

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!