicitor <input type="checkbox"/> Please send an invitation to Auction <input type="checkbox"/> Please send sponsorship information <input type="checkbox"/> Donating Funds in Addition: \$ _____
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