A Tribute to Joan

Joan Mladineo, our former Director and long-time board president, passed away on January 25, 2017. Known for her take charge attitude and her indomitable spirit, Joan led our organization for almost 30 years. As one of the founding members, along with Deacon Marshall Denby, Joan felt called to serve the homeless families that were increasingly being seen in the community. Taking the helm in a “temporary-turned-long term” capacity, Joan oversaw the initial lease of 8 three bedroom houses in Kent and the purchase of the City Park 12plex in Auburn. Over the years she steered the agency from an all volunteer group to the current state of 5 paid employees. She was an enthusiastic advocate for the homeless families we have served and she especially delighted in meeting the children, always giving them a gift of candy or a doll when they visited. She was proud of the reputation that SSHA has among other King County social service agencies and never missed a chance to share our mission of service with everyone she knew. She will be greatly missed!

May 10 is the day to GiveBIG!

Do you know about GiveBIG? It is The Seattle Foundation’s annual one day online charitable giving event. On May 10, people from all over the Puget Sound region will show their support of area non-profits through donating on the GiveBIG website. Your support goes to help a homeless family feel hope and find stability. You can show your support for homeless families by making a donation to St. Stephen Housing at www.givebigseattle.org/st-stephen-housing-association. As always, you can also make a donation any day of the year in the enclosed envelope or on our website at ststephenhousing.org. Thank you!

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”
-Charles Dickens

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My name is Fabiola; I have three beautiful children. We were victims of domestic violence by the father of my children, who was my husband. He was a drug user for many years while we were married, and his addiction increased. Over time he began to have hallucinations. One day he almost killed me. He kept me locked in the bathroom for 3 days, hitting me and leaving my children alone. When I was finally let go and left the house I was able to escape with my children alone. When I was finally let go and left the house I was able to escape with my children without taking anything for help. For us it was very difficult to get help; there was no shelter available because all were occupied, so we were left on the street. Shamefully I had to take food without paying for it because I did not have money. My children were very young and they were hungry and I did not know where to seek help. My English was very limited and I was very scared because I feared that at any time the father of my children might find us. After a week, there was finally a place in a shelter in Chehalis. We were in that shelter for almost a year and a half. Then they called us from St. Stephen Housing saying they had a place for us. From there we began a new life. Since we arrived at St. Stephens we felt at home and were treated as family. Patti was very good to us, she became a very supportive friend of our family. Thanks to the programs and resources and donations, we had for the first time in years a happy Christmas without violence in our home. We were very happy in that place and we had wonderful experiences as a family. Thank you so much for your help, your compassion, your humanity, your values for being friends and for having such honest people as Dawn, Ann, Patty, Charles, who were so helpful to our lives to make it better and forget the past. Thanks to all the volunteers and the donors who made our Christmas a beautiful dream, that when I had need clothes, they clothed my children. Because everyone contributed so much that now we are the people that we are and have normal lives without violence; with achievements, dreams and goals but with a lot of humanity because you were a great example that with little or a lot we are all bearers of blessing for others. —Fabiola Morgan

“Thank you for your help, your compassion and your humanity”
—Fabiola, a former resident

Your donation makes a difference. Every dollar helps a family struggling with homelessness. Together, we can help families return to housing and stability.

Day of Caring Volunteers really CARE!

Last September 23, volunteers from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco—Seattle Branch participated in the United Way’s Day of Caring by volunteering an entire day at our Auburn apartment site. Despite the rainy weather, these dedicated men and women helped clean out the storage unit at the site to make it easier for our staff to help find furniture for incoming families. A special thank you to these amazing and generous people!
2016’s "Hope for Housing" fundraiser was a wonderful success! With the help of our generous sponsors, donors, volunteers and over 150 guests, we raised more than $12,000 to help the families in our program get closer to their goal of regaining stability. Guests were inspired by Gina, a former tenant, who shared her emotional story of recovery and hard work. We are so grateful to those who came and gave from their hearts. THANK YOU!

Save the Date: this year’s event will be held on November 11, 2017.

A huge thank you to all the individuals and businesses who supported the silent auction!

Thank you to our fundraiser sponsors:

Advisor’s Mortgage
Lumber Market
Joan and Tony Mladineo
Jan and Nelson Davis
Mike Scarff Subaru
Pacific Medical Centers
Steve Lockett
Wild Wheat Bakery
Several anonymous donors

“No one has ever become poor by giving”
- Anne Frank

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2016 Hope for Housing Fundraiser Raised $12,000!

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DONATIONS
We accept many donated items, including sheets, towels, blankets, dishes, pots and pans, cleaning supplies, beds, dressers, and other basic household items. We are always in need of food and gas cards for our families.

VOLUNTEERING
We are always looking for good people to join us!
Some of our current needs include:
- Furniture movers
- House cleaners and painters
- Fundraiser helpers
- Website and social media assistance

Want to get involved? There are lots of ways!

FINANCIAL
Enclosed is an envelope to use for a check or credit card donation. You may also donate through:
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- Donate online: find options to give through our website at Ststephenhousing.org under “Ways to Help”.
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